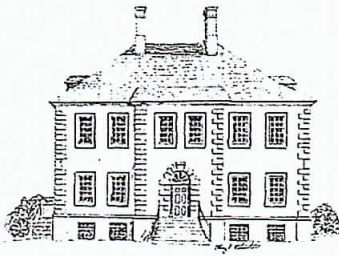


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Madam Mayor and Members of City Council:

In an email to City Council dated September 20, 2017, Jennifer Atkins, Chair of the Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission (PRC), transmitted the Findings and Recommendations of the Commission regarding Cameron Run Regional Park. In the email, Ms. Atkins stated, "the Commission generally sees very little utility in continuing to pay nearly \$700,000 a year to NOVA Parks..."

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Carlyle House, the first historic property purchased by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks), vigorously disagrees with that dismissal of the value of Carlyle House, Cameron Run Regional Park, and the other 29 facilities of NOVA Parks to the people of Alexandria.

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The value of the City's relationship with NOVA Parks is demonstrated daily in Alexandria. Carlyle House provides Alexandria residents and visitors alike an extraordinarily accurate view of eighteenth-century American life through the story of John Carlyle, his family, his home, and their role in the founding of Alexandria and the events and close association with prominent statesmen and military leaders (such as George Washington) that culminated in the forging of our fledgling nation.

The Carlyle House is on the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Places, and has a unique appeal to educators and students of history. In FY 2017, Carlyle House hosted over 17,000 visitors, over 1,000 of which were school children on tours from Alexandria and NOVA Parks' other member jurisdictions who received free admission to the house.

Recently, the PBS series *Mercy Street* told the story of Civil War-era events associated with the Mansion House Hospital, which was located on the grounds of the Carlyle House. As a result of public awareness from the *Mercy Street* series, visitation to Carlyle House nearly doubled for the first half of 2016, attracting visitors to Alexandria from all over the world.

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The City's participation in NOVA Parks supports not only Alexandrians' enjoyment of its two Alexandria sites—Carlyle House and Cameron Run Regional Park—but also provides Alexandrians discounted rates for visitation to all of the Park Authority's 31 parks around the region. When visitors come to Carlyle House they also support the City's economy by enjoying other City museums, dining and shopping.

The NOVA Parks system is, in short, an exemplary demonstration of the value of intergovernmental collaboration and cooperation among Northern Virginia's multiple jurisdictions—enhancing the value of each jurisdiction's individual assets and extending their residents' access to all the best that the neighboring jurisdictions have to offer. Alexandria's withdrawal from NOVA Parks would do gratuitous damage to the City's relationship with its neighboring jurisdictions, delivering a message which our City presumably does not intend, and consequences which it should not invite. It would pose, at the very least, serious questions regarding NOVA Parks' continued ownership and support of the operations of Alexandria's iconic Carlyle House.

The PRC was not requested to assess the value of Alexandria's participation in NOVA Parks—and it did not do so. The Commission's Findings and Recommendations recognize that "Council did not ask the Commission to opine on the advisability of continuing to be a member of NOVA Parks," and that question is nowhere addressed in "The Commission's Findings", "The Commission's Recommendations", or indeed anywhere in its Report to Mayor & City Council—and yet Chairwoman Atkins volunteers the unsolicited opinion that she sees "very little benefit" in Alexandria's continuing to participate in this joint endeavor with its sister jurisdictions to provide a rich and diverse array of parks to the citizens of Alexandria and all of Northern Virginia.

The PRC's Report suggests that, in considering the merits of the Cameron Run Regional Park arrangement, Council recognized that the question "required significant analysis" and a "coordinated public process to include public hearings" and, presumably, the participation of any City Boards or Commissions with responsibility or expertise relevant to the question. On the broader question of the City's continued participation in the regional compact that governs and operates the Northern Virginia Regional Park system, there has been no such analysis and no such process, and there should be no such conclusion.

Thank you for your continued support of NOVA Parks and Carlyle House.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Friends of Carlyle House

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December 16, 2017

Good morning. I'm Janice Magnuson, a docent of 41 years at Carlyle House Museum. I'm also an Alexandria homeowner, so my taxes go towards maintaining Carlyle House. This past year I've witnessed the results of deferred maintenance. Most of the summer we lacked air conditioning. We had potential visitors who turned away after meeting a wall of heat and humidity as they entered. We had docents who didn't feel they could safely complete their volunteer shift. Recall the blast of heat we had in October. That's when I escorted Hugh Fairfax through the rooms his ancestor, Thomas 6th Lord Fairfax knew well. I'm afraid one of his lasting memories of Alexandria will be wondering when he could escape to any building air conditioned.

And now until recently we've lacked heat. At least visitors are wearing coats, but they don't expect their guide to be dressed in a similar fashion.

Several years ago when the roof was replaced the technician recommended replacing the HVAC system that is stored in the attic since the roof was already off. It didn't happen. We are now paying the price.

You don't run a historic house museum the same way you run a golf course or water park. You don't buy asphalt shingles and you don't buy your favorite paint

color at the big box store. The full time professional staff, both of whom have graduate degrees, consult with professionals in various fields related to interpreting an 18th century gentleman's house, they study probate inventories of men of a similar status as John Carlyle to guide the interpretation of the house, they research City records so accurate information can be passed onto the docents for inclusion in our tours. We don't deal in urban legend. We want to explain how we know what we know.

This doesn't come cheap. Reading the recent newspaper accounts about the discussions between the City and NOVA Parks I'm starting to wonder if at some point the City will be taking over the full responsibility for Carlyle House.

Are you ready for that?

Thank you.



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Testimony to the Alexandria City Council, December 16, 2017

Thank you for this opportunity to be here.

My name is Stella Koch and I am here representing the NOVA Parks Board to speak to the issue of Cameron Run.

As you all know, our Board consists of 12 members, two from each member jurisdiction. I am one of the two representatives from Fairfax County and am serving my third term as Chairman of our Board.

We are a regional park authority that extends over 6 jurisdictions in Northern Virginia, Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun counties and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. Our system includes 33 regional parks and over 12,000 acres of land.

Our mission is to serve the members of our jurisdictions in two ways:

- 1) To provide them an opportunity for recreation and exploration in areas and types of parks that exist outside their jurisdictions, and
- 2) To work within each jurisdiction to be stewards of the land and facilities for the benefit of both local and regional residents.

So, whether it is the winter light shows at Bull Run and Meadowlark; the waterparks at Cameron Run, Bull Run or Upton Hill, Algonkian or Pohick Bay; the camping and rental cottages at three of our parks; we have tried to provide a wide variety of opportunities for citizens that perhaps each jurisdiction may not be able to provide individually.

To that end, I would point out that in a recent ETC Institute survey of Alexandria's residents, they found that over half, i.e. 55% use Cameron Run, 31% use the W&OD, 25% use Carlyle House, 21% use Pohick Bay, 20% use Potomac Overlook and 19% use Bull Run. We are delighted to see that the parks outside of Alexandria as well as those within are being utilized by Alexandria citizens.

And ultimately in each park, it is a piece of open space preserved, or an open trail, that is set aside in this region of vast development.

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As for Cameron Run:

Over the years we have developed, maintained and provided what we hope is an exceptional recreational waterpark for the residents of Alexandria and the region. We understand that as the lease comes up for renewal there are a variety of views of how this land should be used.

We thank City Manager, Mark Jinks, for his recent visit to our Board on November 16th and the frank discussion that ensued over the potential uses of Cameron Run. We understand that the dialog is continuing and await some report on the outcome of these joint sessions.

As we have in other jurisdictions where we have long-term leases, we look forward to a future for Cameron Run that serves the NOVA Parks' goals and mission and serves the City of Alexandria equally well.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to speak.

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December 16, 2017

Dear Mayor Silverberg and members of Alexandria City Council:

This concerns the issue of a lease extension with NOVA Parks (officially the Northern Regional Park Authority) for the Cameron Run Regional Park as well as the future use of that property that will be explored at your December 16, 2017 hearing. As most of you know, I served as one of two representatives from Alexandria on the Authority's Board for twelve years and for three years was its Chair. It was during that period when the organization was restructured, a new business plan put in place and a strategic vision put into motion. In the strategic plan considerable emphasis was placed on environmental protection and acquisition of open space land to benefit all of Northern Virginia. I'm heartened that since my leaving the Board in 2010, roughly 2000 acres and 7 new parks have been added to the system. My experience with the Authority demonstrated to me that if Alexandria wants to be known as an Eco City, we cannot be parochial and must join with our neighbors in the pursuit of mutual environmental and land conservation and outdoor recreational goals. The regional park system (I will refer to NOVA Parks hereafter as the Authority for simplicity sake) is one institutional mechanism for accomplishing this. While no longer formally associated with the Authority and speak for only myself, I believe I can offer insights about multi-jurisdiction regional park systems, their mission relative to those of local city or county parks departments, how they are financed and ideally how they interact with their member governments. There is variation depending on the States in which such systems are authorized, but there are some commonalities. This is relevant to the discussion we are having today regarding Cameron Run Regional Park, the Authority and the future of both.

There exist almost 200 multi-jurisdictional park, open space and forest preserve special districts in the US with annual budgets of \$5M or more. All are located close to urban areas and have as their primary purpose acquisition and protection of open space lands, protection of drinking water sources and urban stormwater abatement, preservation of regionally important cultural and historic assets and providing passive and active recreational opportunities not available or possible in the close in urban areas. Most of these park systems are located in the mid and far west with only several in the southern states. All are defined by the US Census as independent special purpose governments granted all the authorities of general purpose governments but limited to one or several closely related functions. The manner of their governance range from elected to appointed boards as do their functions depending on the State in which they exist. In virtually all cases most of their revenue is derived from property tax levies. NOVA Parks, the only existing regional park system in Virginia, is not given that authority under State law although they do have the power to issue revenue bonds independent of State imposed limitations on their member jurisdictions. It depends on annual contributions from the member jurisdictions based on their respective populations as determined by US Census data. The donation per person for 2018 is set at \$1.89 per person for operating costs and \$2.57 for capital investments. This totals \$17.84 per year for a family of four. A somewhat comparable regional park system on the outskirts of Minneapolis/St. Paul that derives most of its revenue from a tax levy, and the annual cost for a comparable family to support

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the regional park system would be somewhat the same. Unlike other regional park systems, NOVA Parks generates over 86% of its operating cost from self-generated revenue (user fees, retail operations, rentals, etc) and is pursuing a strategy of less dependence contributions from member jurisdictions. I believe that level of financial independence in a public institution is not healthy in the long term. The Authority operates with a small permanent full time staff of about 100 augmented by seasonal part time employees and volunteers. The agency is a model of public institutional flexibility, innovation, and efficiency

Creation of the Authority 58 years ago was visionary--- a major accomplishment to protect the regions open space before development occurred particular those lands buffering drinking water sources. Beginning in the 1930's the Federal government offered sizable grants to Northern Virginia jurisdictions for parkland acquisition. These offers of financial assistance to Virginia were rejected out of fear of "federal meddling with existing social practices" -- namely an Federal attempt to end racial segregation in public parks. During the Jim Crow era the few State and local parks that existed in Virginia were segregated! Maryland had no such qualms and accepted Federal grants to acquire extensive tracts of land, much of which now constitute the extensive holdings of the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission.

In 1959 Fairfax and Arlington Counties and the City of Falls Church joined together and, using the Virginia Parks Authority Act of 1950, created the Northern Virginia Park Authority. It was visionary. Obtaining Federal and State grants and gifts of private property, over the next several years the Authority acquired about 8 k acres of parkland. How to pay for the operation of those properties became the challenge and entrepreneurship was the answer. In 1969, with the tacit understanding the Authority would acquire, restore and operate Carlyle House and the adjoining historic Bank of Alexandria building, Alexandria joined the system. In late 1970's, Alexandria convinced the Authority that Eisenhower Valley was a better location for a regional recreational water park that was originally planned for a location near Tysons Corner in Fairfax County. Unable to afford both construction of the park structures and purchase of land from the City, a 40-year term lease arrangement with the Authority was structured. Since then similar long-term leases between the Authority and jurisdiction in which some parks elsewhere in Northern Virginia exist I know of no case where a portion of revenue generated by a regional park located within a jurisdiction, such as what was first proposed for Cameron Run Park, exists elsewhere in the system. I'm pleased that has been removed from the proposed deal given it has implication for regional parks located elsewhere and the manner by which the system operates.

Several observations:

1. Multi-jurisdictional institutions are fragile and should be dealt with respect and a clear understanding by all of the functions, legal and political limitations and capabilities and needs of the others. By working together such collaboratives can provide extraordinary economies and efficiencies benefiting the public. A great example is the relationship and mutual support between the Authorities Carlyle House and the Office of Historic Alexandria and its supporting advisory committee. It has become the jewel in the crown of the Authority and honors Alexandria's historic past. The current relationship between the Authority and the City's Park and Recreation Commission and Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs is quite the opposite. This is evidenced by the Commission's chair September 20, 2017 recommendation to Council that the City withdraw from the Authority and that Alexandrians receive little benefit from the membership in the regional system.

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The first of these is the fact that the United States has a long history of supporting human rights. This is evident in the many laws and executive orders that have been passed over the years. For example, the United States has been a leading proponent of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the United Nations in 1948. The United States has also been instrumental in the development of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which was adopted in 1966.

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2. Based on a 2014 statistically “valid survey” conducted by an outside survey firm commissioned by the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, there is high usage by Alexandrians of all regional parks. This included Cameron Run Regional Park, W&OD trail, Bull Run and Pohick Bay. However 45% of those surveyed did not know certain parks were owned or operated by the Authority. Why wasn’t this data included in materials presented to Council?

Jurisdictional boundaries and park ownership are invisible when the public seeks outdoor recreational venues – distance, affordability (if there is a charge), ability to have access (residential requirements), and type of activity afforded at particular parks are the determining factors. Given the growing population in northern Virginia what are the current and future outdoor park needs of the region, where are new parks most needed and possible, and what public institution (Federal, State, Regional, County or local) are best positioned to provide them?

3. I attended several of the sessions conducted by Michael Baker regarding the future of Cameron Run Regional Park and found participation relatively light composed of City and consultant staff, and persons advocating particular uses, special interests (e.g. sport leagues) and nearby residents concerned about the upkeep of the park. There was little understanding of or interest in the regional park system. *Some concerns about the management of the property were spot on.* Few spoke about the value of a fun – non-programmed – affordable family park facility (batting cages, miniature golf, group picnic facilities, snack bar, and water features) near to where they lived.

4. As evidenced by the popularity of the facilities offered at Cameron Run Regional Park, when control of the park shifts to City control, there will remain a need for this type of fun venue close to population centers and to Alexandrians. If these playgrounds cannot be located in Alexandria and available to the general public regardless of residence, the City is advised to work with the Authority and our adjoining neighboring jurisdictions to find an appropriate site for such a facility.

I encourage Council be briefed in a work session what the regional park system is, how it evolved, how it is governed and financed, and how it – as a sister government – can complement the City’s strategic environmental and outdoor recreational goals. Visitation to some of the parks outside of Alexandria could be a great educational opportunity for Council.

Respectfully

Bill Dickinson

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- Email: virginiaadm@mac.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I encourage continuing partnership with the NOVA Parks Association especially as the fate of Cameron Glen Waterpark is concerned. Our family looks forward to going to the waterpark every year. It is a place for making memories and achieving new goals. We still have one grandchild who looks forward to graduating to the deep end!
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- Phone Number: 703-256-1893
- Email: kollath@georgetown.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I'm writing to voice my support in keeping Great Waves at Cameron Run. We are Fairfax County/non-Alexandria residents who, like thousands in the area who don't live in Alexandria city limits, make yearly trips to Great Waves. It is a great asset to the community to have a space like this that can serve as an attraction - and a source of income for Alexandria - for those in the region. Great Waves has offered an affordable, safe, family-oriented destination for generations, and I hope the City Council will support keeping the park there for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration.
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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7039997752
- Email: ahnerad@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I heard you were trying to shut down Cameron Run Regional Park? Please don't... it is a great park and we need it for our kids and my parents - they love it. Parks are the reason we live in this area and provide a great escape from all the houses and cars everywhere. I hope this is not the case that you think of closing the park - we need MORE parks, not fewer!!! Thank you!
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- Name: Katherine Savage
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 2405188460
- Email: kaylasa@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I support Nova park. Cam'ron runs water park. Great place for me and my family.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, December 19

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: michaelcheek00@hotmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hi,

Every year I purchase a season pass to NOVA Parks and use it at least twice a week to visit Great Waves on Eisenhower Ave. in Alexandria. This is a great venue for families and I hope the city will continue to partner with NOVA Parks to keep Great Waves open as it really is a tremendously enjoyable asset for families like mine who use it regularly. Thank you very much!

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- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 7036719710
- Email: kmfehrenkamp@aol.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: It is sad to think that the city will no longer have a space like Cameron Run pool, batting cages, and putt-putt. I realize that city-owned land is a commodity, but think about the situation if you were a teen living in Alexandria. What is there to do? Where can you get a summer job? Since the Olympic sized pool and corresponding development has been shelved, what is on the horizon for safe fun places for teens to go? Please don't say, well we will add sports fields. This is not the same. Please think of your whole community!
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- Email: cmrspresley@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Please don't close Cameron Run. I can't imagine summers without it.
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, December 19

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #135752: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello, I love the wave pool at Cameron R

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- Name: **Call.Click.Connect.** Customer
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: No Email
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello, I love the wave pool at Cameron Run and want it to continue operating. Kathleen FitzPatrick
- Expected Response Date: Tuesday, December 19

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 4:50 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #135782: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Silberberg, Vice Mayor Wilson

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- 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:

At your December 16 meeting, you will be considering action on the future of land now leased to NOVA Parks to operate Cameron Run Regional Park. In doing so, I ask that you be careful not to take any steps that could undermine the financial viability of NOVA Parks as a regional organization.

NOVA Parks provides a variety of parks, facilities, and activities that benefit Alexandria residents at a low cost (\$4.46) per resident annually.

NOVA Parks nets more than \$700,000 from Cameron Run Regional Park. It uses this money to support other facilities and operations, including Alexandria's historic Carlyle House, which loses money every year. It is not inconceivable that loss of funds from Cameron Run could result in NOVA Parks being forced to sell Carlyle House, perhaps to a private owner.

We need to maximize the use of the land now occupied by Cameron Run Regional Park for recreation and open space, with a high priority on aquatic activities. But in making any decision on this land's future, please consider what the impact might be on NOVA Parks. Thank you.

Bill Hendrickson

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Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #135803: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Thank you city of Alexandria Virginia fo

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- Name: Edith Pierce
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: (202) 604-6500
- Email: 12804 Jervis Street Clinton Md. **Note:** *This email address appears to be invalid.*
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Thank you city of Alexandria Virginia for being considerate and intelligent enough to hold a public hearing on a weekend instead of as they do in Prince George's County hold vital public hearing during the weekday and right after rush hour traffic.
Edith Pierce
Prince George's county resident who loves Cameron Run Splash Park. A place where even a non swimmer can enjoy the water in safety!
Congratulation!!!
- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, December 20

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Dear Edith Pierce,

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From: James Samans via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:35 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #135825: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Hello. I understand that the City Council

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- Name: James Samans
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 3022186628
- Email: james.samans@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Hello. I understand that the City Council is reviewing a proposal by the Park and Recreation Commission proposing that NOVA Parks' Great Waves water park be replaced with some other recreation facility. This would be a clear mistake: Great Waves is unique within Alexandria and the only water park in the NOVA Parks system that can be easily reached by City residents who rely on mass transit. In accepting the P&R recommendation, the Council would be effectively creating two tiers of services for Alexandria residents: one for those whose means allow them to visit other water parks, all of which are located outside of Alexandria City, and another for those who would simply lose access to this impressive recreational opportunity.

I also implore you to consider: for what purpose could this possibly make sense? To have more generic fields, probably locked all of the time? To have a basic pool, far less interesting than what Great Waves provides? Ladies and gentlemen, Great Waves is special. It is very unusual for a city to have a full-featured water park within its borders, and my understanding is that NOVA Parks actually intends to further expand the offerings at the park if provided with a long-term commitment by the City. We should provide that commitment and facilitate further expansion of something uncommon and special for Alexandria. To those who implausibly claim that they cannot find space for their ball games, offer access to keys to unlock the silly always-closed fields that are available nearly everywhere, and leave the unique amenity that is Great Waves intact for our future generations.

Best Regards,
James C. Samans

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, December 20

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From: Call Click Connect
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 7:54 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Gloria Sitton; Ginabaum@kw.com
Subject: Re: Call.Click.Connect. #135840: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council mem

Dear Gina Baum,

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Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 1:20 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #135840: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council mem

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- Name: Gina Baum
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 704-338-1557
- Email: Ginabaum@kw.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description:
Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council members,

I may or may not attend the public hearing on Cameron Run. The number of hours I've spent on this matter only to have my effort thwarted is regrettable. I am opposed to any option other than the 10 year lease option. Any effort to pursue option #4 is an enormous waste of City employees' time.

Residents are vehemently opposed to leasing the last large parcel of land to outside entities. A vast majority of residents would like the land to be returned to City management within a short period of time.

Residents are displeased with nature of the City's relationship with NOVA Parks. NOVA Parks has been a poor steward of City land. Despite repeated attempts to get trash managed on the Cameron Run site, requests went largely unfulfilled.

In addition to being poor stewards of City land, residents resent the fact that the City received nothing in rent for the last 40 year lease, all while so many recreational needs have gone unmet.

Moreover, during the public process, Nova Parks ignored requests from Commissioners and residents alike to engage in the public process in a meaningful way. Despite repeated requests, all on the record, those efforts were hastily dismissed and instead met with terse disdain by the NOVA Parks leader much like the letters the City received from NOVA Parks.

To add insult to injury, residents are infuriated with the astronomical membership fees the City pays to NOVA parks. \$700,000 at a cost of more pressing budgetary priorities is too much to ask of a cash strapped City. Most residents would like these funds to go to higher budget priorities, recreational or otherwise.

Currently, this site, in the eyes of residents, is an aging 40 year old facility with little useful life remaining. A majority of residents instead, would like to see the space used as community center by residents of all ages year round rather than an amusement park attractive more to people living outside the City merely three months a year.

The bottom line is residents see little benefit in a continued one sided relationship. Residents don't want to partner further with NOVA Parks. There are many internal City associations that would serve as more suitable partners such as the Alexandria Soccer Association, Alexandria Lacrosse Association, AAA Aquatics, and City Schools both Public and Private. Efforts should focus on partnering with Alexandria's vast resources to build a community facility the City can be proud of.

Further negotiations with NOVA Parks are fruitless. They have irreparably sullied their reputation with City residents. NOVA Parks will never have enough public support for a mutually respected partnership. And any efforts in that direction are a complete and utter waste of time.

Many thanks,

Gina Baum
District I Commissioner

- Expected Response Date: Thursday, December 21

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Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 8:29 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Gloria Sitton; susankastris@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Call.Click.Connect. #135864: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I use Cameron pool about 6-8 x yr so it

Dear Susan Lastris,

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From: Susan Lastris via Call.Click.Connect. <CallClickConnect@alexandriava.gov>
Sent: Sunday, December 17, 2017 3:12 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Alexis Lacy; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #135864: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council I use Cameron pool about 6-8 x yr so it

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- Name: Susan Lastris
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 703-660-5971
- Email: susankastris@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: I use Cameron pool about 6-8 x yr so it is not economically feasible for me to join a private expensive neighborhood pool. There are few public pools available in the area. I 64 yrs old and live in townhouse by Mt. Comfort cemetery and we do not have a HOA pool. I would miss it very much and as I get more time , I will use it more. Thank you, Susan Kastris 703-660-5971
- Expected Response Date: Friday, December 22

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