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From: Darrell Winslow via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2016 7:11 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #99988: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I know a little bit about Cameron Run Gr

Dear **Call.Click.Connect.** User

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Request Details:

- Name: Darrell Winslow
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 1 703 378 6537
- Email: anhtswin@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I know a little bit about Cameron Run Great Waves . I was the Executive Director when we built this park. It was built with money from all six jurisdictions supporting NVRPA. The machines that run the wave pool are very complex and the staff has passed on this knowledge from one generation to another. It would be a dreadful loss to citizens of northern Virginia if this park does not continue to operate smoothly by NVRPA. Please , please do not tamper with this water park unique as it is....a landmark for Alexandria and a tremendous drawing card for all of northern Virginia. You should also keep in mind that it was paid for by the six jurisdictions of three cities, and three counties that continue to support NVRPA. PLEASE DO NOT DISRUPT A SMOOTH OPERATION OF THIS WONDERFUL FEATURE OF ALEXANDRIA.
Darrell Winslow, former Exec.Director NVRPA.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, July 4

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From: Jane Olawoye via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 3:29 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #100086: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I hope it not too late, but as an Alexan

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Request Details:

- Name: Jane Olawoye
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: jbo125@alumni.gwu.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I hope it not too late, but as an Alexandria resident, I'd like to express my support of NOVA Parks to maintain the land used and maintained at Cameron Run. I've seen another organization that I also support request we oppose the new 20-year lease as they could benefit by possibly building a new sports facility, but I find that Great Waves Waterpark is more beneficial to our area as its use is not just limited to those in a sports capacity. Additionally, I find that Alexandria has a lot of underutilized sports-centered facilities so taking Great Waves away for another one doesn't make sense. For example, there is a park right down the street with 2 baseball fields that I have never seen utilized. Nothing against baseball, but I've seen more need for soccer fields so why not repurpose this land with soccer fields or some sort of indoor facility?

Thanks for your consideration,
Jane B. Olawoye

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From: Daniel Aldis via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 10:43 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #100046: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I am an Arlington resident, but I work i

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Request Details:

- Name: Daniel Aldis
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: danaldis@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I am an Arlington resident, but I work in Alexandria. I am also an NVRPA Waterpark season pass holder, and I would like you to know that I strongly support keeping the water park open at Cameron Run.
- Expected Response Date: Monday, July 4

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From: Falen Mehari via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 7:37 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #99900: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please do not approve the Cameron Run le

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Request Details:

- Name: Falen Mehari
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7032127254
- Email: falenmehari@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please do not approve the Cameron Run lease extension until all alternatives have been considered.
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, June 30

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From: Bill Hendrickson via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 10:06 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #99919: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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Request Details:

- Name: Bill Hendrickson
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-519-9410
- Email: whendrick@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson and City Council members:

Although the proposed deal to acquire 517 Prince St. (the former Murray's Livery) has now collapsed, it would be a grave mistake not to continue to pursue any and all means necessary to acquire this extremely unique 18th century structure (unique because not only its exterior but also its interior have been so well preserved).

At its meeting on June 21, the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC) voted to ask you to direct city staff to vigorously and creatively pursue ways of acquiring the property.

Time is of the essence because we understand that the current owner of the property, Mr. Reeder, is having financial difficulties and may have to put the house on the market. This would be a shame because we understand that Mr. Reeder, now 89 years old, would like to see the property go to an entity that would preserve it.

I have begun discussing possible options with people in the community about means of acquiring the property. But we need your help and your encouragement.

Sincerely,

Bill Hendrickson
Chair, HARC

- Expected Response Date: Friday, July 1

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From: Dan Anixt via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2016 10:54 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #99924: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Please see attached the comments of the

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Request Details:

- Name: Dan Anixt
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: danixt@yahoo.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please see attached the comments of the Townes at Cameron Parke Association, Inc. regarding the future of Cameron Run Regional Park.

Sincerely,

Dan Anixt
President
Townes at Cameron Parke

- Attachment: [Letter Regarding Cameron Run Regional Park.pdf](#)
- Expected Response Date: Friday, July 1

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Townes at Cameron Parke Association, Inc.

Re: The Future of Cameron Run Regional Park

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Townes at Cameron Parke Homeowner's Association regarding our concerns about the proposed future uses of Cameron Run Regional Park. Located adjacent to Cameron Run Regional Park (the "Park"), the Townes at Cameron Parke ("TCP") consists of 229 townhomes.

Suffice it to say we are very interested in the current and future uses and operation of the Park as well as playing a key role in the process of determining its future.

First, we applaud the decision of the City Council at its June 18th meeting deferring consideration of the proposal to extend the lease for 20 years for the Park which is currently held by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority ("NVRPA"). NVRPA presently operates the Great Waves waterpark on the site. Given the profound consequences of such a decision not only for TCP, but the City and Eisenhower Valley, deferral was the right decision. We hope the City Council will continue this path of deliberation and consultation with TCP and other interested stakeholders in the City.

Any decision by the City Council regarding the future of the Park should not be tied in any way whatsoever to a separate transaction involving the proposed acquisition by NVRPA of a historical home in Old Town. While the future of the home also is no doubt important, entangling the two distinct and unrelated properties into one transaction puts the City under undue pressure to hastily make a decision regarding the future of the Park before proper stakeholders such as TCP can properly weigh in on it.

A decision of this magnitude should not be rushed.

Unfortunately NVRPA's current operation of the Great Waves waterpark negatively impacts our community. The accumulation of trash in and around the Park, particularly surrounding Lake Cook which abuts our neighborhood, is a persistent problem. The untended land surrounding Lake Cook, overgrown with weeds and suffering from poor lighting, constitutes a nuisance to the TCP. People often use the location as a dumping ground and several times homeless encampments have appeared within the Park creating safety concerns for the community.

Furthermore, during its summer operation, customers using the waterpark park their cars in the TCP, taking up already scarce visitor spots and placing the towing burden on our community.

As one of the only parks in Eisenhower Valley, we believe that the current incarnation of the Park is not the most cost effective or beneficial use of the space for the City and its residents. As the official from NVRPA conceded at the Saturday meeting only 30% of the water park's users are actual City residents. We also do not believe that a waterpark which by its very nature is seasonal is the optimal use for the land.

We also know that as the Eisenhower Valley becomes more residential in nature and its population grows the need for viable green space shall become ever more imperative. To that end, and as means of kicking off the discussion, we suggest that the City consider the following alternatives for improvement for the Park which are not mutually exclusive:

- Year round outdoor playgrounds
- A dog park
- Spray parks and fountains as well as ice skating rinks for winter (Potomac Yard Park and Canal Park in DC are excellent models for such a multi-use park providing water entertainment)
- A pavilion and/or amphitheater
- Space for a restaurant and/or food vendors
- A farmer's market
- Walking trails
- Trees and other plantings to improve the appearance of the Park
- Open fields for families to walk and play around
- Improvements to the Lake Cook area including landscaping in the weed patch and better lighting to discourage dumping and other blight
- A multipurpose recreation center

Regardless of the path ultimately chosen, we believe that the City would prove to be a better steward of the Park than NVRPA and certainly more responsive and accountable to our community and the growing number of residents of Eisenhower Valley and the City's west end.

Finally we request that the City Council institute a formal process for evaluating future uses of the Park including not only TCP, but the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, the Eisenhower Partnership, and any of the other local communities and stakeholders with an abiding interest in the future of the Park. This process should include a thorough cost/benefit analysis along with making the Park's future uses environmentally and aesthetically sound.

In sum we think the Park has great potential and that the City Council should use this as an opportunity to expand Alexandria's livability.

We look forward to continuing our dialogue and appreciate your time and consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Anixt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Anixt
President

Townes at Cameron Parke