

Minutes of Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group

August 24, 2010

The Stakeholder Advisory Group (“Group”) convened at the Fort Ward Museum at its announced meeting time of 7:00 p.m. Members, City Management and Staff, and identified guests present included:

Tom Fulton
Linda Ries
Charles Ziegler
William Schreiner
Adrienne Washington
Richard Brune

Susan Cumbey (Office of Historic Alexandria–Fort Ward)
Wally Owen (Office of Historic Alexandria–Fort Ward)
Lance Mallamo (Office of Historic Alexandria)
Jim Spengler (Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities)
Glenn Eugster
David Kavanaugh
Laura Durham
Jim Spengler
Kerry Donley
Sharron Anear

The Chairman observed that a quorum was present, and the agenda was distributed and approved. The Group unanimously: 1) voted to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting without corrections; and 2) voted to recognize the minutes of the July 24, 2010 meeting (at which a quorum was not present but discussion was held) as informal minutes of that meeting.

Old Business

Lance Mallamo reported that an archaeologist had been chosen to undertake the work described in previous meetings, and that a contract should be executed within a week. He proposed holding a tour of the work, and public discussion of the work, at the Group’s September 28, 2010 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the scope of work and the location of the archaeology.

Chairman Fulton outlined the process for completing the Group’s written work product. He stressed the need for, and purpose of, the Group’s recommendations. The Subcommittees represented reported substantial progress in preparing drafts of the recommendations within their respective subject areas.

L. Ries and R. Brune discussed the need for the final document to reflect the changes in the Park during the term of the Group. The Group then had a wide-ranging discussion on matters related to the final report itself, including overlaps between subject areas and related issues.

New Business

D. Kavanaugh then submitted a letter to the Group. The letter asked that the contract for archaeology field work be delayed until finalization of the Archaeology Assessment, and gave reasons for the author's recommendation. A copy of the letter was circulated and discussed. K. Donley asked L. Mallamo if he felt comfortable proceeding to sign the contract for the archaeological field work in light of D. Kavanaugh's letter, and L. Mallamo responded that the field work was to be performed in areas of the Park where archaeological finds were believed to exist based on prior research and a ground-penetrating radar study—in essence, the archaeology field work would not be the complete archaeology that should be performed at the park, but would add to the base of knowledge that could support archaeological field work in other areas of the Park. L. Mallamo agreed to respond in more detail to the letter at the Group's September 9, 2010 meeting.

At the request of Chairman Fulton, D. Kavanaugh's letter distributed at the meeting has been attached to these Minutes (marked as Exhibit A).

(D. Kavanaugh submitted an e-mail to Chairman Fulton on August 25, 2010, that discussed his August 24, 2010 letter. At the request of Chairman Fulton, D. Kavanaugh's August 25, 2010 e-mail has been attached to these Minutes marked as Exhibit B).

G. Eugster queried the Environment and Natural Resources Subcommittee (L. Ries and R. Brune) on the status of the stormwater management proposals that R. Baier discussed with the Group at an earlier meeting. Chairman Fulton asked W. Schreiner to follow up with R. Baier, seeking an update on those proposals.

The next regular meetings of the Group will be on September 9, 2010 and September 28, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Schreiner, Secretary