

**Minutes: Meeting of the Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group  
March 14, 2012**

**Present:**

Tom Fulton  
Bob Moir  
Ripley Forbes

Chuck Ziegler  
Ellen Stanton  
Jim Walpole

Janice Magnuson  
Frances Terrill  
Lena Rainey

**Staff Present:**

**OHA:**

Lance Mallamo  
Susan Cumbey  
Pam Cressey  
Fran Bromberg  
Garrett Fesler

**RPCA:**

Jim Spengler  
Laura Roberts

**T&ES:**

Rich Baier  
Brian Rahall

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**Walk at Fort Ward Park:**

Prior to the meeting, T&ES Director Rich Baier and Brian Rahall led the group on a walk through the park to observe the state of the city's interim plan for mitigating storm water runoff. In attendance were Tom Fulton, wife Jeanne O'Leary, Jim Walpole, Frances Terrill, Lena Rainey, Bob Moir, Janice Magnuson, Jim Spengler, Lance Mallamo, Susan Cumbey, and a member of the board of trustees of Oakland Baptist Church and his wife.

The meeting was brought to order by Chair, Tom Fulton, at 7:20 pm when a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2012 were approved as submitted.

**New Business:**

**(Presented out of order due to staff commitment.)**

Rich Baier and Brian Rahall gave a power-point presentation on the status of the interim storm water runoff plan. This plan will be placed on the website. The drainage section that was severed will be reattached to promote drainage around Oakland Cemetery. Rich stated that they are looking for a green solution that will include several strategies such as planting grasses and mowing to the appropriate height. He emphasized that the park, cemetery and neighbors must work together for this to be successful. To date the city has spent \$35,000 on the interim plan.

Lena, Frances and Rich committed to contacting one another through RPCA's Laura Durham to determine what the Church might be able to do to mitigate storm water damage within the confines of the Cemetery.

**Old Business:**

Fort Ward Master/Management Plan Discussion: Progress on Chapters:

Members presented on the chapters to which they have been assigned. All groups have begun work on the chapters; however members expressed concern regarding the final product citing their lack of

expertise beyond the January 2011 recommendations. As a result of this discussion, a motion was presented, seconded and passed to develop a scope of work for a consultant to draft a master/management plan. Jim Spengler stated that his department will produce the scope of work and agreed to present this at the April meeting.

Members stated their desire for the plan to be that of the Fort Ward Advisory Group, not that of a consultant. The request for proposals will be awarded based upon qualifications. Public input will be imbedded in the scope of work. The FWAG can require continuing public input within the plan itself to insure on-going citizen involvement in the park. The final plan will be reviewed and voted upon by the FWAG.

Pam Cressey reported on archaeology phase II which is due to begin in March. The archaeology team has presented significant findings to the FWAG to date including maps and written material. Progress memos and a map will be made available weekly to members and be included on the web.

**New Business:**

Glen Eugster has resigned from the FWAG. The group will need someone to author a section on public involvement as well as a new vice-chair. The group decided to table the discussion of this item to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted,

Ellen Stanton, Secretary