

MAY 6, 2021
Justice High School Addition & Proposed Improvements at Justice Park Community Meeting
Comment and Question Log

The questions or comments have been categorized and grouped below according to topic.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
BOND/FUNDING	
19:45:45 From Joe Adamo to Everyone : We're the proposed changes to justice park part of the proposed funding that was voted on for the public funds for the school improvements?	LIVE ANSWER A: Jessica - So I would say no not directly. A: John- That's something maybe we can get a more precise answer. Typically the funds that are approved for the school projects include sufficient funds to do what's needed for the school to meet the local ordinances and zoning ordinance requirements and things of that sort and so as parking is needed for the school and for the addition again not even to come up to what's required under the zoning ordinance. I think that's essentially how the funds would be approved but we'll get you a more specific answer on that one.
19:53:25 From Ann Bennett to Everyone : What is the total cost of the "Justice Park Parking Expansion" minor site plan? Will this be funded by the schools bond act? Will FCPS be changing the Park Master Plan to remove the 2009 improvements? One notes that that plan does not call for parking.	LIVE ANSWER: A- Jessica- the total cost will come out of the school bond funds because this is essential for our project but for the master plan for parks I'm going to turn that over to Stephanie to respond A-Stephanie- we believe that there is a process that we need to go through before we have an outcome of this solution and we believe that that process involves public comment and public engagement but because the agreement with the schools and the discussions we've been having continue to evolve it is unclear at this moment in time what that process looks like so we will share more of that as we know based on the development of the school's project and the impacts to the park Q-Follow-up Comment-Community-haven't you said that you were starting this in June that you would have a decision in June there is no process for the park that's been started A-Stephanie: that is the school's timeline that I believe they presented. we are a party to that because we have land that would be impacted we believe that there's a process that we'll need to go through in order to reach an agreement and that process is not all together clear at this moment so as for the school schedule I think Jessica can answer that Q/C-Community: I don't believe this school is really looking at adding structured parking they're just going to put out this is how much it will cost to do we need serious people looking at adding a underground parking lot under the new addition now because the capacity is going to be reached by the time this thing's built over capacity why can't we think now about the future for the kids and the teachers and the part what is what is holding us back from doing more A-Stephanie: Jessica I'll let you respond to that from school's perspective A-Jessica: so for the timeline we're working with the parks on the timeline to get something back to the community we are on a tight time frame as Mr. McGranahan spoke to that we're already behind schedule on some of this and so we have a project that we're ready to go out to bid this fall and in order to meet that deadline and keep things on schedule because this is not the only project and we have to be very mindful of that with our finances as well and our spending authority to keep focused on that fall time frame so with that being said you know we are we will look at the structured parking piece we have done some preliminary numbers on that. we can't afford it right now so I'll look in to see what kind of reductions that we might be able to make on the addition but as a school system we are really focused on the instructional space over everything else so while we can look at the structured parking and particularly anything below ground it's much more expensive we can look at that but that that's not been our focus
19:53:06 From David Winston to Everyone : Why was money on a design spent before having the land answer? If the land taken from the park isn't given, where does this leave the plan? Why was a proposal of on grounds parking not pursued	LIVE ANSWER: A: John- the schools has worked with the park authority in a number of places where the building area that was not being used on the park side has been used on the adjacent school side so we're confident that that we can work that part of it out with the park authority the second part of the question was a proposal for on grounds parking not pursued and Gavin and Jessica I think you sort of addressed this there's really not any other land unless you went vertical, yeah on site on the school site right A: Gavin - correct and understanding structured parking and the cost associated with that Q(Community): why don't we move forward and do that we can afford that? Clarification, John- the structured parking? Follow-up (Community): yes we need to investigate that more this is one of the wealthiest counties in the country we're having this meeting right now just because you know of last minute you know kind of some poor planning sadly but I feel like there are absolutely the resources and the funds to get that done I think should be taken under serious consideration the taking away this green space, thank you A: John-okay thank you, Jessica I don't know if you have any follow up on that or if it's just under consideration or point you know we've heard that and I made a note of it but I don't do you want to say anything more on the structured parking A: Jessica-no and we can expand on the response you know as far as the cost go and how much money we have available for this project and how much money that would take for us to do structured parking
20:00:35 From HP ProBook to Everyone : It is clear that the FCPS Facilities has not done all the research on parking utilization needed. In fact parking was not thought of in the bond funding requested.	Design and Construction (D&C) prepared various proposed layouts to accommodate parking requirements for the project.
19:56:18 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : However, the voters did not vote for their funds to add impermeable surface to a nature park area!	The proposed parking lot design will comply with Fairfax County Stormwater Management (SWM) requirements to reduce runoff to less than pre-development levels and the proposed SWM design will provide water quality benefits that currently do not exist at the park.
20:21:05 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : How can the federal stimulus money coming to Fairfax free up other funds for parking solution that is less intrusive	Less intrusive parking such as structure parking or underground parking has previously deemed cost prohibitive.
TIMELINE	
19:51:32 From Jenna White to Everyone : when was the first time any mention of parking was presented to the community? Presenting a plan that the school will be renovated is not the same as the specifics for park use and parking	LIVE ANSWER: A: John- that's a that's a good question. We did do, as Jessica outlined, a number of community outreach meetings and when we sent letters about those meetings inviting people to those meetings. We were talking about improvements to the school, that's what was prompting it, that's what was described in those meetings. We showed plans and you saw the one earlier that showed the parking in the park. It wasn't something that we tried to hide or not talk about but we didn't have a community meeting where we said "and they're going to be proposed parking in the in the portion of the park property", that was something that was brought to our attention and the letters that went out for this evening's meeting did say "and parking and related improvements to the park". It was not something we were trying to not disclose or withhold but now we're here this evening, we're hearing the comments and the parking is the topic of discussion.
20:02:54 From Barbara Burgess to Everyone : The first time I heard about parking was December 2019.	Acknowledged.
20:01:07 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : When, exactly, was it decided that parking would be placed at Justice Park? At what point of the architectural planning?	The initial meeting between FCPS and ECPA occurred in Fall 2019 during the conceptual planning stage.
20:14:07 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : the proposed school addition is absolutely necessary and supported (hence the vote for the funds). The architects and FCPS have done a poor job with the parking plan - it was not forward thinking - again - when was Justice Park proposed as the parking site?	The parking at Justice Park was first proposed in Fall 2019.
MASTERPLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROCESS	
19:59:30 From Kathleen to Everyone : How is it that a Master Plan amendment is not being done here --several years ago Ravenwood park neighbors wanted a community garden in the park -- yet were told it would need a Master Plan amendment? How is this not happening here?	Sara: I just want to make sure it's clear what was presented this evening that this is the first meeting that the park authority has been involved with the community the master plan will be amended and there will be a public process associated with that amendment so I can't tell you this evening that there will be a small group of select people because that is not typically our process our process typically includes feedback and inviting the entire community to participate in that process but I can say that there will be an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the master plan before it's amended Follow-up Comment-Community: but it should have been done earlier Follow-up Comment-Community: it takes six to eight months generally to get a master plan amendment through so you mentioned earlier in the in this meeting that you don't know exactly how that master plan process is going to happen so we get the idea that it's going to be however it can get done as fast as possible so it that's not the way the park authority says it does the process in addition I am very concerned about using the part to stage vehicles to do the to do the construction because last time with the library construction all the vehicles and equipment were parked in the park and they left the park trash and that's when the invasive plants came because nobody was maintaining the park so I can see the using the part to park your work vehicles Follow-up Comment-Community: from the park standpoint why are they even entertaining making this accommodation it in no way enhances the usability of the park itself Sara: so just to reiterate what was said by Jessica and Stephanie we are one Fairfax we try to collaborate with all county agencies to make sure that we are meeting the mission of the county and providing the best services that we can for Fairfax county residents we as Stephanie mentioned during her presentation are working with the schools to make sure that we are mitigating the impacts that this project has on the park and trying to get as much as we can in benefits at the park for the community
Live Question- Community: What benefits do you see it providing the park?	A-Sara: so if Jessica if you could go back to the slide where we laid out the benefits that have been identified by the park authority one would be the new trail connection the other is a renovated basketball court much sooner than the community would have that court renovated an improved outdoor classroom with a shelter that could be used by the community as well as the park authority and schools for classes invasive management has been brought up over and over by the community as something they would like to see happen at the park and hopefully there would be a commitment from the schools to address the invasive over a couple year period and then replanting and replacement of the trees that have been impacted by the invasive within the park
19:56:33 From Steve Brautt to Everyone : There must be a formal amendment to the Park Master Plan, so that the community has a chance to fight this and not have the school and park authority just work a deal.	As stated in meeting, FCPS will conduct a public process once FCPS confirms their plan. Based on the extent of the potential impacts FCPS will determine whether a master plan amendment or other public planning process is appropriate.
20:01:08 From Mark Deohert to Everyone : We Friends of Justice Park support quality schools, quality parks! Neither more surface parking lots and parking lots in the park nor the process(es) being used by the parks and schools to make these decisions seem to align with the state law mandated comprehensive planning process or the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan/process. For example, not meeting the "Environmental Protection" and "Open Space" goals that relate to conservation of the natural environment or to the comprehensive plan's "purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development."	Comment should be directed to Fairfax County Dept of Planning & Development who deals with Comp Plan
20:01:57 From HP ProBook to Everyone : Why is the Park Authority not doing a new Master Plan Amendment. All the benefits we are supposed to get are already there.	As stated in meeting, FCPS will conduct a public process once FCPS confirms their plan. Based on the extent of the potential impacts FCPS will determine whether a master plan amendment or other public planning process is appropriate.

20:06:07 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : Will there be an amendment to the Park Master Plan?	As stated in meeting, FCPA will conduct a public process once FCPS confirms their plan. Based on the extent of the potential impacts FCPA will determine whether a master plan amendment or other public planning process is appropriate.
20:08:54 From Becky Granna to Everyone : How can the Park Authority agree to make these changes (I do not view parking as an "improvement" so I am using the word "change") to Justice Park, when these changes are not compliant with the 2009 Master Plan for Justice Park?	FCPA has not yet agreed to the proposal from FCPS. As stated in meeting, FCPA will conduct a public process once FCPS confirms their plan. Based on the extent of the potential impacts FCPA will determine whether a master plan amendment or other public planning process is appropriate.
20:20:17 From Mark Dehner to Everyone : We seem to have a huge hole / gap in how we the county (BOS, FCPS, Parks) are doing / not doing the state law mandated comprehensive planning process or the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan/process - bringing all the elements together. The school forecast on student population growth needs should be part of the comp plan and the need for parking should have been part of the planning years ago and addressed in the Area 1 Baileys Planning District document.	Comment should be directed to Fairfax County Dept of Planning & Development who deals with Comp Plan
20:28:17 From Rodney North to Everyone : I encourage everyone, especially our county officials/staff, to scroll through and read - and respond to - Mark Dehner's observation's that, in essence, so much of this "process" is contradictory to the existing policies and mandates of Fairfax County.	Design and Construction (D&C) promotes transparency in all of its projects. D&C will continue to share information with the public related to school design.
20:27:50 From Laurie to Everyone : So this is supposed to be a "public park", but we are now told that the softball field, the tennis courts and possibly the band will use these facilities. Many times the softball field is locked and is NOT for public use. All that with one porta pot (which by the way was laying on its side for over two weeks). It was said in the presentation that the public has use of the high school facilities, but in fact the track/football field is locked as is the baseball field. So seems this is a school park with public use when the school is not using the softball park, tennis courts, and open field area. Is this setting a precedent for the Park Authority to allow use of parks by schools to the point it is school property? As has been shown during this presentation, the process of Master Plans and sincere community outreach (this meeting held but look how late in the process) is NOT part of "the process". It is so FRUSTRATING	"We are one county and share resources to relieve taxpayer burden. As such, schools and parks have partnerships on many school and park sites, which address shared use of facilities. The softball fields are usually locked during the winter for maintenance purposes."
20:27:51 From Ann Bennett to Everyone : So, does FCPA typically develop new processes for situations like these that arise? Is there no willingness to honor the master planning process? This is important because FCPA will be nullifying the plans that were arrived out in the 2009 document.	As stated in meeting, FCPA will conduct a public process once FCPS confirms their plan. Based on the extent of the potential impacts FCPA will determine whether a master plan amendment or other public planning process is appropriate.
FCPS/FCPA COLLABORATION	
19:57:57 From Marie's iPad to Everyone : Question: this is presented as continuation of an existing partnership between the Park Authority and FCPS. Would you disclose the written partnership agreement to the public, please? Marie Reinsdorf (Falls Church)	LIVE ANSWER A: John- when I mentioned that existing partnership I was being more generic about the cooperation that we find throughout the county where the parks and the schools help each other meet their missions by utilizing each other's facilities and land it wasn't something specific in terms of a written partnership agreement
19:58:36 From Sam Belmar to Everyone : Who is leading/conceptualizing the project and designing the plans? Is it the Fairfax Park Authority?	LIVE ANSWER A: Stephanie: this is a school driven project it's not a Fairfax county park authority project A: Jessica: that's right it's the school's designing the project we're leading that and then we're working with the park authority so we're not proposing anything that the park authority would not be on board with
20:06:33 From Claire Ehmann to Everyone : Will FCPS and FCPA take community opposition and concerns of its short-sighted nature into consideration in its negotiations?	FCPS agreed to consider all comments before moving forward with a final plan
20:24:32 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : From FCPA park planning docs: "Much of the development in the Baileys district occurred prior to the establishment of the Park Authority. As a result of this early development, the amount of parkland in this district is less than other areas of the county, even though the population density is greater. This development pattern results in a shortage of all types of parkland and therefore many recreational services for residents of this planning district are provided by parks outside the district. Opportunities to add to existing parkland in Baileys are limited, due to the densely developed nature of the district." [https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/plandev/gpgc_baileys.pdf]	Comment is acknowledged
20:30:56 From Steve Brauth to Everyone : To the staff person who said she wants this solution because she needs to meet the current building schedule, isn't that shortsighted? Does this justify a stopgap "solution" that steals from our park space that is already less than is called for in the Fairfax County requirement?	The proposed design will consider all options in an effort to meet both school and community needs.
20:37:46 From Priya Lodico to Everyone : Please tell who in the Park Authority is on board with this specific plan.	FCPA has not yet agreed to the proposals from FCPS.
20:41:17 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : ? One Fairfax is not about interagency collaboration as much as about equity?	One Fairfax is a joint racial and social equity policy of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board. It commits the county and schools to intentionally consider equity when making policies or delivering programs and services. It's a declaration that all residents deserve an equitable opportunity to succeed - regardless of their race, color, sex, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, disability, income or where they live.
PLANNING	
19:51:28 From Larry Goller to Everyone : So presenters, you are speaking as if this design is a done deal. What community input could influence changes to this plan, such as alternatives to the parking, e.g. what would the parking plan be if there was no park there, say if there were residences across the street from the school?	LIVE ANSWER: A: John- first off, no this is not a done deal. I think Jessica outlined the timeline and the path forward. The improvements to the high school are behind schedule, I think everybody should know that and there is an interest on the school's part to get them back on schedule, from a timing perspective, but we're getting input this evening. We're listening, nothing is a done deal and after this meeting with the input we're going to respond to the questions and have further dialogue with the park authority and the plan is to come back, so, no it is not a done deal, it does reflect already some of the comments that are being put in the chat. The plan has evolved, the first version of it that I saw had the parking running almost down to the softball field in kind of a linear fashion and it has evolved to the latest version that you saw this evening. So again this is the point of the meeting, to hear from you all and see what we can do after this meeting to improve upon the plan and make this a win for the park and for the school.
20:23:47 From Mark Dehner to Everyone : As someone else said shouldn't residential areas get even better treatment and what if there was not a park across the street?	Justice High School currently is overcapacity and needs an addition to be able to function properly with the school growth. We explore multiple options to obtain the required Floor Area Ratio (FAR) and parking required for the project.
20:27:17 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : Yes, the instructional space is what is required. What would the architectural plan have been if there was not a park across the street?	The utilization of adjacent properties especially when owned by an existing partner agency is a typical practice.
20:17:17 From Barbara Wolf to Everyone : If the plan is not yet a "done deal", what are the alternatives that are being considered in lieu of use of parkland for parking? What are the specific steps going forward that concerned community members need to take to have their position taken into account for the final decision?	The proposed plan is not final. An additional meeting will be set up for continued community involvement.
20:02:10 From Marie's iPad to Everyone : Has the use of the Open Play Area been surveyed?	The use has not been formally surveyed.
20:03:28 From Mark Dehner to Everyone : Looking to the Future is part of the FCPS vision - is taking open space looking to the future?	The proposed design will consider all options in an effort to meet both school and community needs.
20:24:53 From Phillip Kemelot to Everyone : Is there any coordination with this expansion and the associated traffic, parking, biking and walkability with Fairfax County DOT and their current effort to develop and implement the Active/Fairfax Transportation Plan?	FCPS and FCPA have worked with FC DOT on the proposed layouts.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
20:01:36 From Corey Haynes to Everyone : I'd like to point out how it seems we did not have Spanish speakers on this call in the beginning... wondering how we can claim community input (in either direction) if a large proportion of our community is not present... What actual efforts are being done to get the entire community's input on this?	Information is available for all at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388 . The website includes point of contacts for both FCPA and FCPS. This community was provided with outreach and language services.
20:27:48 From Elisabeth to Everyone : Jessica, I live in the neighborhood and only found out about the park plans this past weekend. I understand protecting taxpayer funds, however, it seems that FCPS did not reach out to the community as needed for full and meaningful participation.	Community outreach as presented in the presentation occurred on the following dates: December 9, 2019, October 27, 2020, December 8, 2020, January 20, 2021, February 16, 2021, March 01, 2021, March 10, 2021, and March 11, 2021.
20:33:15 From Ann Bennett to Everyone : Would the project engineers be willing to meet citizens on site to discuss other alternatives along Peace Valley Lane?	There will be an additional community meeting where community input and involvement will be encouraged. The engineers will be present at the meeting to answer any additional questions.
20:38:18 From Todd Shelton to Everyone : This exchange via the Zoom chat function is not a sufficient substitute for a sincere consultative process that would afford community and citizen buy in and a better outcome. Aligning myself with the comments of the current caller.	Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have to comply with CDC and state mandates which limit in person contact at this time.
20:44:16 From Rodney North to Everyone : Clearly the FCPS and the FCPA and maybe the BOS have two problems here - a faulty/short-sighted high school expansion plan AND a faulty public communication/engagement "plan" (or the lack of any adequate plan).	D&C follows the guidance of approved educational specifications. Each project involves a design committee and public engagement throughout the process.
20:48:29 From Sam Belmar to Everyone : Were community members involved in designing the plans? Will there be enough time for sufficient community cooperation and input before the aforementioned tight deadline?	Yes community members were involved during the design process. Community outreach as presented in the presentation occurred on the following dates: December 9, 2019, October 27, 2020, December 8, 2020, January 20, 2021, February 16, 2021, March 01, 2021, March 10, 2021, and March 11, 2021.
21:12:40 From Brent Obenour to Everyone : You use the term Community Input often. There is not a single advocate for your plan on this call this evening. Is this a meeting where you get the input and then do what you want anyhow? The Community Input cannot be any more unified.	There have been several meetings with the school, the design committee members and the PISA community.
21:15:19 From LM to Everyone : Do we understand what the decision making process is and who makes the final decision about the approach?	FCPS like any other project applicant is required to adhere to all county and state and other regulations. Decisions are based on a variety of inputs including community involvement.
Zoning Requirements/FAR (Floor to Area Ratio)	
19:51:47 From HP ProBook to Everyone : Please explain the FAR usage of the park. Are you saying you have to use 9 acres of the park for the project to go forward.	A: John-that's an excellent question. I'll try to simplify it, and this is frankly why I'm on the call, so under the current zoning of the high school site there is a cap on how much floor area you can have in the high school and there are two ways to adjust that cap. One is to change the zoning of the property, the other is to essentially transfer, it's not technically a transfer, but use some of the available floor area density that's available in the park. It is not, just to be clear, it's not that the schools would be using nine acres of the park or have access to nine acres of the park or construct over nine acres of the park. That is not what's being proposed or discussed. It's that of the 17 acres in the park nine acres of it could not be developed with buildings with floor area because that floor area would be used over on the school side of peace valley lane so it's using the available density or floor area for the park property but it's not physically using that nine acres and it's nine acres is the amount that's needed under the current zoning to accomplish those additions it's a paper exercise but it's an important one um but I can't emphasize enough that it's not that the schools would be using nine acres of the park for anything um other than the density that would be associated with it.
20:10:42 From Cindy Speck to Everyone : Why not change the zoning?	Rezoning process is a very tedious and time consuming process that would impact the schedule for the project.
20:10:44 From David Winston to Everyone : why isn't FCPS going to the county and asking for a zoning change?	Rezoning process is a very tedious and time consuming process that would impact the schedule for the project.
20:10:59 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : Change the zoning	Rezoning process is a very tedious and time consuming process that would impact the schedule for the project.
21:24:35 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : When you "borrow" parkland to calculate FAR in such a way as to allow higher density, does that open the door for the schools to have priority over parks on that land? Does it happen at other parks that developers or county uses that methodology? Curious about whether it hinders park uses going forward	Utilizing FAR does not limit the use of the park. FAR can only be shared with adjacent properties which is the situation that applies for this project.

21:26:43 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Comprehensive Plan amendment process can lead to the needed FAR change changes, can it not? And had it been used to address Justice needing to expand, we'd have known better years ago of the need for parking on Justice FCPS land and LEED opportunities.	Comment should be directed to Fairfax County Dept of Planning & Development who deals with Comp Plan.																																																																																																																																																																			
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19:53:53 From elisabeth to Everyone : Are parking waivers allowed so that you don't need as much parking?	Justice High School is required by Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance to have 750 parking spaces as part of this project. There are a total of 394 parking spaces proposed at Justice High School and Justice Park. FCPS has submitted a Parking Modification Request for a reduction to the high school parking requirement of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, which is still in review.																																																																																																																																																																			
19:59:08 From Chris Bell to Everyone : Waive the extra parking proposed at Justice Park	With 750 parking spaces required for Justice High School we have submitted a Parking Modification Request to reduce proposed parking spaces to 394. Further reduction from what has been requested will not work well for the school's everyday operations because every proposed parking space is highly needed.																																																																																																																																																																			
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20:15:50 From Alis to Everyone : Do you have information or projections for how much the high school is expected to grow in terms of the number of students in say the next decade? If it's expected to grow by quite a bit, what planning has been done to make sure there will be enough parking for the future growth of students, teachers, and staff? Is taking park space now for a few spots and then having to revisit the parking situation in a few years a long-term or cost effective solution? We don't want to go with a piecemeal, stop-gap solution that then needs to be revisited in a few years.	LIVE ANSWER A-Jessica- the school board has a policy on the size of the building and 2500 for a high school is what the target capacity is and knowing that this site is very small and we're already having challenges with the addition to get it up to 2500 that's proposed we would not be able to go any higher than that we would have to look at other options																																																																																																																																																																			
20:14:40 From Gil Brown to Everyone : the new addition, if I heard correctly will increase the capacity to 2500.	The school is currently overcrowded and the new addition helps increase the capacity of the school to 2,500 students to address the current student population and future student growth.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:19:50 From John Callahan to Everyone : What is the plan for the NEXT school expansion? This expansion is overdue. When the next one is needed where are you going to find the space?	Currently, there is a 2,500 student cap for FCPS high schools. If the capacity increases higher then FCPS would look at other options.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:21:39 From marty machowsky to Everyone : How does the overcapacity at Justice compare with other nearby high schools?	Below is a table of the SY 2019-20 and projected school year membership and capacity utilization of high schools in Region 2. This information is available for all schools in the adopted FY 2021-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and is based on SY 2019-20 data. An assessment of facility capacity was not completed for SY 2020-21, and an updated program capacity utilization was not calculated due to a virtual start to the school year, ongoing planning for a return to school with social distancing. It should also be noted that a modular addition has been installed at McLean HS and a boundary adjustment has also been adopted. Adopted FY 2021-25 CIP: https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/Adopted-CIP-FY2021-25.pdf																																																																																																																																																																			
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20:21:40 From Liz Murphy to Everyone : Does the high school have outdoor restrooms? Aren't they now a requirement for all HS renovations? How many would be installed if none currently exist?	LIVE ANSWER: A: Jessica- I don't think any are being proposed but aren't there some at the this year just to acknowledge that this is not a renovation of the whole facility this is just an addition of addition for classroom space and then the cafeteria to accommodate the student membership that's much higher than it was originally designed for so this was what we're referring to as an addition or a capacity enhancement that's not the same as when we come into a school and renovate and bring everything up to the standards so a point of clarity on that one																																																																																																																																																																			
19:46:27 From John Callahan to Everyone : why is the cafeteria addition only one story?	LIVE ANSWER A: Gavin-Hughes Group. The existing cafeteria is obviously only one story, as well anytime you add a second story to that especially off the cafeteria you have to make sure to provide ADA access. Meaning an additional elevator may come into play and it wouldn't necessarily be as feasible really to frankly serve food in that environment. ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION: A one story addition meets the school's needs and a two story cafeteria addition would be cost prohibitive.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:25:04 From Marie to Everyone : the school was already over capacity just four years after the last major renovation, so what are the projections	See response to row #81 (question at 20:21:39) related to school capacity, membership, and projections.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:26:25 From Barbara Burgess to Everyone : I agree that the team's focus on Instructional space is appropriate.	Currently, there is a 2,500 student cap for FCPS high schools. The addition at Justice High School allows the school to reach the 2,500 student capacity.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:31:29 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : The money spent on the parking would be better spent on improving the test scores of the student at Justice. All the rankings of schools in the area have Justice at the bottom of the barrel	Revision from Planning: At this time there is no re-districting, or boundary study that considers changes to the Justice High School boundary. A boundary study is ongoing for the elementary schools in the Justice High School pyramid. Any approved boundary adjustment as part of this study will not change the middle or high school boundaries. The School Board is also conducting a review of it's boundary policy, or Policy 8130. The review is to determine what factors to consider when changing a school boundary. This review of the policy does not consider any new boundary changes for FCPS.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:48:05 From Anne Cullather to Everyone : Has the school considered offering faculty and staff a bonus if they agree voluntarily to ride sharing arrangements to mitigate the parking constraints?	With the current student enrollment, the addition is needed to improve the learning atmosphere for students.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:54:42 From Barbara Burgess to Everyone : What is the impact on the cost of the project as each additional month passes?	Currently, this type of program does not exist.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:57:02 From Barbara Burgess to Everyone : I believe there is a re-districting effort going on right now that may address the overcrowding issues.	A: Jessica- It's part of part of the discussion that we're going to have when we when we regroup after considering all the input that we received tonight obviously I want to stress that there have been no decisions made that this is still a discussion we would like to go forward and keep on our schedule but if that's an unrealistic time frame then that's an unrealistic time frame and we'll just have to pivot																																																																																																																																																																			
21:00:52 From David Winston to Everyone : Is construction set with a hard start date of this fall? How long would a redesign take?	Currently, there is a 2,500 student cap for FCPS high schools. The addition at Justice High School allows the school to reach the 2,500 student capacity. Revision from Planning: At this time there is no re-districting, or boundary study that considers changes to the Justice High School boundary. A boundary study is ongoing for the elementary schools in the Justice High School pyramid. Any approved boundary adjustment as part of this study will not change the middle or high school boundaries. The School Board is also conducting a review of it's boundary policy, or Policy 8130. The review is to determine what factors to consider when changing a school boundary. This review of the policy does not consider any new boundary changes for FCPS.																																																																																																																																																																			
21:02:15 From carol to Everyone : Are any contracts in the process of being signed. How is the project going to progress in June if there's nothing already in the works?	The bond for construction was passed in 2019 and every effort has been made to stay on schedule.																																																																																																																																																																			
21:02:38 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Does the FCPS have a demographic study about school capacity and which schools may have excess capacity in the future and how school boundaries may be adjusted periodically to better utilize capacity?	No contracts are in the process of being signed. The agreement with FCPA is essential to the progress of the project. See response to row #81 (question at 20:21:39) related to school capacity, membership, and projections. The annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) also lists potential solutions to alleviate current and projected school capacity deficits. For region 2, these can be found on page 99 of the FY 2021-25 CIP. For consideration purposes, as many options as possible have been identified for each school, in no significant order and may be contingent on other potential solutions listed. Any option(s) chosen for implementation will be discussed and decided through a transparent process with the appropriate stakeholders, in accordance with School Board Policies and Regulations.																																																																																																																																																																			
21:04:17 From Tom Martin to Everyone : Are there any planning rules on how close the parking needs to be to the school?	The parking location must be located relatively close to the school for safety measures as well as other factors such as ADA.																																																																																																																																																																			
21:14:17 From Kim Lanoue to Everyone : Can the school construction move forward separately from the park-parking lot issue?	The proposed parking lot at Justice Park is part of the proposed parking count for Justice High School. The proposed parking count will need to be approved by Fairfax County prior to Justice High School plan approval and construction permits.																																																																																																																																																																			
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20:17:11 From Kathleen to Everyone : And what are the plans for staging of all of the construction equipment for the 3 story addition? Last construction it was done in the park -- in the western area of the park where we now have the outdoor classroom. This is a big question. That area was never cleaned up and invasive have since taken over.	A: Gavin- so part of the process of any school project is doing a phasing plan that is just starting right now with the intent that that the school project would be bid the fall and so we're starting that process right now relative to the overall phasing																																																																																																																																																																			
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19:55:05 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : The section of peace valley with no sidewalk would not be used by students to walk to school.	FCPS is working with Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) plan to add proposed sidewalk to Peace Valley Lane. The current design provides new sidewalk to the North and South sides of Peace Valley Lane to improve pedestrian access to Justice High School, Justice Park and the neighborhood. Design and coordination are ongoing.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:15:16 From Phillip Kemelior to Everyone : What is the current walk zone?	FCPS provides transportation to students who live in the designated attendance area of a particular school, usually beyond the approved walking distance of one mile for elementary and 1.5 miles for secondary students. Transportation is required for certain students with special needs, as defined by federal law. (https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/transportation-services/school-bus-eligibility-safety-and)																																																																																																																																																																			
20:15:57 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : How many kids can walk? How much does it change?	Justice High School currently has approximately 565 walkers this school year. This number can fluctuate.																																																																																																																																																																			
20:15:59 From Phillip Kemelior to Everyone : What is done to encourage students to walk/bike?	FCPS participates in Safe Routes to School programs to get students physically active and cars off the road. FCPS participates in Walking Wednesdays encouraging students to walk one day a week. If every day is not possible. Additional information can be found here: https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/transportation-services/safe-routes-school-srts																																																																																																																																																																			

20:16:03 From Corey Haynes to Everyone : As a feeling, a lot of our walkers, from Culmore, are not present in this meeting....	These community members were welcome to attend and will be welcome to attend the next meeting.
20:16:00 From Jenna White to Everyone : I believe FCPS will bus you if you live more than one mile away from the school.	FCPS provides transportation to students who live in the designated attendance area of a particular school, usually beyond the approved walking distance of one mile for elementary and 1.5 miles for secondary students. Transportation is required for certain students with special needs, as defined by federal law. (https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/transportation-services/school-bus-eligibility-safety-and)
20:16:18 From Sam Belmar to Everyone : Does this project assume that every new student is going to have a car? Many students ride the buses or walk to school.	The school determines issuance of student parking permits.
20:16:20 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : How many students can bike to school?	FCPS transportation does not designate a bike zone for our schools but provides bicycle racks for each school.
19:47:47 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Has there been a site specific parking utilization study given increased ride sharing projected in the future and that no student lives more than 4 miles from the school-easy bicycling distance.	Every school in FCPS is part of the Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) which encourages students to bike to school. The program gives guidelines to families to help decide if their child is capable of biking to school. https://www.fcps.edu/resources/safety-and-transportation/transportation-services/safe-routes-school-srts
19:59:40 From Phillip Kemelot to Everyone : In addition to distance from the school for biking, the roads need to have infrastructure to have safe biking, such as clear road striping, protected bike paths, adequate signage, etc.	The Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan shows Peace Valley Lane as "shared roadway" indicating that no special striping, markings or signs are necessary to improve conditions for cyclists and as such, there are no County recommendations for bicycle infrastructure improvements along Peace Valley Lane.
School Bike Racks	
19:45:41 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : How many bicycle racks are there at Justice High School?	Currently, there are (2) racks which can house more than 75 bicycles.
19:46:20 From Kathleen to Everyone : One bike rack in front to left of main entrance in a small cut in. It's looking fairly bad and rickety	Currently, there are (2) racks which can house more than 75 bicycles.
19:54:47 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : apparently there is ONE bike rack!	Currently, there are (2) racks which can house more than 75 bicycles.
19:54:47 From Kathleen to Everyone : There is one rack for bikes	Currently, there are (2) racks which can house more than 75 bicycles.
19:55:17 From David Winston to Everyone : Why add more bike racks, they are not currently used fully as is.	Currently, there are (2) racks which can house more than 75 bicycles.
19:59:07 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Perhaps the faculty and staff should be encouraged to bicycle too	FCPS currently provides bicycle racks on site.
Parking Quantity and Studies	
Live Question: Q: "I was just wondering if you could address if any of the traffic's been evaluated. what the expectation is with all the cars. It's a pretty tight corner over here at the high school so we're just kind of wondering what that looks like. thank you for that.	LIVE ANSWER A: John - In terms of the traffic analysis Jessica what have you all looked at there in terms of the increased capacity and what that would do to traffic generated by the school. A: Jessica - that's a little too technical for me but if someone else on my team could answer that A: Gavin - The balance here is the amount of traffic that's current, the amount of cars is currently on site, so again it's a matter of saying we're adding a net 65 cars. There was no official parking study but balancing out the actual demand relative to what you're seeing, the net gain of 60 some spaces wouldn't cause typically a significant increase per se. Q: Community Member Follow-up -- "yeah we're talking 600 new students though, not just 60 parking spots so that's kind of what I'm asking about right from 1900 to 2500 students you know an extra 60 spots plus extra busing plus there's already busing for all the elementary schools around in that same corner so that's kind of weird" A: Jessica "I understand what you're saying but I think it should be noted that the this current student membership at justice is over 2300 and that's what that causes us to be overcrowded so that 1900 number is what the school is it can hold right now and that's why we're overcrowded and we're adding this addition so we already have 2,300 students coming and so it would not be you know an increase of 600 it'd be more like an increase of 200 students I just want to clarify that one point but I appreciate what you're saying. A: John: Jessica does that translate and we can follow up with more details but in terms of buses is there is there something that you can that you know at this time that would say that's going to be x number of additional buses once it got to that 2500 capacity A: Jessica - that's calculated differently because we don't know who's within the walk zone of the school. So every year that can change. A: John- we'll give that your question some more consideration and if there's more detail we can provide and when you're talking about that corner you're talking about where you're turning there on peace valley lane at that back corner by the by the park. Clarification-Community Member: I live right on Farragut court and diamond so I mean that's the direct street right into the parking lot and park valley and diamond. It's just basically the entry point into the parking lot, you got to make that right before you can make the left into the parking lot so it's right on peace valley that there's only one street you know coming from leesburg gale to get in right unless you're on peace valley lane. So that street is the main entry point it already has bus you know buses that aren't related to the high school picking up elementary kids on that same street and so what does the backlog look like if kids are parking on the side street where the proposed parking's going. Does that backlog into the other streets so just something to consider.
19:49:47 From Joe Adamo to Everyone : Has a traffic survey been performed for the amount of extra cars and buses needed that are going to be packed into this area?	The proposed additional approximately 67 spaces are not anticipated to negatively impact the area.
19:56:40 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Why has there not been site specific parking utilization and trip reduction study done or presented to the public?	As a result of the addition there is going to be more parking required to support increased staff and events. Furthermore, we have learned from previous school projects that feature additions and increase parking as part of design typically do not show significant impact to the trip generations.
20:13:52 From Claire Ehmant to Everyone : if no parking study was conducted, how did the design team decided that 65 additional spaces were needed?	The total of 67 proposed spaces at Justice Park is part of the overall 394 parking spaces proposed for the school project. The parking space count is based on the total number of full-time staff (teachers, custodians, administration), itinerant teachers and visitors. We are required to meet that total parking count plus additional spaces to accommodate few students who drive, which we provide for all of our high schools, and including but not limited to after school activities and events.
20:14:35 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : if the future increase of students is only 200 from current levels, why are 60 additional parking spaces planned?	The total of 67 proposed spaces at Justice Park is part of the overall 394 parking spaces proposed for the school project. The parking space count is based on the total number of full-time staff (teachers, custodians, administration), itinerant teachers and visitors. We are required to meet that total parking count plus additional spaces to accommodate few students who drive, which we provide for all of our high schools, and including but not limited to after school activities and events.
20:01:06 From Sam Belmar to Everyone : How much of a difference would 65 new spaces make? Is there a high demand for these new spots?	As a result of the addition there is going to be more parking required to support increased staff and events. Every proposed parking space is highly needed.
20:24:37 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : No need for more parking. If every student is no more than 4 miles away they can walk or take the school bus	The present condition of the pandemic is a temporary condition and we will be returning to normalcy where students are in the classrooms.
Parking Questions and Comments	
19:41:32 From Rodney North to Everyone : What, if anything, is being proposed to decrease the needs for parking?	A: John: Jessica I don't know if there are any comments on parking demand and how you said that that's really a determination made by the school but I assume that faculty and staff right have parking space generally you know that that number is based on the number of faculty and staff and then for the school it's really up to them, is that a fair statement? A: Jessica: for student permits it's up to them and I'm not exactly sure to comment on this but what I would say as far as the decrease in the number of parking, that's one of the reasons why the county may offer us this waiver from the 750 that is per the zoning ordinance required spaces down to the number that we're requesting of 394. A: John- I guess the other thing that I saw in the presentation was the demand for parking for other than school activities and purposes I guess they're the back to school nights and things like that but then there are also just other uses of the school and of the park that generate parking demand which I don't know how that factors in other than just the basic knowledge that you need spaces for those uses A: Jessica: that's correct
Live Follow-up Question from John McGranahan regarding what is being done to reduce demand for student permits?	A: JESSICA FCPS - the demand for student permits that's up to the school. The school gets to decide the number of permits. I think we have the exact number of permits that they issued last year something around 80. The other things that have been that will contribute with this project is the sidewalk connection along peace valley lane that fcdot and the department of transportation is doing so right now if you're walking along peace valley lane there isn't a sidewalk and that will help for students that may want to walk to school and then of course the bus pass and then we also have bus service so that's just an option for people to put their students on buses.
19:47:02 From John Ikel to Everyone : We live directly across the street from the school. Even before the pandemic and remote learning, there was decreasing parking, especially on Peace Valley Lane, for many years. Has anyone who advocates more parking during the day taken an onsite look at how many cars park there during the day? They would see that it's less. Which makes me wonder why parking is automatically assumed to be inadequate. Plus, in a time of increasing green approaches, isn't this a moment to NOT encourage more driving and instead advocate alternatives?	Because of the much needed addition, the anticipation is that we will need to accommodate the increase of new staff.
19:49:18 From Rodney North to Everyone : I agree with John Ikel. I've yet to hear/read anything about creative approaches to reduce the reliance on cars by high school staff & students.	Acknowledged.
19:50:01 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : The parking is a waste of money. Less cars more public and park on the street.	Parking spaces are required for all staff members at our school sites.
19:50:59 From Corey Haynes to Everyone : I'm wondering if increased parking could benefit the nearby community i.e. Culmore - who is already running low on parking.	LIVE ANSWER: A: John, "Jessica I don't know if you want to speak to that, I mean the purpose of the parking really is for school and park use right? not for other areas?" A: Jessica, "that's correct"
20:05:29 From Corey Haynes to Everyone : My comment about parking for Culmore is because that's a real parking issue right now - families do not have places to park. No one seems to comment on that.	The Justice High School parking issue is for immediate school staff and park use.
19:52:20 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : In this day and age, and living in Fairfax County, how can we possibly think it's ok to pave 2 acres of park space? The school needs the improved space; the architects can surely come up with a better plan for parking. Why is Arlington doing so much better than us?	LIVE ANSWER Answer: John one clarification there I guess is the two acres of park space that includes Gavin correct me if I'm wrong in this but that includes the existing tennis courts as well right? Answer: Gavin - we're not paving two acres where we're paving the parking lot is roughly around 1.1 acres. the 2.1 acres included the sidewalks along peace valley and the full extent of the work that's occurring that includes also any work that for the storm water management and any of the regrading.
19:52:52 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : Change the zoning ordinances to less parking	Discussions are ongoing to see if the parking zoning requirements can be revised to better apply to the intended use.
19:53:19 From Claire Ehmant to Everyone : You say you considered parking on Peace Valley Lane. Have you considered widening the road on the side opposite the park (school side) to allow for head-in parking and make the road one way for safety?	Head-in parking along Peace Valley Lane was considered but there are traffic safety concerns with having the head-in parked vehicles backing up into on-coming traffic along Peace Valley Lane. Furthermore, Peace Valley Lane is currently two-way and changing to one-way would restrict traffic movement throughout the neighborhood.
19:53:42 From Galaxy Note9 to Everyone : The community is wholeheartedly against the parking in the Park. I would like that noted. This is a school problem not a park problem.	Justice High School is a landmark within the community. The open space at Justice park is being used by members of the community including the community members that are part of the school. Therefore, both the school and park must coexist together.
19:54:36 From Corey Haynes to Everyone : I'm not sure it's fair to say the whole community is against this or for this - I am a teacher and I can say with confidence most of my students are not aware of this.	Design and Construction has developed a website for information regarding this project at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388 Additionally, all community members including students may attend the upcoming community meeting.
19:54:10 From Chris Bell to Everyone : Will the parking be open to all during school hours or reserved for students?	LIVE ANSWER A- Jessica - this is something that we're still working out with the park authority of the timing of when we would be able to use it versus when and how many spaces would be dedicated to school use exclusively during the day or school day so that's something that we're still discussing

19:56:40 From Elisabeth to Everyone : Have you looked at all areas on school property for additional parking spaces, e.g., on the side of the gym by the baseball field?	LIVE ANSWER: A: Gavin-yes this is an extremely tight site and maintaining fire truck access is key as well in that process. CLARIFICATION: The school site has been reviewed for additional parking spaces. FCPS has added additional spaces at the front of the school. These spaces were included in the proposed parking improvements as presented at the meeting.
19:59:17 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : Is that number based on need?	Proposed total numbers are based on a minimum need.
19:59:30 From Beth McMartin to Everyone : As a parent who has tried to park at the school during school hours, there is fairly often no parking spaces available.	With this comment, that is why the minimum proposed parking is being met and needs to be approved.
20:00:20 From Elisabeth to Everyone : One of the benefits listed was parking available for people who can't walk. I've yet to see parking not currently available to folks who drive. So this is not really a benefit.	The proposed parking layout will provide the adequate safety precautions that is needed for park visitors.
20:00:22 From Susan to Everyone : My back yard abuts the park. There is never a problem with parking during the week or on the weekends. There are plenty of parking spaces for students on the school's lot.	With the proposed addition, it is anticipated that the additional parking needs will be met.
20:01:54 From Todd Shelton to Everyone : what is the cost differential between the proposed changes to Justice Park compared to a parking deck utilizing the existing school footprint, and what percentage is each compared to the overall cost of the JHS expansion?	Conversations with cost estimators and structured parking consultants indicated that a precast structured parking facility is approximately \$18k-\$20k per space whereas typical surface parking is approximately \$6,500 - \$8,000 per space. These costs are broad averages, these values do not include any site specific values (grading, utilities, subsurface preparation, etc.) nor any soft costs (fees, contingencies, escalation, etc.) found within final cost estimates.
20:07:27 From Sam Belmar to Everyone : Are the newly proposed parking spaces more convenient than current options? The parking spaces that would be eliminated (right next to the football field) to make space for the 3-story classroom addition are in a pretty convenient spot right now.	The current proposed addition location is the best location to build the 3-story addition because the program spaces need to be adjacent to the existing school.
20:15:26 From Steve Brault to Everyone : Is the only goal of the FCPS to minimize the costs of the parking solution?	No. The goal of this project is to be able to have proper FAR to build the much needed capacity enhancement due to current utilization rate (overcrowding)
20:15:45 From Marie to Everyone : why do students need to drive at all.	Due to unknown personal reasons, some students' best option is to drive to school.
20:15:57 From Elizabeth Williams to Everyone : some have jobs Marie	
20:19:54 From Marie to Everyone : as a former student at this high school, I know from experience that any student driving was strictly driving for the sake of looking cool. That is not reason enough to allow student parking, particularly if accommodating those adolescent emotions means paving the park. Secondly, if a student is driving because they truly have no option, then why is FCPS not providing transportation ?	Bus service is provided for every student that is not within the walk zone.
20:30:33 From Beth McMartin to Everyone : I was just looking at the street view of Peace Valley Lane (on google maps). Can the parking be put in place, without impacting the mature trees in front of the tennis courts? It seems like it could happen.	This was studied in the early design phases. It is not feasible.
20:37:01 From Becky Cranna to Everyone : That is a great question and request, Ann Bennett. It would be extremely helpful to review the detailed drawings & measurements showing why head in diagonal parking on Peace Valley Lane is not feasible. It seems like we should be able to fit the incremental 67 spaces on Peace Valley Lane. This seems like a constructive, viable alternative, to removing the green space in Justice park, one of the few open spaces left in Mason District.	Head-in parking on Peace Valley Lane presents safety concerns for the School and all users.
20:46:26 From Beth McMartin to Everyone : The bottom line--where are the teachers going to park?	The additional parking is needed to accommodate additional staff as the capacity of Justice High School grows.
20:47:01 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : Beth, there is already enough parking for the teachers	The proposed addition requires additional staff parking due to the school growth.
20:47:33 From Beth McMartin to Everyone : There won't be, once the 80 spaces in the back go away.	With this comment, that is the reason the additional parking is being proposed at Justice Park.
20:47:46 From Nazih Bhagat to Everyone : How about permeable concrete?	Every option will be explored to comply with County requirements for Stormwater Management (SWM)
20:03:24 From Jarrett Haring to Everyone : Who would be maintaining the road (has not been re-paved in ages), sidewalk, surface parking lot, SWM underneath? It would be great if trash/recycling containers will be incorporated along with dog waste stations.	Further discussion will take place between FCPS, FCPA and Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) on maintenance responsibilities for Peace Valley Lane infrastructure and proposed improvements on Justice Park.
20:47:52 From Chris Bell to Everyone : Could we realign the road and include minimal parking to minimize impacts to the park	This is not feasible.
20:54:54 From Ann Bennett to Everyone : How many retaining walls will be needed to accompany this parking plan? The proposed basketball court is close to edge and the topography is not easy. Similar for the proposed parking in front of the tennis courts. Again, what is the cost estimates for the park portion of the project?	LIVE ANSWER: A-Gavin: that has been part of the analysis if you remember when we presented the original concept showing parking along part peace valley lane there was going to be substantial retaining walls so we've minimized the retaining walls now there's one planned effectively along peace valley along a portion of the proposed parking as well against the tennis courts and everything else is being done to be via natural grading to minimize the need for retaining walls and basically focus on budget
20:55:22 From Liz Murphy to Everyone : That kind of arrangement mentioned about the church on Peace Drive "ending spaces" has worked in Springfield- United Methodist Church allows commuters to park in their lot and also staff from Garfield ES which is right across the street from the school.	Every site is different and ending spaces does not work for Justice High School.
21:18:19 From Pamela Primrose to Everyone : Is it possible to close off Peace Valley from entrance to entrance to the school and turn the road into a parking lot.	This is not feasible as Peace Valley Drive directly connects the neighborhoods.
21:19:13 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : Or make Peace Valley Lane along the area in front of the park a One Way Road.	This would impact traffic flow of the neighborhood.
21:24:34 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Also on one way traffic for Peace Valley, maybe the existing parking lot can be used for the other flow, so there is still two-way flow. And yes that FCPS has control of the land, not VDOT, so there is more flexibility. Maybe shorter term, and then longer term maybe structures to reduce footprint/heat island/surface parking LEED.	All recommendations have been reviewed and at this time the most viable option is being developed. FCPS will continue to explore all options that are available.
Live Comment/Question (Community): Jessica thank you so much this is Becky cranna I'm a Justice high school parent and neighbor really thank you all for the meeting this has been really constructive I wish it had happened earlier too but nonetheless I'm super appreciative of you guys taking the time to do this and you sound sincerely open-minded and I really appreciate that could you also post in the information the detailed calculations that show that it doesn't work to do the head-in diagonal parking on peace valley lane I still think that's one of the most compelling options here I understand that the school district already owns that street which is actually pretty remarkable and so it seems like maybe it could be turned into a one-way street to maybe allow a little more room or even just if you just carve back a little bit on each side on the park side and then on the school side you carved it back there would be enough room to do diagonal head-in parking and I was just wondering if you could you know maybe when you present when you put post up the data you could put up the calcs on that	A: Jessica- thanks Becky yep we I saw some of those comments in the chat and we will explain in further detail why we thought that you know we came to that conclusion and if there's something that we missed upon you know further review then we'll note that that okay you know what we took a second look and I think it had to do with some of the retaining wall and the width of it but you know with the you know different look
Alternatives to Surface Parking	
19:54:23 From Ailsa to Everyone : Can you go into more detail on the parking alternatives that were looked at? Is any of this analysis in writing somewhere that people can refer to? On one of your slides, it mentions safety concerns and site impacts, etc. related to these alternatives. Can you provide more details and data? Thanks	Preliminary studies placed head-in parking spaces along the South edge of Peace Valley lane. This parking extended from the top of the rise in Peace Valley at East to the Peace Valley turning circle at the West with a small break at the stormwater inlet. Further analysis indicated that the sight lines due to the rise in the road and travel speeds along Peace Valley would cause an unsafe condition for cars utilizing the head in parking, cars traveling on Peace Valley, and pedestrians. Additional considerations in the analysis included impact on the existing wooded areas, maintaining existing outdoor meeting area, and cost implications due to retaining wall needs based on topography.
20:03:18 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Is FCPS teaching being innovative global citizens? Arlington County built a school with parking underneath to preserve park land (Fleet Elem), built a parking structure under tennis and ball fields at Lubber Run, and built parking under a community center with low income housing above. I call these innovative!	Acknowledged.
20:08:48 From Elisabeth to Everyone : Have you applied for any infrastructure funds to pay for a garage?	No.
20:08:49 From Jarrett Haring to Everyone : Considering that my tax assessment value jumped by 10.63% from 2021 (living adjacent to the school), this county is one of the wealthiest in the country. Why not take the time to revisit and incorporate the parking onsite? These improvements should be completed correctly while incorporating sustainability and efficient green building especially this day in age? We have to set the right example for future generations. A surface parking lot is archaic and quite frankly, it is laughable that we have gotten to this point.	As previously discussed, this project is not a done deal. It is a proposal. FCPS will consider all viable options moving forward.
20:09:10 From Jarrett Haring to Everyone : *from 2020	
20:15:58 From Gil Brown to Everyone : Any thoughts to satellite parking?	Every option is currently being explored for this project.
20:17:22 From Gil Brown to Everyone : Any possibility to underground parking beneath the new addition?	This option is not fiscally viable.
20:17:26 From Lydia Lawrence to Everyone : Can you be more specific about the safety concerns around a parking garage?	A: Jessica- in general when we were discussing this with principal groups they've mentioned to us the concern with having teenagers in the parking garage and how we would monitor and supervise.
20:18:24 From Steve Brault to Everyone : installing a parking facility or eliminating the berm between the existing parking and Peace Valley Lane to accommodate angled parking would provide the same amount of parking or more. These may cost more, has it been considered that these are the long run improvements that are called for here?	During the initial design process, angle parked was explored as a possibility. It was not as efficient as the current proposed layout and it also takes into consideration safety factors.
20:19:55 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : We also agree with Steve on that idea of the space between Peace Valley lane and existing large front parking lot - fence comes down, and add angled parking there.	During the initial design process, angle parked was explored as a possibility. It was not as efficient as the current proposed layout and it also takes into consideration safety factors.
20:16:49 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : It sounds like you will be opening the new building at almost the new capacity. Wouldn't a parking structure pay for itself over time, and give you the needed flexibility to add parking in future as needed, and onsite?	The proposed 3 story addition allows for the High School to be designed for 2,500 student capacity and that is the maximum high school capacity; the proposed parking at Justice Park is fiscally responsible to satisfy the proposed student capacity without the financial burden of structure parking.
20:21:48 From Steve Brault to Everyone : The voters will approve a bond for structured parking, as we have for all previous school bonds. I am a Justice parent.	Justice High School construction funds were part of the 2019 bond which was passed and the schedule has been established. The design is not final.
20:22:28 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : The Comprehensive Plan says for business areas "On-street, structured and underground parking should be encouraged for most of the uses." Also look at Alice West Fleet Elementary School - 115 S. Old Glebe Rd, Arlington, Lubber Run Community Center - 200 N. Columbus St, Arlington, Arlington Mill Community Center - 909 S. Dinwiddie St, Arlington.	All the recommended options were explored and it was determined they are not feasible.
20:22:58 From Priya Lodico to Everyone : There is a lot of interest in structured parking. Given that we are just to the West of Arlington, and their progressive development, this is where we want to be!	The existing Justice High School infrastructure will not support structured parking. As evaluated, adding a structure parking or underground parking system to the addition is not feasible.
20:23:20 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : Yes - Arlington definitely more progressive in this regard. No wonder Ms. Madigan has been snatched up by Arlington instead of being made principal at Glasgow, as she should have been.	Every school district is different. Both school districts, Arlington and Fairfax have different demographics.
20:26:47 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : It is important for classrooms to be priority, clearly. No one would argue otherwise. But the stimulus money and longer-term planning would seem to assume that a more expensive, less intrusive parking solution would quickly pay for itself because you would retain the flexibility to build up (garage), no?	The proposed 3 story addition at Justice High School allows the school to reach its 2,500 student capacity which is the maximum capacity for high schools. The proposed parking at Justice Park will satisfy both users without further funding commitments.
20:28:45 From Marie to Everyone : just because this project is already behind schedule doesn't make it right not to consider a parking garage	The proposed parking at Justice Park is not final. Further review and discussions between FCPS, FCPA, and the community will be scheduled.
20:56:38 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : Washington and Lee has a parking garage. Ask them how they monitor it. If you want more parking build a garage on the big lot that is there now.	The proposed parking at Justice Park is not final. Further discussions are ongoing.
20:58:38 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : On garage safety, maybe ask Arlington's Washington and Liberty High School as they have the garage over I-66 for a long time and might have insights.	The proposed parking at Justice Park is not final. Further review and discussions between FCPS, FCPA, and the community will be scheduled.
21:15:08 From Megan Neforos to Everyone : In response to faculty carpooling: Many of our staff live outside FCPS to afford housing for our families. As such, carpooling is not necessarily so simple.	

20:00:39 From Rodney North to Everyone : So far it seems that to accommodate this expansion the powers-that-be assumed "something would have to change" AND that the "something" should be shrinking the park. What else was - or still could be - considered as possible changes to solve this problem? Other than "structured parking" I haven't heard of any other solutions that were at least considered.	The proposed parking at Justice Park presents the best option based on the circumstances that are currently present.
20:31:57 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : 1. Has the Park Authority Board been informed of the situation? 2. Have they given any direction to the staff? 3. Can parking be built under tennis courts (like new set per master plan) or the school baseball field? There seems to be a significant grade (hill) whereby parking could be put under baseball field. (LEED Reduced Parking Footprint; Heat Island Reduction; Open Space, etc.)	PAB has been briefed in Closed Session and have directed staff to work with FCPS to evaluate plans and impacts to the park. A proposal to locate parking under the tennis courts has not been evaluated.
Sustainability Planning	
20:02:19 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : More surface parking lots and parking lots in the park, taking over 10% of the park, land with over a \$1 million/acre comparative value, an open 1+ acre field used for soccer, cricket, frisbee, dogs play, kite flying, egg hunts, etc. - do not seem to align with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification program and Fairfax County sustainable development as adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Parking in the park contradicts with 19 LEED 4.1 criteria! Taking park land for FAR seems wrong.	Transferring the required FAR in order for the Justice High School 3 story addition to be built, does not mean that Justice Park is losing its green space.
20:02:33 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Parking lots in the park for non-park use and the taking of park land for a non-park use does not seem to align with the Park Authority policy statements in its Manual, such as 108 "Sustainable Management" 201 "Natural Resources" or 303 "Park Development" nor the Park Authority Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2023 master plan goals and strategic objectives; nor its mission and vision in its "Great Parks, Great Communities."	A parking lot would serve park visitors who cannot walk to the park and be considered a park use. Natural Resources Policy and sustainability are considered in all agency projects and processes including land acquisition, park planning, development, management, and maintenance. As much as feasible, site selection for park development projections aims to minimize impacts to natural resources and mitigate for those impact when they cannot be avoided. When siting parking lots and other impervious surfaces in parks, designers look for opportunities to avoid impacts to forested and undeveloped areas on FCPA property.
20:02:53 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Fairfax County Public Schools mission is it inspires and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead healthy, ethical lives, and be responsible and innovative global citizens. Is taking open space park land used for recreation promoting healthy lives? Especially given all the LEED conflicts - Parking in the park contradicts with 19 LEED 4.1 criteria! Is taking open space park land for a non-park use showing an example Lead ethical lives? Is taking park land for a non-park innovative responsible global citizens? Shouldn't FCPS be teaching and living the state mandated comprehensive planning process and goals?	The building will not be a LEED certified building. Currently, all FCPS projects are designed to meet CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) design standards.
20:13:36 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Isn't taking 2.1 acres for parking like taking land for building development and contrary to FAR? LEED says things like "Reduced Parking Footprint - To minimize the environmental harms associated with parking facilities, including automobile dependence, land consumption, and rainwater runoff." "Open Space - To create exterior open space that encourages interaction with the environment, social interaction, passive recreation, and physical activities" / Heat Island Reduction.	The building will not be a LEED certified building. Currently, all FCPS projects are designed to meet CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) design standards.
20:14:05 From Elisabeth to Everyone : Agree with Mark. Are you designing to LEED?	The building will not be a LEED certified building. Currently, all FCPS projects are designed to meet CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) design standards.
20:13:51 From Elisabeth to Everyone : How does this project, both the school addition and the changes to the park, address a commitment to reduce the effects of climate change?	The fact that the proposed addition is a 3 story addition limits the carbon footprint.
20:33:35 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Do you have a current LEED assessment for the addition? Can we see it? (By the way, LEED was first raised at a community meeting at the park by an attendee, so we are learning a lot fast)	The building will not be a LEED certified building. Currently, all FCPS projects are designed to meet CHPS (Collaborative for High Performance Schools) design standards. The certification will not be available until the job is completed.
20:38:26 From Anne Cullather to Everyone : Should we not be holding our schools to a higher standard in being a leader in teaching the next generation about the best ways to address the global warming crisis? We need them to teach through their actions and being a leader in innovation.	The proposed 3 story addition is designed to meet CHPS standards and incorporates sustainable design such as solar hot water, etc.
20:47:31 From Ann Bennett to Everyone : I would like the commend the schools for putting solar on the addition. Will the building be net-zero?	The building will not be a net zero building. The addition will be designed to meet CHPS design standards.
Stormwater Management Questions	
19:43:41 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : It says swin?	SWM is an abbreviation for stormwater management
19:44:13 From Jarrett Harino to Everyone : "SWM" acronym for storm water mgmt	SWM is an abbreviation for stormwater management
19:44:14 From Kathleen to Everyone : Debbie that's Storm Water System abbreviated	SWM is an abbreviation for stormwater management
19:44:24 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : got it. Thanks	SWM is an abbreviation for stormwater management
19:44:36 From Guy Mayer to Everyone : SWM Storm Water Management	SWM is an abbreviation for stormwater management
19:49:49 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Does the underground storm water detention improve the quality of the runoff into Lake Barcroft? Is it most efficiently located as opposed to closer to the out fall points?	LIVE ANSWER PB (Landscape) - so the proposed stormwater management systems that we are proposing with both the school and the park are going to be by nature or improve the water quality leaving the site. It's most efficiently located. what we try to do is we try to capture the most impervious surface on both the school and the park so it's strategically located close to the outfall so that we can pick up that area because we don't want to have multiple systems. If we push them further away from the outfall would require more actually more systems to pick up the same amount of water. Follow up Question from John McGranahan- Is it the case I think that it is that currently the tennis courts and the impervious surfaces in the park that there really is no detention for water quality or quantity purposes it's all sheet runoff now? A-Paul: correct it was developed at a time for either the regulations were not in place or for some reason it was not required but based on our records research and field observations there are no stormwater management systems in place for that so that water freely runs off and so our new systems are designed or to handle all the stormwater management runoff from the existing tennis courts and the proposed ball fields and the proposed parking.
19:55:39 From Elisabeth to Everyone : Does this proposal include green infrastructure for SWM?	The current design has explored SWM options and the proposed design provides the most efficient design to meet SWM requirements, including best management practices (BMPs). We are also evaluating pervious pavement.
20:01:54 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Storm water quality will be improved, but not by that much and will be worse than open space	The proposed SWM exceeds the county requirements.
20:06:23 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : Will not the storm water runoff even with the underground detention will be polluting as it drains into the lake?	The proposed underground detention is designed to provide water quality control by filtering storm water runoff collected from the proposed parking lot before out falling into the lake.
20:57:48 From Nazir Bhagat to Everyone : The Chesapeake Bay conservation begins with Holmes Run going into Lake Barcroft, whose quality is impacted.	The proposed SWM system will improve the existing storm water management system which is nonexistent at this time.
Justice Park Proposed Amenities and Uses	
19:50:40 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : How about put in a sports field in justice park	LIVE ANSWER: A- Stephanie Leedham we'll take that comment. I think it's an interesting one to have as community input as we continue to negotiate and have discussion with schools thank you.
19:52:33 From Liz Murphy to Everyone : What if any are the existing public restrooms in the Park?	LIVE ANSWER: Answer-Stephanie- there is a porta potty right by the softball field
19:52:56 From Beth McMartin to Everyone : Has there been any discussion of accommodation of the marching band? The marching band uses the back parking lot to practice on most days during the fall. (The football field is usually in use by the football team.) Is the field area of the park big enough to put (non-toxic) football field lines on? Is this potentially an area the band could practice on?	LIVE ANSWER: A- Gavin- First of all thank you for that question because yes it has been considered has been looked at it is always an especially on a site like this being as constrained as it is was a consideration so to answer your question there yes there is opportunity there across in the park potentially that space there can fit so there are opportunities to practice potentially across in the park. bottom line there has to be coordination with the school and who's using that field.
19:53:30 From HP ProBook to Everyone : Do you know that the measurements of the new basketball court is 84 feet field lengthwise and 58 feet across. That takes almost all of the multi-use field.	A-Gavin: The intended court will be high school size 84 by 50 with any approximate sidelines typically five feet on either side at least. The design of that court still being finalized. To the question about the fence, there's no fence currently planned. The intent is to be open and accessible to all as it currently is right now. As far as its location like I mentioned before that location is being finalized it can be side a little bit more to the west we're trying to maximize again the green space in the field areas there so it can be rotated even 90 degrees so we're finalizing that design. I appreciate that comment because we were thinking about that as well how do we maximize that green space working again with the existing topography as well because it may for example the basketball court may move to the other side of the park it's highly flexible in that respect.
19:53:36 From Sam Belmar to Everyone : Would there be a fence around the new basketball court? I notice that it's right up against one of the new parking areas (lot 4).	The option of adding a fence will be explored.
20:17:11 From Nancy Fitz to Everyone : This is more of a comment. I'm concerned about the loss of open green space in the park. I walk by there regularly on weekends and there usually are kids playing in that space. If the basketball court stays the same size, it will take up more of the green space than shown on the slides. That is one of the few - and potentially only - open green spaces in that area. Losing that open green space does not seem like a park improvement to me. Can you expand a bit more about the basketball court its location? Are you planning to remove some of the woods before locating the basketball court?	Basketball court location is still being finalized.
20:12:38 From Gil Brown to Everyone : A major impact of the addition of the parking surface in the park is the proposed replacement of the basketball court in the open area. Was any consideration given to having the third tennis court also serve as a place to play basketball?	The combination of a tennis court and basketball court is not feasible.
20:28:51 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : FYI I do appreciate that the community would get a trail (hopefully porous) that would create connectivity for criss-crossing both sides of the park. Currently the eastern and western halves of the park are divorced, and most people do not realize there is a trailhead on Beachway drive. that is the kind of longterm good thinking that neighborhood parks need to be like	The proposed Justice Park design shows a trail as one of the improvements to the park.
20:30:04 From Gil Brown to Everyone : The basketball court is for pickup ball. It does NOT have to be the actual size of an indoor arena. this is why a dual use tennis/basketball/ court might make sense.	The combination of a tennis court and basketball court is not feasible.
20:37:52 From Tom Martin to Everyone : There are no areas for informal soccer, football, frisbee in the neighborhood other than the area you want to take for the parking and basketball court.	The proposed design is not final.
20:40:25 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : Flatter 1+ acre open play area used for soccer, frisbee, cricket, dog play, kite flying, egg hunts, etc. goes away. The area has recreational, environmental, and even cultural significance.	The proposed design is not final.
20:42:54 From Mark Doehner to Everyone : The existing basketball court was renovated recently - new surface and backboards. I asked some kids and they said they liked it.	The proposed design is not final.
20:56:38 From Steve Brautt to Everyone : Do you realize that the moved basketball court will effectively take away the ability of those who play soccer there now to have a place to play?	The proposed parking at Justice Park accounts for adequate green space for recreational soccer use.

<p>20:56:56 From Kim Lanoue to Everyone :</p> <p>1. Open green space is an equity issue. While not ideal, if it turns out that our only option is the parking lot in the park, then we need to leverage other improvements via this vehicle. I.e.</p> <p>a. Could some of the treed acreage be instead used to increase the open space?</p> <p>b. Could we get lighting for the courts; use a sport court instead of asphalt; having VHSU-approved hoops (currently they are not, they are triple rimmed)?</p> <p>2. For what reasons could we not use/purchase the land behind the stadium/school/current back lot?</p> <p>3. Are the plans for trails/paths, invasive species removal, and outdoor classroom actually approved/funded (as opposed to proposed/intended)? If funded, by whom? Will the Parks fund and maintain of the trails/paths and outdoor classroom area?</p> <p>4. Is there a plan/consideration for a sidewalk on the school-side of Peace Valley Lane?</p> <p>5. Could more funding/new bond be requested for a revised or additional plan? If so, what is the process/timeline?</p>	<p>1. The proposed parking at Justice Park has several improvements such as trails, sidewalks, amphitheater upgrades, etc. a. The design concept minimizes the removal of existing trees. b. The current proposal includes lighting for the parking lot. 2. The land is private property. 3. Funding has not yet been determined. 4. Sidewalks are being provided on both sides of Peace Valley Lane. 5. Justice High School capacity enhancement has been funded in the 2019 bond. Maintenance of all park improvements is still an ongoing discussion.</p>
<p>21:01:36 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : Moving the basketball takes away a big piece of the open field that people use for soccer all the time. Why would we not keep the basketball court where it is and put in an official soccer field.</p>	<p>Existing topography would require significant regrading of the site for a soccer field. The available space limits the size of a soccer field to a youth size field.</p>
<p>21:19:29 From Jarrett Haring to Everyone : If it came down to relocating a new basketball court, could a multipurpose Sport Court type of unit be considered to encourage and accommodate other sporting activities?</p>	<p>The proposed design is not final.</p>
<p>Justice Park Forest Cover Questions and Comments</p>	
<p>19:54:54 From Claire Ehmann to Everyone : How many mature trees will you chop down for the project?</p>	<p>LIVE ANSWER A-Gavin- right now again we're working with urban forestry meeting all the criteria of urban forestry we're doing the analysis to that relative to the impact on the tree cover</p>
<p>19:57:59 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : I am great with redevelopment of existing hardscape such as basketball court to add underground SWM holding tank, etc. But this is more like 'new' development by taking away green space that is shady and mature trees that cannot be easily replaced because saplings don't have the same value (shade, carbon sequestration, etc.) for years. paving the area in front of the tennis courts and moving blacktop to the unstructured play area is creating quite a heat island.</p>	<p>The proposed plan is designed to comply with all applicable standards for site plan approval which will be reviewed and approved by Fairfax County in its regulatory capacity.</p>
<p>Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)</p>	
<p>19:51:23 From Mark Doehmert to Everyone : Mr. McGranahan, since you are an attorney, can you tell us in your legal opinion about (1) if/how the due process of law rights of depriving life, liberty and property under the Virginia and US Constitutions apply (2) whether any of the exemptions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act apply?</p>	<p>A: John- I can say this this evening that you know we're here for this community meeting to get input into the planning and the approval process. the school is a permitted use. the park is a permitted park. there are processes for reviewing changes to those but there's a not a lot of discretion in terms of what can and can't be approved but the point is we're here to listen and figure out how to reach a solution that accommodates the needs of the park and of the school at the same time and respects the environment as well. so this this is part of the due process. The second question was whether there are any exemptions to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act? No, were complying with and we have to comply with the Virginia freedom of information act so as we've said materials are being posted on the website this is being recorded I should have stated that from the very beginning because I was candidly sweating a lot to try to get our interpretation languages set up and I just I just didn't think about it until the question came up so I appreciate the question but it's being recorded it will be made available we're being as transparent as we can possibly be and will continue to do so.</p>
<p>20:37:52 From Mark Doehmert to Everyone : What is the Park Authority staff understanding of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and exemptions applicable to this effort? An Annandale Blog article implies Park Authority thinks there is a lot that is exempt, but as we have read VFOIA and some VA supreme court cases, we are confused how any exemptions can apply.</p>	<p>See link to Act: https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopulnames/virginia-freedom-of-information-act/</p>
<p>Comment/Question (Community): I did have a couple questions since we've had difficulty with the park authority and the freedom of information act getting information and they had made a statement blog email that they felt their exemptions applied I asked that question and I also asked a question about how much the park authority board has been informed about this and if they've given any direction to staff where all that works</p>	<p>A: Sara - I can't comment I don't know the specific specifics on your freedom of information act submission and the park authority board has been informed of all the developments that are occurring with our discussions with the schools Follow-up (Community): Have they provided any direction to the staff or have they just been informed A: Sara - so with any land transaction just like any business those conversations happen in closed session because we don't want to impact our negotiation ability so I can't comment on what those discussions Follow-up (Community): Mr. McGranahan as a lawyer if you could comment about that when you have two government entities that by the Virginia constitution bill of rights both answer to the citizens you know the people the magistrates how in the world now if it was a private public thing or if they were doing it for private land then I could understand it but when you've got two public entities and then there is there any planned actual sale of parkland to the school these are questions again and we've read the act and I'm just really surprised about what the act says about openness and what the park authority staff seems to be understanding A: John-yeah I can't speak to the specific ask that was made under foia and the response by the park authority and don't represent them but also I'm not familiar with the details of that what I what I am confident saying though is that you are correct the every the park authority and the school board are both public bodies they're both subject to foia freedom of information act and there are exemptions in the freedom of information act for certain limited things and the planning process and what is being done at justice high school and at justice park is not something that can be done outside of the freedom of information act and I don't think anybody on the park authority side or on the school board side would suggest that Follow-up Comment (Community): the government accounting standards board that provides the accounting standards for state and local governments and is used by both the park authority in the school says in its concepts that government accountability is based on the belief that the citizenry has a right to know that in quotes a right to receive openly declared facts that may lead to public debate by the citizens and their elected representatives A: John - and that it's one of the reasons why we're this evening with you all remotely and virtually but to get that input to show what's being proposed and it and it is being proposed it's not approved at this point and this we're getting that that input so</p>
<p>Recording of Meeting and Questions</p>	
<p>19:17:12 From Jenna White to Everyone : is this meeting being recorded for those who aren't able to attend live?</p>	<p>A-Jessica: sure so we'll definitely post this recording which will include the chat and then we can post the chat on the website but separately we will go through and we will pull out the questions that either we have responded to tonight and or need to have a response so we won't ask someone to you know search through this chat to find the questions that they're looking for we typically group them by theme so if there's a basketball question we'll loop all the basketball court questions together all the stormwater questions together so you can easily find the questions and responses that you're looking for</p>
<p>19:17:30 From Justin Teitelman to Everyone : ^ yes, I'm wondering that as well</p>	<p>The recording is available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>19:18:59 From Kay Cooper to Everyone : Yes, this needs to be recorded due to these problems with the logistics.</p>	<p>The meeting was recorded.</p>
<p>20:00:39 From Cindy Speas to Everyone : Please make sure the chat is saved and shared as part of the recording as a record of community comments. Thank you.</p>	<p>The chat is available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>19:18:38 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : it's 7:17 and the meeting has not started. I hope it's intended that the time will be extended.</p>	<p>All additional questions can be sent to the point of contacts which can be found at: The chat is available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>20:14:42 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : Will the comments in the chat box be preserved - that would be helpful</p>	<p>The chat is available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>20:15:37 From Cindy Speas to Everyone : Will the chat be saved? This has been asked twice. That way ALL questions can be answered. Thanks</p>	<p>The chat is available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>20:25:51 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : Please indicate how all the comments of this meeting will be retained.</p>	<p>Jessica: We are committed to responding to questions in writing on our on our website that we've posted we'll put those questions and our responses on there I want to make sure that we get to all of those and if we don't get to them tonight you know just being mindful of the time I would like to make sure that you're reassured that we will be responding and looking into the comments and questions that you're that you're posing this evening Q-Follow-up-Community-so will you be responding to those questions prior to taking any action that will lock in what you already seem to be determined to do A-Jessica: so I don't think that we're determined to do anything at this point except to get community input we have proposed this is all proposed right so we have to come up with something in order to move forward so this is a typical process where we're giving the community something to comment on</p>
<p>20:56:27 From Tom Martin to Everyone : will you share the presentation with all of us?</p>	<p>A: Jessica- yeah that will so yeah we will post those to that website that same website so you're not hunting all over we're going to keep everything right there and so we will post this presentation we will post the chat and the recording of tonight's meeting and that's also where we will put the questions and our responses that we talked about tonight and then also any that we didn't get to and maybe we have missed some because it was kind of difficult to you know filter through the chat and again we'll have those organized by subject right so themed as I mentioned earlier so if it's about you know parking or structural stormwater those type of things we'll try to group those right questions together so that you can easily find the question and response you're looking for</p>
<p>21:10:29 From Beth McMartin to Everyone : Please list again in these comments the link where we can see the documents that have been presented tonight. thanks</p>	<p>https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>21:11:13 From Kathleen Thomas to Everyone : https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>	<p>Point of Contacts for both FCPA and FCPS are available at the website.</p>
<p>21:25:41 From Kim Lanoue to Everyone : Could you all post the responses to questions/info requests on your website? This way there is more info disseminated prior to the June meeting.</p>	<p>Questions, answers and comments are available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>21:26:27 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : When might you have all those questions/comments answered and on the website?</p>	<p>Questions, answers and comments are available at: https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388</p>
<p>19:19:43 From John McGranahan to Everyone : The meeting is being recorded.</p>	<p>Meeting was recorded and chat saved.</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	
<p>Q-Community when will the next public meeting be held</p>	<p>A: Jessica- so the next public meeting we've been discussing with parks sometime in June so we have a lot to work through but we were looking at our board calendars in order to meet that September deadline which we might have to go back and look to adjust that's you know a bigger decision that</p>
<p>Q (Community): what are the next steps what are you going to be doing next what is this you know are you guys going to propose something different some alternatives</p>	<p>A: Jessica- so yeah I don't really exactly know exactly like what we're going to do next I think we need to revisit where we are right now with this community input we did have you know as Stephanie and I both mentioned that that we had a proposed meeting scheduled for June meeting was proposed if we were going to be able to like come to some conclusions but it sounds like with the feedback that we</p>
<p>General Presentation Comments</p>	
<p>19:04:37 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : Wow! 88 people!</p>	
<p>19:08:14 From Barbara Burgess to Everyone : Thank you for offering translation services for tonight's presentation.</p>	
<p>19:12:56 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : Please have the meeting extended at least 10-15 minutes to account for this late start of the agenda.</p>	
<p>19:14:24 From zena to Everyone : should we interpret that we are still in process</p>	
<p>19:16:14 From zena to Everyone : I'm in the Arabic</p>	
<p>19:09:41 From Becky to Everyone : Please check to turn off your mics</p>	
<p>18:31:09 From Nancy Fitez to Everyone : Can the host please mute these people?</p>	

19:31:18 From Jarrett Haring to Everyone : Why doesn't the host automatically mute everyone?
19:48:29 From Larry Goller to Everyone : Can't the host mute everyone please?
20:12:02 From Rodney North to Everyone : By the way, so far, this seems to be a unilingual conversation. What concerns are being aired in the other language rooms?
21:12:16 From Rodney North to Everyone : Are John McGranahan & other officials getting real-time translations to the Spanish and Arabic conversations/questions?
20:20:11:20 From Jarrett Haring to Everyone : What is John and his firm
20:12:17 From Kathleen to Everyone : John McGranahan is with Hinton, Andrews and Kurtz
21:07:12 From Todd Shelton to Everyone : I appreciate the efforts of all our Fairfax County public servants who participated on tonight's call. It was regrettable that Chair Anderson was unable to join, particularly since she is the Mason District representative on the school board. A missed opportunity for her constituents and for her. I urge her to arrange another opportunity for direct consultation and feedback at her earliest convenience. Thanks.
21:14:19 From Cristy Coffey to Everyone : Chair Anderson regrets not being able to present tonight. As the Chair of the School Board, she holds the responsibility of running the Board's official business. This meeting unfortunately conflicted with a scheduled regular Board Business Meeting tonight. I have been present this evening in her place and will provide her with notes on the matters discussed.
21:09:22 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : This has been a good meeting and extending the time so much is greatly appreciated.
21:11:33 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : I sit appropriate to have a decision when the next meeting is scheduled in June?
21:13:16 From Kathleen Thomas to Everyone : The meeting materials and answers to the questions will be posted to that site in the coming days at the link https://www.fcps.edu/node/43388
21:14:12 From Tom Martin to Everyone : Good the hear that you are willing to be flexible on the timing to make the best decision. Love the "pivot" you are considering.
21:14:19 From Cristy Coffey to Everyone : Chair Anderson regrets not being able to present tonight. As the Chair of the School Board, she holds the responsibility of running the Board's official business. This meeting unfortunately conflicted with a scheduled regular Board Business Meeting tonight. I have been present this evening in her place and will provide her with notes on the matters discussed.
21:26:11 From Theresa Schwerin to Everyone : Yes, we all want great schools and great parks.
Justice Park General Comments
19:53:38 From Steve Brault to Everyone : This is the first incursion into the park. The park already had less acres than required for the 1/2 mile radius of our neighborhood. Your plan takes more away from the park that is already under spec.
19:59:57 From Galaxv Note9 to Everyone : the park is a community park and does not need parking.
20:07:02 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : Re parking: On Apr 25 there was an open house at the park that drew 70 people who live in the area. some walked, others drove, and there was no shortage of street parking. The parking that you are recommending is only helping the school. For years, I spent lots of weekends doing Little league at the park. There is not a parking problem for park users as long as there is a school across the street. If you do put a parking lot inside the park, park users will not be able to use it when students are in school and using that lot, so that's not really a benefit for park users. After school and on weekends, park users don't need the proposed new lot because they can use street. If you reduce the limited greenspace then you are making the park less attractive and useful; the open area is very awkwardly shaped as is, and will be even more strangely configured if there is a new basketball court there. Hemmed in on three sides, slight grade. This is a loss to the kids/adults who play soccer, frisbee. nothing nearby.
20:07:17 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : The Park Authority is not serving as stewards of the land - who in this current time, where we know environmental cost of impermeable surface, has a quid pro quo to put in two acres of hard surface and increase the carbon footprint. FCPS needs to get the architects to make a better plan and we teach our elementary school children about saving the planet and this is the wrong message. The Park needs to focus on the invasive and the park improvements, not making a deal with FCPS.
20:09:02 From HP ProBook to Everyone : Now is the time to be innovative and with capacity of the school growing do a parking garage structure now and not when the school is overcapacity when the addition is completed in 2023.
20:10:47 From Kathleen to Everyone : We want a community committee of our choosing -- not Penny Gross' to attend every meeting about parking plans between FCPS and FCPA from May 6 on! We Justice Park Advocates have a 7 page timeline of tireless approaches in writing, FOIA's, emails, phone calls and a Change.org petition and community gathering in the Park April 25 - yet still all your meetings making these plans have no community participation.
20:25:12 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : There would not be such a tight time frame if you had previously properly informed the community, planned better for the parking, and not decided to use a park for car parking.
20:35:06 From Tom Martin to Everyone : We use the park every day and are very opposed to this proposal. Further urbanizing the park will hurt our neighborhood and property values.
20:35:26 From Tom Martin to Everyone : Who has the authority to kill this project.
20:36:17 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : There seems to be no prioritizing of what the community as a whole wants the park to be, given the goals of equity, livable/walkable etc.
20:39:05 From Barbara Burgess to Everyone : This is one of the wealthiest and smartest communities in the state - what can we bring for creative, additional resources to this project?
20:40:31 From Mark Doehmert to Everyone : Merriam Webster defines "park" -- and the commonwealth defines "park" to mean "public parks and recreation areas as the terms are generally used." 1a: an enclosed piece of ground stocked with game and held by royal prescription or grant b : a tract of land that often includes lawns, woodland, and pasture attached to a country house and is used as a game preserve and for recreation 2a : a piece of ground in or near a city or town kept for ornament and recreation b : an area maintained in its natural state as a public property
20:41:18 From Mark Doehmert to Everyone : "Park Authorities Act" where the term "Park" "means public parks and recreation areas as the terms are generally used" and whereby also (Virginia Code § 15.2-5702) a locality (e.g., Fairfax County) may by ordinance or resolution create and incorporate a park authority and each ordinance or resolution must include articles of incorporation setting forth "the purpose or purposes for which the authority is created."
The Fairfax County Park Authority was created by action of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, at its meeting on December 6, 1950, by Resolution, with purposes: (1) To examine into the need for park facilities and the availability of desirable park sites in the County of Fairfax. (2) To acquire, maintain and operate parks and park facilities in the County of Fairfax. (3) To arrange for the maintenance and operation of parks and park facilities in the County of Fairfax by the State of V, the United States Government or any park Authority or park Commission with which it may agree."
20:41:19 From Mark Hurlley to Everyone : The school and park authority are already agreed to do this. It will be an uphill battle.
20:45:05 From Theresa Schwerin to Everyone : This is the only park within walking distance for hundreds of families and households
20:46:07 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : Yes Theresa - we also said this is the only park for an already marginalized and underserved community with little access to green space.
20:48:02 From Tom Martin to Everyone : we will rip up a perfectly good basketball court -- so the benefit is we will build you a new one. we will rip our mature trees -- so we will plant saplings. we will create more impervious space -- now we will improve stormwater management. we will disturb the soils and make invasive more prevalent -- so we will take our invasive.
20:50:31 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : John McGranahan - I feel as if you actually just heard the community- yes, your understanding is correct. In this day and age, we do not want to add impermeable surface to green space. There must be a better way. Arlington has done it over and over. Multiple other school districts have done it. We're over and done with paving paradise.
20:52:49 From Becky Cranna to Everyone : That was an excellent, creative idea, to collaborate with another community focused organization (a church) use an existing parking lot for satellite parking, for the students (not the staff). That would be environmentally beneficial in so many ways, and likely also cost significantly less than the cost of doing construction in the park.
20:52:54 From Jeff Moeller to Everyone : We need a creative solution that will protect the park and green space, not increase impervious cover, and not create increase stormwater runoff and pollution into the surrounding streams and lakes.
20:53:19 From Todd Shelton to Everyone : This is more than just about parking and runoff. This is about the very limited space we have for our children to safely learn to bike, roller skate, run and play, holiday events, and learn about caring for nature. Cars, traffic, and pavement are inimical to those necessary attributes to a healthy functioning neighborhood.
20:58:27 From Rodney North to Everyone : It is notable - and critical - that essentially NO ONE from the community is advocating FOR the idea of using park land for parking, even tho' theoretically, that parking would be for staff and students (who live here, too).
20:58:38 From Larry Goller to Everyone : This is from Carole Bausall: Have you looked at the fact that those who live in low-income housing rely on precious green space in their community being protected? This is commonly known as environmental justice.
21:03:31 From Priya Lodico to Everyone : This exchange via the Zoom chat function is not a sufficient substitute for a sincere consultative process that would afford community and citizen buy in and a better outcome. Aligning myself with the comments of the current caller. Carol, please elaborate, especially on terms of how this is a policy issue. Thank you. I appreciate it.
21:18:44 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : Thank you for taking all the zillion questions. It really feels constructive. NO ONE wants to delay the addition, given its importance. At same time, parkland - once given away - is gone for good. So a new, less intrusive solution can turn into a real opportunity.
21:19:53 From Theresa Schwerin to Everyone : Thank you for being flexible and taking these comments seriously.
21:20:38 From Mark Doehmert to Everyone : Correct - at three prior meetings, no one was opposed to the addition, no one wants delay, but no one wants park land taken for non park use.
21:24:00 From Debbie Rosse to Everyone : Thank you all for being here. We hope to have a different plan in June!

20:17:27 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : 1.1 acres is too much to pave in 2021 - in a park. That's a small park and the only one close to an already underserved and marginalized community - this is not acceptable.	
20:27:34 From Lydia Lawrence to Everyone : We cannot develop and add improvements in a silo if we are to holistically meet OneFairfax policy goals of creating equitable living spaces for everyone. This includes green spaces. This community has far fewer natural spaces in proportion to its population. Documents from the county already recognize this. We cannot afford to remove more natural spaces for impervious surface. Stormwater runoff will only increase with time as precipitation increases.	
20:28:42 From Todd Shelton to Everyone - The residents of this community, FC taxpayers, should not be put in this	
20:40:26 From Priya Lodico to Everyone : I am concerned how political issues have supplanted basic environmental concerns of our area.	
20:00:35 From HP ProBook to Everyone : It is clear that the FCPS Facilities has not done all the research on parking utilization needed. In fact parking was not thought of in the bond funding requested.	
19:56:18 From Melanie Brookes-Weiss to Everyone : However, the voters did not vote for their funds to add impermeable surface to a nature park area!	
19:50:01 From Mark Hurley to Everyone : The parking is a waste of money. Less cars more public and park on the street.	
Community: all right this is christopher bell that was my comment and the master plan amendment calls for park specific parking and so that was what is in the master plan amendment 2009 so I would want the park authority consider the master plan in any agreement that they may come up with fcpa thank you	
Follow-up - Penny: John I'm sorry this is this is penny gross if I could just add to that remind everybody that there is shared parking at oasian hall park that's shared with annandale high school and there are signs posted for where the student where the school parking can be and what is reserved for the park during at all times so it has worked at other parks adjacent to high schools in mason district	
Comment-Community: could I could I make a comment here I live over in ravenwood but apparently the ravenwood park community	
Follow-up Comment-Community: I agree with the speaker who just spoke please give us feedback mechanism throughout the process	
Follow-up Comment-Community: okay and I gotta say basically you create all these impacts and they say oh no the benefit is we're gonna fix the impacts we created	
Follow-up Comment-Community: this is Barbara wolf and I'm president of the Ravenwood park citizens association and all of these	
Comment-Community: also can I make a suggestion for parking there is the church on route 7 Christian church that is right off of the end of peace valley lane it has hundreds of parking spaces that are empty during the day it's about two or three minute walk down peace valley to the school the school of the county can make an agreement with the church to use you know 65 spaces during the day and that's it and the students walk to the school please look at that because it is a solution that you don't have to create a whole mess of problems by tearing up the park	
Comment/Question (Community): the root cause of this problem is that this district has not seen any improvement in transportation walkability bike ability in however many decades while other districts have so I can kind of see that the students have to have a car to get to the school the brt the bus rapid transit that's planned to add transplantation to the route 7 that's still another decade off so that's not really an option which would also increase the walkability if you actually try to walk down route 7 to justice high school you have to jump between the sides because there's no consistent sidewalk on one side and you have to go across grass and sometimes across the road so I think that's a failure that's gonna even have more impact as we're getting more high density when all the skyline buildings are converted into condos and apartments my question is if there's a loss of green space does the park authority plan to replace that by buying parcels on by increasing some of the neighboring parks	
Comment (Community): I'd like to make a short comment I'm a justice parent my daughter just graduated from there my son will be going there in a couple of years and I live on peace valley lane so I like justice but I like our park and I'm not the only one in our community that feels that way but I think you need to look seriously at the comments about social equity that the place where you would move your basketball court is the place where they play soccer okay	
21:17:25 From Todd Shelton to Everyone : I heard that Cristy, thanks. But since she is the Chair of the School Board, and perhaps with your help, hopefully she will have the latitude to avoid such conflicts in the future.	
21:18:19 From Marie to Everyone : we already took a soccer field away to build the rite aid a few years back	
21:27:43 From Whitney Redding to Everyone : Thank you.	
21:28:15 From Theresa Schwerin to Everyone : Thank you	
21:28:33 From elisabeth to Everyone : Thank you, everyone!	
21:29:06 From Kathleen to Everyone : Thanks John! This was a good airing of thoughts and alternative ideas.	