

	Question	Answer
1	Please explain what a Water Bar is.	The Water Bar is a name we gave a small covered area where you can sit at a bar ledge and order food and drink and look out over the park.
2	So about 100 people for the event lawn area?	This area is situated within the existing tree canopy and is intended to allow people to spread out for small events with blankets and movable furniture. 100 people in this space would make it feel full, especially for the types of events that are envisioned for the space.
5	Bikes and scooters compete for space with pedestrians on the sidewalk. Please explain how wide the useable sidewalk space will be and how it will accommodate these competing users, especially with planters and or kiosks planned in that space as well. Thank you.	There is a 10' sidewalk along Crystal Drive adjacent to the kiosks and then an additional 15' of sidewalk inboard to the park that we think will be a welcome relief valve, in addition to the 35' - 40' of space between the kiosks.
6	You show a lot of people with bikes in the renderings. Where do you expect to provide bike parking?	There will be multiple bike facilities both at the trailhead adjacent to the Mt. Vernon Trail as well as multiple locations throughout the park, they just didn't show up in the renderings.
7	What about lighting? Can you show what it will look like?	We have hired a world class lighting designer. Their vision is focused on creating an iconic and recognizable identity while providing a sense of continuity between all park elements. The design will aim to draw pedestrians from Crystal Drive into the park and define zones for lingering and resting. It will comply with low glare unobtrusive lighting solutions and IES illumination levels.
8	how did you think about hardscape in the plaza in front of the fountain vs. soft scape?	As the design evolved this space was considered in many spatial forms and sizes and was reduced to the size in this plan. We believe it is appropriately sized to allow for flexibility and provide better seating opportunities within the landscape areas along the edges of the space as well as for flexible seating within the space (in front of the fountain).
9	Do you expect to protect the bike lane along Crystal Drive to prevent autos stopping in the bike lane?	Arlington County is working on a separate project to redesign Crystal Drive.
10	The design is very creative and should be additive to the community. One concern not just tied to the park but to the many new street features is control of the cars on Crystal Drive.	Arlington County is working on a separate project to redesign Crystal Drive.
11	how did you think about the number of kiosks along crystal drive... is four a good number / too much even with change in direction	We studied food related park spaces in a number of cities. We wanted enough kiosks to make sure they would have success, and a certain collection is needed for people to return regularly, but we also wanted the park to feel open and not crowded. We didn't want to overwhelm the area with too much retail space. Our sf, at just under 6,000 sf, is around the size of two small restaurants or one medium size restaurant. Even though we have created a greater amount of smaller buildings (to provide for a good selection), the production will be the same as one or two restaurants. The collocation of different concepts is also important for the merchandising strategy and really augments our ability to attract new and exciting concepts and businesses.
12	For those who live in the apartments right next door to the park, the events may be too loud. How will this be monitored or controlled? When concerts were held prior, you could hear it clearly from inside the apartment. Fortunately, I enjoyed the concerts in person.	We anticipate that we will establish neighborhood friendly guidelines and will not have overly loud concerts. We will require that our performers agree to these standards.
13	The renderings suggest a pedestrian path down towards the CC Connector trail. This is likely to create conflicts as the sight lines coming out of the tunnel are limited. How can you minimize the risk to folks using the CC Connector?	The proposed plan will add a new, ADA-accessible pedestrian path alongside the Mount Vernon Trail connector. This should reduce conflicts compared with the status quo, where all users share the same path through the park.
14	An example: currently between 21st and 23rd, there is a great deal of double parking, due to take out. With more creative parks and retail, I hope there is a solution that does not create traffic issues that are, at least currently, quite dangerous and uncontrolled. Thanks--from a resident who walks all the time in the area and sees this issue.	There is no parking or double parking allowed because of the BRT lane adjacent to the sidewalk. Unfortunately we cannot provide drop off because of this condition but anticipate drop off across the street near new and improved crosswalks.
15	Will the Water Bar be visible from the promande?	Yes, the Water Bar will be visible from the promenade. Happy to share perspectives if helpful, it is a very unique view.
16	Can this project include an apron from Crystal Drive leading to the CC Connector trail? Currently it uses the residential driveway but this is an opportunity to do it right.	Access will be provided via the existing crosswalk.
17	Will the games be there? Chess and ping pong are good now	Yes, what isn't apparent in the imagery we have today is the additional layer of site furniture which includes movable furniture for patrons to use as well as games etc. (and bikes). Would love your input on what types of games could be a good fit.
18	Can you talk about the interface with the railroad?	There is a setback on the east side of the park property that determines how close structures such as the Water Bar can be to the railroad, although plantings (both existing and proposed) can exist in that setback. In the current proposed design, the railroad will remain mostly screened from the majority of the park with vegetation. However there will be opportunities to catch glimpses of the train from the sidewalk and stairs leading to the top of the water wall.
19	the island today is used for some great season plantings of flowers... is that at all possible in this reimagined park elsewhere?	Yes, we anticipate a mix of permanent and seasonal plantings. These opportunities for seasonal plantings will occur both within the new planting beds as well as free-standing planters placed throughout the park.

20	Final question: Will the park be able to be open during the construction--like next summer?	Unfortunately, the park will not be open during construction for safety reasons.
21	In a number of European cities a central plaza/Piazza serves as a place where people can come, unplanned, and perhaps serendipitously meet people they know. Is there a part of the proposed plan that would serve that purpose?	Absolutely, this is exactly what we envision through the park. Our hope is that people will come here from their offices and from their homes and it will be the central square of the north part of Crystal City.
22	Will concrete work be done on the curb along Crystal Drive? If so, would you consider installing a protected bike lane here? The current bike lane is frequently blocked and doesn't present a welcoming access point for all of the cute kids on bike that want to visit the new splash parks.	The park improvements begin at the back of curb and so do not include the bike or bus lane in the Crystal Drive ROW. However the bike lanes adjacent to the project are currently being studied by Arlington County as part of a potential Crystal Drive redesign, and the park design will coordinate with any changes that may occur.
23	Crystal Drive has considerable amount of traffic, even during Covid, with bus and bike lane on the edge of the park. Absent a traffic pull off how will you address deliveries and trash collection for the kiosks?	Retailers are loaded via the loading area near 1505 Crystal at the north site boundary. JBGS has an agreement to use a portion of the 1505 Crystal Drive service drive as part of the park's loading. Deliveries may be transported from the loading area to retailers via hand truck or utility vehicle. Trash will be collected via golf carts and taken to the facilities across the street at Central District Retail.
24	Thank you for saving as many of the mature trees as possible? Is there a planned remediation for the trees that might be removed because of construction?	Yes, trees will be added to the project to replace the ones removed. Arlington County provides a tree canopy replacement calculation that is part of the design submittal process. The team believes that maintaining and enhancing the tree canopy is an important feature of the redesigned park.
25	People park there now and there is no enforcement. A shuttle bus often parks there now to pick up VRE patrons	Thanks for this feedback. With more activity at the park in the future we expect to be vigilant around mitigating issues like this.
26	Will at least one sidewalk be open at all times on either the west or east side of Crystal Drive so pedestrian traffic can travel north/south during construction?	Yes, one sidewalk on Crystal Drive will be open to allow for pedestrian traffic to travel north / south during construction.
27	Where will this presentation be posted?	This presentation will be posted at www.crystalcityparks.com .
28	Please include options for public input. County meetings and final decision timeline	We are happy to provide a timeline for our Minor Site plan Amendment Application, please see below for current target dates. 12/11/20: Submit Revised MSPA Package 1/23/21: County Board Meeting
29	For your bar area, have you take into consideration the spot from freight trains AND the "aroma" of the infamous garbage train (from NY)? Swimmers in 1805 pool above the tracks have suffered the soot and smells.	The site is next to VA's busiest rail corridor. We believe train spotting is one of the many fun activities (along with plane spotting!) that park users will be able to enjoy from the new park.
30	Your illustration does NOT show 10' sidewalk - or are you counting trees at curb? you show barely wider than a bike, and couple walking in the back takes up most of walk. I walk this walk several times a week to/from Long Bridge Park. you need space for people with baby carriages/strollers, and even BIKES - unless Arl Co. forces bikes off sidewalks. in these covid times, it's hard to dodge oncoming sidewalk traffic the whole length.	We have 10 feet on the east side and 15 feet on the west side and the kiosks are 35-40 feet apart. It will be quite generous and people can choose which path to take based on their mood, linger or go through.
31	how will artificial grass react to dogs droppings. every open space is dog park at some point.	Dog waste stations will be provided in Water Park. The maintenance and operations of the park will also ensure that all waste will be handled. Artificial grass is easier to clean than natural turf (it is often used in dog parks for this reason). Turf systems have underdrains and can be hosed down to remove anything that can't be readily picked up from the surface.