

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

May 25, 2010 Meeting

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

Tom Fulton
Charles Ziegler
William Schreiner
Frances Terrell
Richard Brune
Ripley Forbes
Robert Mohr
Laura Durham (Parks and Recreation)
Susan Cumbey (Office of Historic Alexandria – Fort Ward)
Wally Owen (Office of Historic Alexandria – Fort Ward)
Lance Mallamo (Office of Historic Alexandria)
Rich Baier (Transportation & Environmental Services)
Sharon Annear (Staff for Councilwoman Alicia Hughes)
Rashad Friday (Transportation & Environmental Services)
Emily Baker (Transportation & Environmental Services)

While formal attendance of observers was not taken, the following observers were identified as being present at the meeting:

Ms. Nancy Jennings, President, Seminary Hill Association & Marlboro Estates resident
Ms. Pat Knox, Board Member, Seminary Hill Association
Mr. Thad Dilley, Marlboro Estates Resident
Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan, Marlboro Estates Resident
Mr. Dennis Carroll, Marlboro Estates Resident
Ms Jeanne O’Leary, Marlboro Estates Resident
Ms. Catherine Fulton, Marlboro Estates Resident
Mr. Glenn Eugster, Board Member, Seminary Hill Association
Mr. Fred Weiss, Marlboro Estates Resident

The agenda circulated by Chairman Fulton was approved. The minutes of the prior meeting were also approved.

Old Business

Rich Baier gave a presentation to the Group and answered questions from the attendees. Mr. Baier’s presentation focused on his department’s view of issues facing the park, including stormwater erosion. He listed recent accomplishments to combat erosion, including debris removal, “no-mow” areas in the park, and altered ground cover. He also outlined certain short-

term and long-term possible actions that could further decrease erosion. Mr. Baier also proposed next steps for stormwater management that included: 1) a site visit with stakeholders; 2) a Best Management Practices plan; 3) coordination between his department and the Office of Historic Alexandria; and 4) preparation of a stormwater management plan with a floodplain and hydrogeologic consultant. An extensive discussion followed, including questions and comments from the public. Mr. Baier agreed to submit a copy of the powerpoint presentation that accompanied his remarks to the Advisory Group for its use and distribution.

Glenn Eugster then gave a presentation to the Group. Mr. Eugster's remarks were entitled "A Community View On The Water Problem." He addressed the history of water management issues in the Park. An extensive discussion followed, including questions and comments from the public. Mr. Eugster's remarks were submitted to the Advisory Group for its use and distribution.

Susan Cumbey then gave a presentation to the Group outlining proper methods for maintenance of the historic earthwork and other historic features of the Park. She also outlined best practices for erosion control in the identified historic features of the Park. An extensive discussion followed, including questions and comments from the public.

New Business

The Group adjourned shortly thereafter at approximately 9:30 p.m.

The next regular meetings of the Group will be on Thursday, June 10, 2010, and Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at the Museum, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Schreiner, Secretary