

Hi Nathan,

We received positive feedback via call click connect regarding the redo of the playground behind MOM's market. Please see the comments below. If you would like to respond let me know, otherwise, I will close the tickets. If I should forward to someone else let me know please.

CCC#176756 "RunningBrooke was part of the big redo of our Hume Springs Park and did an amazing job. It helped bring our community together, has created a great place for the community to come together, and reinvigorated the entire community's engagement in our neighborhood. These spaces are vitally important to communities. The planned redo of the playground in Arlandria behind MOM's would be a similar reinvigoration and welcome addition to the area."

CCC# 176760"We are so excited about the prospect of RunningBrooke fixing up another local program. A few years back, they fixed the Hume Springs playground. I live two doors down. This is like an extension of our back yard, in our view. We go almost every night with our toddler. It's nice to have a clean, local, safe and upgraded place for my daughter to play. It's allowed us to get exercise, meet our neighbors, and enjoy the outdoors. It has been a priceless addition to our neighborhood!"

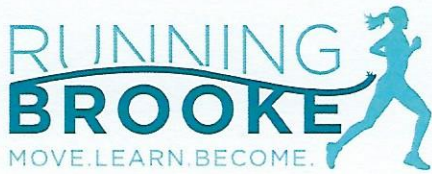
Thank you.

Kim Agee

City Of Alexandria

Department of Planning & Zoning

703 746 3809



May 3, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of the Four Mile Run playground, the third phase of a critical community space. Over the past two years, my nonprofit, RunningBrooke, worked with the Alexandria Soccer Association and the City to transform a deserted tennis court into a multi-use basketball and soccer court. Planted beds of native flowers and VA-native shade trees strengthened this court revitalization a year later. The Four Mile Run playground is the third phase and apex of the project.

This important build will serve thousands of children and families in Arlandria, a low-income neighborhood of working-poor families. The Arlandria neighborhood has one of the highest percentages of children under 5, with few safe places nearby to get active, play safely, enhance creativity, start friendships, engage their social skills, and spark learning.

RunningBrooke is proud to partner with the City's Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities and hundreds of families and businesses to make great things happen for kids and the community. One neighbor from a former playground build (Hume Springs Park) says it best, "The playground was a game changer for our neighborhood. The area now feels safe; the rough things don't happen there anymore. We're building a community garden across the street, and installing a Free Little Library. From all of us, thank you!"

We call on you to approve the Four Mile Run Playground. You will bring joy to the community, and build health and happiness for thousands of Arlandria children.

Sincerely,

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Brooke Sydnor Curran
Founder and CEO of RunningBrooke



May 7, 2019

Nate Macek, Chair
City of Alexandria Planning Commission
301 King St., Room 2400
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Chair Macek,

On behalf of the Hume Springs Civic Association, I am writing in support of Running Brooke's proposed renovation of the Four Mile Run Playground.

RunningBrooke chose our little playground in Hume Springs for their first playground renovation. It has made such a difference in the feel of our neighborhood. Previously, the playground was under-utilized and overgrown with high chainlink fence flanking its perimeter. It felt like more like a prison yard than a welcoming space for children and families; unfortunately, it was treated accordingly. Discarded trash, public drinking, and even drug use weren't uncommon occurrences in our pocket park.

RunningBrooke fundraised over \$80,000 and worked with the City and neighbors on design concepts and contractors, and then actually sweated it out on the big volunteer day with us! They were so easy to work with and encouraging that you couldn't help feeling inspired. I think it actually brought the neighborhood closer.

We host our annual National Night Out in the playground every August, it's the one time a year our entire neighborhood comes together. The faded equipment has been replaced, the useless west corner is full of activities for older kids and adults, the beautiful landscaping and low fencing makes the little pocket park feel warm and lived-in. It has been a joy the past three years since the renovation to host our event in the playground and now neighbors are proud of both the event and the pocket park we host it in.

I love walking my dogs past the playground and seeing the tables and benches scattered with parents chatting over their playing children. Parents feel safer in the playground and come out at all hours of the day to let their kids burn off some energy. I even see older kids using the exercise equipment on the Dale Street side of the park! The "fullness" of the park discourages the bad behavior that used to occur there and keeps the park safer.



It's been a wonderful transformation to be a part of. Watching RunningBrooke at work has been a great learning experience on how volunteerism works. Residents are more engaged in our community, as well as the larger City because of it. We hope the City will allow RunningBrooke to work its magic in our neighborhood again and bring additional benefit to the surrounding residents, this time on their Four Mile Run Playground renovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Sydney Daigle".

Sydney Daigle, Co-President
Hume Springs Civic Association