

Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association's Position on Uses of The Buck Property



BVSCA Service Boundaries



More about BVSCA

8861 households (drawn from 2010 U.S. Census data)

Diverse in housing and population

We listen to and advocate for our residents as well as for
our larger community



BVSCA is VERY concerned about the speed of this JFAC process and short timeframe within which you have been asked to create important recommendations that will have a major impact on our and other neighborhoods.



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BVSCA Supports the Ballston-Virginia Square Neighborhood Conservation Plan

Specifically as it applies to the Buck site:



"The remnant of M-1 zoning adjacent to I-66 between Quincy and Monroe is a relic of the railroad which formerly occupied the I-66 right-of-way. Industrial use is totally inappropriate for the present and future residential character of the area. Among other problems, such use causes the bus and truck traffic problems described below. The existing General Land Use Plan designation of "Low Residential" for this area should be retained, although low density office is acceptable."



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BVSCA Supports Quincy Park North's area survey re: usage of Buck site



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BVSCA supports their views re: SHORT-TERM uses of the Buck site

Save money by re-purposing the buildings already on this site for office-related county needs such as Office of Emergency Management emergency operations center; police mobile equipment; fire logistics

Temporary elementary school solutions (safety is a concern)

Parks, recreational facilities

Need to confirm the above uses are appropriate for nearby residential neighborhood (noise, loading/delivery times, etc.)

"Short Term" needs to be precisely defined in your recommendations

BVSCA encourages JFAC to ask more questions and get more information



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BVSCA supports their views re: LONG-TERM uses of the Buck site

Community-focused uses for county needs such as:

community/senior center

multi-sport recreation center

parks/green space

community garden

athletic field (lighting would be a concern for BVSCA)

elementary school (safety would be a concern for BVSCA)



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BVSCA Opposes the Land Swap

Buck site is too valuable to swap for land which is less valuable

For the \$30 million cost, the County should maintain full control of the land

Swapping MAY be a short-term 'fix'...but NOT a long-term plan



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BVSCA Opposes Opening/Extending Streets in Quincy Park North to Increase Access to Buck Site

Per the Ballston-Virginia Square Neighborhood Conservation Plan:

"...Primarily, residential streets north of Washington Boulevard must be maintained as residential streets, and commuter traffic on these streets must be controlled. In particular, traffic on LYN Street north of Washington Boulevard, on Stafford and Stuart Streets in the vicinity of the high school, and on Lincoln, Nelson, 13th and 14th Streets east of Quincy should be controlled by measures such as restricted turns and between placement of stop signs. The purpose of Traffic Recommendations numbers 4 and 5 would be to make 13th and 14th Streets between Quincy Street and Kirkwood Boulevard less attractive as shortcuts and divert current traffic from these two residential streets onto Washington Boulevard, a primary arterial designed to accommodate that commuter traffic."



BVSCA Fears Cut Through Traffic on Our Neighborhood Streets Will Only Continue to Increase



NEW I-66 tolling starts later this year

Major redevelopment of Washington Blvd from Kirkwood Road through N. Lincoln St expected in near future

Ongoing pedestrian safety concerns

BVSCA Needs JFAC to Consider Our Pedestrian Safety Concerns in Your Recommendations

Quincy Park North resident struck by vehicle cutting through the neighborhood on December 16, 2015 at 13th and N. Nelson Streets



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BVSCA is in Favor of Our "Fair Share"* of Additional High School Seats at Washington-Lee High School

BVSCA OPPOSES placing all 1,300 additional high school seats at W-L

*no more than 1/3 of the 1,300 needed seats (the other 2/3rds to Kenmore and Career Center)



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BVSCA Encourages More Time for "Outside of the Box"/ Creative Thinking About Our Future Here

BVSCA favors preserving the Planetarium, and repurposing the Ed Building which could be renovated to house additional student seats

This, with a small addition, are less expensive than new construction and could help foster more repurposing vs. tearing down of Arlington's history

APS staff could relocate to existing building(s) on Buck site or (see below)



BVSCA supports consideration of creating needed/additional land by decking over I-66 in the future. There is however already a deck over I-66 now. We strongly recommend more 'creative thinking' conversations re: what else can be placed/added there.



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Teen Struck By Car in Ballston

By AOL News Team - April 25, 2016 at 7:00 am



17 Photos of an 18-year-old teen who was struck by a car in Ballston around 6:30 Wednesday night.


BVSCA Remains Concerned About Pedestrian Safety Around the High School




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BREAKING: Teen Struck By SUV Near Washington-Lee High School

By AOL News Team - November 8, 2016 at 10:25 am



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BVSCA Urges You to Carefully Consider Pedestrian Safety on N. Quincy St in Your Recommendations for the Buck Site

Pedestrian Struck on Quincy Street Dies

By AOL News Team - April 27, 2016 at 9:56 am



A 15-year-old Arlington resident who was struck by a car on N. Quincy Street near Washington-Lee High School has died, according to police.

Albert John Dowler, an 11-year-old child, was struck by a car on N. Quincy Street near Washington-Lee High School on Monday, April 11, after police say he was walking home from school.

The dog died on the scene. Further medical care to the hospital with critical injuries, including a head injury. She was eventually placed in a multi-day induced coma by doctors and will be today she passed away.

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On behalf of our Ballston-Virginia
Square Civic Association residents,

THANK YOU.

Feel free to contact us:
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Questions?