



March 03, 2021

To Upper Arlington City Council:

**Re: Endorsement of Support for the Community Center**

On behalf of the Upper Arlington City Tree Commission, we are excited to submit an endorsement letter of support for the upcoming Community Center vote on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Our Commission members have followed the process led by The Community Center Feasibility Task Force and recently received a final update during our February Tree Commission meeting from Parks & Recreation Director, Debbie McLaughlin.

We want to commend the Task Force for leading an extensive process which uniquely gathered community input and applied its findings in the final recommendation to the city.

The upcoming vote provides the city, and its residents, a rare opportunity to add recreational and social amenities not previously available in a single accessible location.

If the residents of Upper Arlington vote in favor of this request, we encourage the Community Center Project to be a leading voice in the following areas:

- walkable street edges
- large urban tree canopy contributor
- integrated stormwater management practices
- prioritizing pedestrians over vehicles

Sincerely,

Nick Gilliland  
City Tree Commission Chair

