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Mr. Paul Holland, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair
c/o PEG—Diane Probus
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Room 414
Arlington, VA 22201

Mr. Holland:

This is a "letter of intent" from the Arlington Ridge Civic Association (ARCA) to notify you of our intention to submit a proposal for a FY2012 Park Enhancement Grant (PEG).

In October 2009, a neighbor was killed on Ft Scott Drive when the driver of a car engaged in a driving lesson in the Fort Scott Park parking lot, breached the curb, crossed Ft Scott Drive and was finally stopped upon impact with a home. The neighbor was walking his dog on the east sidewalk (across the street from the park) when he was hit. The 5" inch curb provided an ineffective barrier to the car's forward motion due to the geography of the hill at the edge of the parking lot.

We would like to request that safety enhancements (boulders, bollards) be erected on the hill descending the park. These would serve as a barrier for any cars that broach the curb and help to preclude any other tragic accidents. Since our neighbor's death, we have noticed several other incidents that raised safety concerns including "parking lessons" in the parking lot as well as drivers performing car maintenance. While our Second District police unit conducts periodic monitoring of the park, they cannot act as a 24/7 deterrent.

Pedestrian safety is a primary concern in our neighborhood. We believe this project enhances pedestrian well-being in addition to meeting the PEG evaluation criteria of "community health and quality of life". We would appreciate your serious consideration of this issue.

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Respectfully,

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