

**Minutes: Meeting of the Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group
May 9, 2012**

Present:

Tom Fulton
Bob Moir
Ripley Forbes

Chuck Ziegler
Ellen Stanton
Linda Ries

Adrienne Washington
Frances Terrill
Phil Voorhees

Staff Present:

OHA:

Lance Mallamo
Susan Cumbey
Fran Bromberg
Garrett Fesler

RPCA:

Laura Durham

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by chair Tom Fulton at 7:14 p.m.

Water Emergency at Ft. Ward Park:

Irrigation sprinklers in the North Bastion area of the park did not turn off correctly recently. They should cycle late in the evening until early morning, not while the park is open. The problem was noticed by Linda Ries who attempted to notify the city. Susan Cumbey reports that there is often a problem in the beginning of the season until the system works properly. Susan suggested asking for the “watch commander” in calling the city non-emergency number. Either Lance Mallamo or Jim Spangler is available by cell phone for any concerns during non-working hours.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Archaeology report by Garrett Fesler:

Garrett presented a written and oral report of the findings to date on Stage 2 Archaeological Survey of Fort Ward Park. Approximately 23 acres or $\frac{3}{4}$ of the park project has been completed; it is anticipated that this stage will be completed in about 2 weeks. The southeast corner of the park along Braddock Road is the last area to be completed and should contain important information about the families who lived in the park and the structures located there. Metal detection will be completed in certain areas, possibly into June. They will return to areas of interest to assess the integrity of the results, to answer research questions and to verify and look for cemeteries in order to establish boundaries.

It will take a while to process the artifacts as they will be washed, dried, tagged, bagged and entered into the data base. About 2,000 – 3,000 artifacts have been discovered to date. The inside of the fort will be the focus of archaeological investigation late June – early July. The results will inform the decision of ADA accessibility in the fort (pathway) and the location of the flagpole and well. There have been no large surprises as yet. Civil War artifacts include buttons, lead bullets and equipment. Native American artifacts have been broadly scattered and include chipped quartz.

Please refer to report submitted by Garrett Fesler.

Maps of Fort Ward: Laura Durham presented three large maps for the use of the advisory group: elevation, aerial, and archaeology.

Old Business:

The advisory group considered the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant to write the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Management Plan. Two amended drafts were discussed; one submitted by the chair (4.1A) and the other submitted by Linda Ries and Ellen Stanton (4.0).

Following much discussion, a motion was made to adopt version 4.0 with the following amendments:

To “III Scope of Work” add numbers 6-9 of version 4.1A, whereby those requirements will become numbers 8-11.

To “VI Citizen Input & Participation” add to “B. General Public and Appointed Bodies” the Alexandria Archaeological Commission and the Friends of Fort Ward Museum.

The vote to pass the motion was 7 yeas and 2 nays.

New Business:

New Business was deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:53 pm.

Submitted,

Ellen Stanton, Secretary