

Crystal City Citizen Review Council Meeting

On Wednesday, February 15, ARCA, AHCA, and Crystal City representatives on the Council met with Arlington County staff to discuss what community services and amenities would be important to making Crystal City “a complete community.” The sector plan had included a list of such services as a community center, educational facilities, EMS/firestation, childcare facilities, etc. A LEEDS neighborhood development list catalogued additional needs and services: a library, senior care, medical and dental services, and more. The discussion was generally about how to usefully expand or modify the list. For example, members noted that more than one kind of grocery store is desirable—for smaller shopping trips or specialty needs—and ready access to big-box stores, like CostCo, although they are not located in Crystal City, is important to many residents. Additional needs were suggested: hardware, office supply, tool rental, music, books, repairs, and others. Developers expect resident demands to create a market for particular goods and services, but the process of making that happen will need support. There was also discussion about the extent to which residents within the wider 22202 area share services and amenities with Crystal City, and are potential customers for what it may have to offer; it was often noted that needs and expectations will change over time, and that part of the Council’s job is to track how well these needs are met.