

30 people on the call

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Update for the parking lot on 31st street

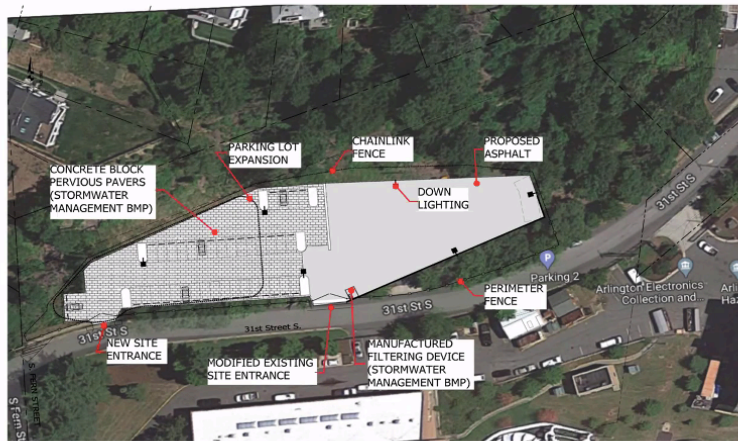
The shovel is about to hit the ground and here is what it's going to look like

Current Lot and Completed Work:



- Re-graveled lot for ART drivers' parking
- Installed dark-sky LED pole lights
- Planted trees on northwestern corner of the lot
- Treated Invasive Plants

Site Design Concept Plan



This is the idea for the use of the lot

Long-term Lot Use

Uses Allowed
in P-S Zone

Contractor
laydown

Flexible material
and equipment
storage

Parking for
County services
employees

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Your neighbors strongly urged for a card activated gate system to the lot and was met with interest from the County employees presenting

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Presented alternatives to calling the police

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gTFKYhLg98OBQDjIQ1IO-x8AV0T1HVeSs4BEY4OIDoo/edit>

Here are the images explaining alternatives to the police. The civic association will be putting them up around the neighborhood!

Rob Douglas agenda item Arlington parking

He was raising a concern about the new parking proposal going through the works.

This is the proposal.

What You Need to Know

Arlington issued a proposed Residential Permit Parking Program that will be finalized in early 2021

The Key Takeaways:

- Two-Hour paid parking allowed on ALL STREETS
- Existing Zone parking remains in effect
- Household vehicle permits will be reduced with increased fees

Here are the specific changes

Proposed Changes

- ▶ **1. Eligibility to petition – Allows apartment tenants to petition to receive zoned parking.**
 - It is unclear if the apartment building in our neighborhood could petition to receive zoned parking passes, overwhelming our existing street parking
- ▶ **2. Permit caps – Reduce the number of zone permits per household.**
 - Current: We can have up to 3 vehicle specific permits plus 1 flex pass.
 - Proposed: Reduce the passes to 1 vehicle permits plus 1 flex pass if you have a driveway or garage or 2 vehicle permits plus one flex pass if you don't have any off-street parking. l.
- ▶ **3. Visitors and others - Two-hour paid parking on all streets with restrictions.**
 - Current: We currently have zoned parking M-F 8am-5pm and unrestricted free parking to anyone outside of those hours. This was originally established primarily due to overwhelming parking by Crystal City employees.
 - Proposed: All of our streets would be available for 2-hour paid parking (no meters but we would have parkmobile signs everywhere) and zoned permits would be exempt from the paid parking. Zoned permits would also be issued for school employees
- ▶ **4. Fees – Increase fees on all passes.**
 - Current fee structure:
 - FlexPass and Landlord Pass – Free
 - Vehicle-specific permits - \$20 for the first permit, \$20 for the second permit, \$50 for the third permit
 - Short-term visitor books - first booklet is free, then \$5 each
 - Proposed Fee Structure:
 - Flex Pass and Landlord Pass \$40
 - Vehicle-specific permits - \$40 for the first permit, \$55 for the second permit
 - Short-term visitor books, \$5 for the first book, \$10 each for the four other books
 - 50% discount on fees for anyone with: SNAP, WIC, TANF, SSI/SSDI, LIHEAP or Medicaid

Here are the downsides and context to this issue presented by Rob Douglas who doesn't support the proposal.

Additional Considerations

- The Population in 22202 is up 50% since 2000
- Arlington County officials have approved much of the new development with significantly reduced parking ratios.
- The crystal City area presently has lost 25,000 jobs due to the Federal Base and Realignment Closure process and the vacancy rate in Crystal City remains at 20%. When the vacancy rate goes down and Amazon moves in -- traffic and parking demand will increase significantly.
- When people return to work and our vacant commercial space becomes filled, there is a potential that our neighborhood will become a parking lot for commuters. This will bring us back to the purpose and intent of the RPP in the first place.
- There are lots of residents in the neighborhood that live in "group homes" because it's more affordable. Many of these folks are what some refer to as the "missing middle". If they live in a 4 BR house without a driveway and have 4 cars, they are out of luck. One roommate has to sell their car or move which means rent goes up for the other 3 roommates.
- There are many homes in the neighborhood without a driveway, or with such a narrow driveway, that parking in the driveway is difficult for more than one car. Such homes would be at a disadvantage and homeowners are likely to install a new or larger driveway. This may require cutting down trees, will reduce open space and lead to more rainwater runoff.
- Who thinks Arlington will enforce the 2-hour parking limit? "Managing the paid parking in the neighborhoods would appear to require an enforcement officer to scan license plates into parkmobile. There is spotty enforcement now; our neighborhood will soon be known as free and not time limited.
- There should be a process identified to evaluate the performance of the new parking program, so problems identified during implementation can be identified and corrected.

Motion: AHCA will write a letter opposing changes to the RPP as proposed and we request that the department make a presentation to answer our questions

10 ayes, 0 nays, 6 abstentions to the motion.

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<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/events/rpp-review-presentation-at-transportation-commission-meeting/>

That is the link to the next meeting for the RPP commission on 11/23. This commission focuses on this parking proposal and other transportation issues in Arlington. Their agenda is TBD.