

# **AMPUp Advisory Committee**

## **September 25, 2025**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Attendance:** Tristan Roubenoff, Angelique Bradford, David Fatula, Grant Cook, Rebecca Gruber, Lillian Hartman, Cheryl Miller, Arthur Prokosch, Ben Romansky, Claire Ricker

#### **New member Introduction:**

Ms. Ricker introduced Ben Romansky as a new member of the Committee.

#### **Review/Approve minutes:**

The minutes from the August meeting were approved.

#### **Net Zero Action Plan Update:**

Talia Fox, the Town's Sustainability Coordinator, presented the Net Zero Action Plan update project which is running concurrently with the Comprehensive Plan update. Arlington has committed to net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution by 2050. The Town's 2021 Net Zero Action Plan (NZAP) which is the Town's roadmap to net zero, is due for its 5-year update.

Ms. Fox said that there is an active survey related to the NZAP plan update and encouraged the Committee to take the survey and share the survey with their contacts. A public forum for the NZAP plan update project is scheduled for early November.

#### **Outreach Update:**

Ms. Ricker reported that the booth at Town Day was very successful. She estimates that over a hundred people stopped and participated in the mapping and prioritization exercises brought by Stantec. Approximately 50 longer surveys were also completed. Stantec took the completed exercises including written comments and mapping back with them to include with other community outreach data collected so far.

Ms. Gruber reported that the housing focus group event produced lots of good feedback. Approximately 10-11 people were present including representatives from AHA, HCA, and the Affordable Housing Trust. Detailed notes from the meeting have been submitted to Stantec.

Mr. Fatula reports that a Business Summit is planned for 10/22/25 in Town Hall that will be open to all small businesses across Arlington. It is being planned by the Chamber of

Commerce, to include feedback to inform the Comprehensive Plan. The Chamber will do publicity.

Ms. Ricker said that the next big public event is on October 30, Arlington High School Cafeteria. Its purpose is to develop Strategies from Vision and Goals.

The Committee discussed several ideas for outreach for the October 30 event, such as a Town Hall banner. Logistics like requesting recording should be similar to the April session; perhaps with modifications to accommodate more attendees.

Ms. Ricker explained that the Vision and Goals statement that are now on the Stantec website are DRAFT. The next meeting will review and formally approve that text. Advisory Committee members can prepare comments beforehand by reviewing the website.

The Committee discussed how to efficiently finalize any remaining edits. As Stantec starts drafting the body of the plan, the committee's role will include reviewing a lot more content. Any improvements in our process will streamline the next meeting and the coming months.

Ms. Ricker will confirm expectations and processes for Stantec to assemble community input into draft plan text.

Next Advisory Committee meeting: 10/23, one week before the next big meeting.

### **New business:**

Tristan Roubenoff said that he is leaving the committee and stepping down as Committee Chair because he's moving out of Arlington. The role of the chair is to support members in communicating with DPCD/Stantec. Logistics include spreading the word about opportunities for members to be involved in community input and reviewing text. Occasional public interactions, primarily just explaining the committee. If a member is interested in becoming chair, please email Ms. Ricker

The Committee discussed the Outreach subcommittee which is functionally defunct. Other subcommittees for the plan development phase may be appropriate – to be determined as the project progresses.

Next month regular advisory committee meeting will likely be 90-minute session, focused on previewing content/roles for the October 30 meeting. Ms. Ricker agreed to email the Advisory Committee when Stantec's existing conditions draft is complete.

### **Open forum**

(no topics were raised)