

RESOLUTION NO. __

WHEREAS, City Council has established the Ad Hoc Open Space Steering Committee to advise staff on reconsidering open space policies and evaluating methods of open space acquisition in order to ensure that our public spaces, parks, and natural areas offer high environmental quality, management, and social benefits for the residents and businesses of Alexandria.

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Open Space Steering Committee held its first meeting on September 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the project is still ongoing and City Council wishes to ensure a continued forum for community input and monitoring of the implementation of this program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. The term of the Ad Hoc Open Space Steering Committee (Advisory Group) will hereby be extended until September 29, 2023.
2. That the Advisory Group shall consist of 11 members, appointed by the City Manager, representing the following groups and organizations:
 - Historic Alexandria Resources Commission Member or designee
 - Beautification Commission Member or designee
 - Environmental Policy Commission Member or designee
 - Planning Commission Member or designee
 - Park and Recreation Commission Member or designee
 - Northern Virginia Conservation Trust City of Alexandria Board Member
 - One at-large member from the business community
 - One at-large member from the development community
 - Three at-large City resident members (one vacancy)
3. That the role of the Advisory Group Chair, appointed by the City Manager, is to serve as a meeting facilitator, spokesperson and work with City staff to set Advisory Group meeting agendas.
4. That the function of the Advisory Group shall be to discuss and provide guidance to City Council with regards to Open Space. The Advisory Group will assist in the development of a report that shall include comments and recommendations concerning:
 - a. Update the definition of publicly accessible open space;
 - b. Evaluate and recommend methods of pursuing new publicly accessible open space; and
 - c. Provide guidance for new development's contribution to publicly accessible open space where it is not guided by a small area plan.
5. That members of the Advisory Group are expected to:

- a. Support the City's community engagement and outreach efforts by speaking on behalf of their representative groups and communicating their interests in this process.
 - b. Attend and participate fully in all Advisory Group meetings, in addition to attending work sessions and public hearings of the City Council as needed. If unable to attend, members are encouraged to notify staff in advance and provide comments on meeting materials in a timely manner.
6. That the Advisory Group will be staffed by a representative appointed by the City Manager as dictated by available staff resources and the nature of the work.
7. That the Advisory Group shall cease to exist upon (i) the completion of its enumerated functions, (ii) the date it submits its final oral or written report to City Council, or (iii) the expiration of the term specified in this Resolution, whichever occurs first.

Adopted:

JUSTIN WILSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria Sitton, MMC City Clerk