

## **City of Manassas/Manassas City Public Schools School and Community Facilities Joint Planning Committee**

The Joint Planning Committee of the Manassas City Council and Manassas City School Board is established to create a formal shared use facility agreement to document the historic cooperation between the Schools and the City Government to use community and school facilities for the benefit of the residents of the City and to explore opportunities to share resources, expertise and planning assets to cooperatively implement the Adopted Capital Improvement Programs.

### **The Goal for Shared Uses of School and Community Facilities**

City school campuses have the potential to provide an abundant amount of recreational space, especially in densely populated neighborhoods without convenient access to green space and recreational facilities. City facilities have the potential to provide administrative offices and meeting space, as well as providing learning labs for school populations without the high transportation costs associated with field trips. The goal of a Shared-Use Facility Agreement between the City and the Schools is to maximize the use of public facilities funded by the citizens of the City of Manassas, expanding both recreational and learning opportunities while simultaneously addressing both the City's and School's administrative needs for office space.

### **Purpose of the Committee**

The purpose of the Committee is as follows:

1. To articulate shared goals and benefits to the community of the shared use of school and community facilities.
2. To review existing verbal and written agreements regarding the public use of school and community facilities and identify current access, maintenance, security, supervision, repairs and other service issues.
3. To explore specific recreation facilities to be opened to public use and develop a written shared use facility agreement setting forth the terms and conditions for the shared use of public property for community, school and recreational purposes including rules and responsibilities for the use, maintenance and upkeep of these facilities, a procedure for resolving disputes, and an allocation of costs, risks and insurance.
4. To determine if any cost savings for the community can be achieved by the cooperative provision of services or use of facilities between the city government and the city school system including reuse of the City's police department building for MCPS Administrative offices.
5. To cooperatively develop a master plan for Dean School, Park and Memorial that meets community goals for education and recreation, and recognizes the unique historical importance of the land as the site of the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth in 1893 and the contributions of former slave Jennie Dean.

### **Process**

The Committee will consist of two members appointed by the Mayor and two members appointed by the Chairman of the School Board. The committee will be assisted by staff as designated by the City Manager and the School Superintendent. Work by the committee will begin in July 2017 and an initial report is expected to be completed by October 2017 so recommendations can be directed to the School Board and City Council for adoption or consideration and inclusion in the FY 2019 budget as appropriate.