

FACTS ABOUT JENNIE DEAN PARK
From the Nauck Civic Association

There are a number of rumors circulating regarding Jennie Dean Park and the position of the Nauck Civic Association. We present this fact sheet to set the record straight.

FACT: Arlington public parks are for all to enjoy. The Nauck community has ideas for preferred amenities in Jennie Dean Park, but is going along with the County's expressed preferences so that County-wide needs may be met.

FACT: Jennie Dean Park is located in the Nauck community. Our neighbors to the south in Shirlington face Shirlington Park. This park, already revitalized, will receive another upgrade as part of the Four Mile Run Valley Initiative. Our neighbors to the west in Douglas Park enjoy a variety of amenities in Barcroft, which are currently being upgraded and will be further served by changes proposed in Allie Freed Park.

FACT: The Working Group has not been presented with cost data, despite requests from members of the Working Group and individual County commissions.

FACT: The County has planned for this park to develop in two phases.

FACT: Option 2 keeps all amenities in play at Phase One – two tennis courts, one basketball court, two ball fields, picnic area, playground and open space.

FACT: Option 2 moves the small ball field temporarily to the current site of the larger field. A portion of the outfield will remain in the resource protection area (RPA). A parking lot remains in the RPA in both options. The Shirlington Dog Park remains in the RPA as well.

FACT: The lighting of the current large ballfield is adjacent to trees, which are adjacent to Four Mile Run stream, which is adjacent to Arlington Mill Drive, which is adjacent to a commercial parking lot of Shirlington Village.

FACT: Both options place the playground in an improved, more accessible location.

FACT: Option 1 places a ball field with lights and noise against a residential community where the valley creates a light and echo chamber.

FACT: The Jennie Dean Park Committee report suggests potentially honoring the Nauck community by "incorporating fencing design" specific to our history. Considering the barriers our historically African-American community has faced in Arlington, this suggestion is an affront to Nauck. It reflects a deep insensitivity to our very real history. Nauck does not want the entrance of our park to include fencing or other barriers.

FACT: The Nauck Civic Association is unanimous in its selection of Option 2.