



**BRADDOCK METRO NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #10
City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning**

**October 29, 2013
Interim Park Concept Design Meeting, 7:00PM - 9:00PM
City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2000, Alexandria, VA 22314**

Interim Park Recommendations

Through an interactive discussion of the Braddock Implementation Advisory Group and the public, the Advisory Group articulated the selection of a preferred Concept Design for the Interim Park, with a listing of recommended additions or alterations. The following text provides a record of these recommendations.

1. Concept Design selection
 - a. The majority of the Advisory Group members present indicated a preference for Option 3, which aligns the higher-use areas, such as seating and activity areas, toward Fayette Street, while providing a large open lawn panel toward Henry Street (Route 1). Individual members indicated a preference for different design options, but consented to the majority decision. The recommendation of the Advisory Group was recorded as Option 3, with the below listed additional recommendations.
2. Recommended Additions and Alterations
 - a. Interim Park Signage
 - i. Provide signage to highlight the Interim nature of the park to the public. Signage could be a changeable public notice board, an illustrative sign of the future permanent park, or a combination of these solutions.
 - b. Additional Screening at USPS parking fence
 - i. Consider additional screening of the USPS fence at the north side of the Interim Park. Screening could be accomplished through additional planting including perennials and vines, or an adjacent or attached fence or trellis panel.
 - c. Provide lighting at café seating area
 - i. Provide lighting in the seating area to discourage undesirable uses.
 - d. Provide a dog-friendly strip along south edge of lawn
 - i. Add a 3'-4' wide strip along the edges of the park and large lawn panel to discourage the use of the park lawn as a pet waste area (similar to the Asher landscape). Plantings within the strip should be tolerant to pet wastes, such as liriopse.
 - ii. Consider providing similar treatment between the curb and sidewalk.

- e. Add seating opportunities near Starbucks corner
 - i. Consider providing benches or seating areas at the southeast corner of the Interim Park, in proximity to the Bike Share parking, to provide seating for users crossing from the nearby Starbucks coffee shop.
- f. Additional vegetation at Bike Share
 - i. Provide additional vegetation around the Bike Share parking to break up the visual appearance of the large concrete pad. Additional vegetation may be in the form of trees, perennials, or seasonal plantings.
- g. Police Department review
 - i. Review the Interim Park plans with the Alexandria Police Department, including light provided from streets and tree locations.