

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

January 13, 2011

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
Frances Terrell
Richard Brune
Ripley Forbes
Robert Moir
Phillip Voorhees

Susan Cumbey (Office of Historic Alexandria – Fort Ward)
Wally Owen (Office of Historic Alexandria – Fort Ward)
Lance Mallamo (Office of Historic Alexandria)
Pam Cressey (Office of Historic Alexandria)
Laura Durham (Parks and Recreation)
Sharon Annear (Councilwoman Hughes’ Office)

The Chairman observed that a quorum was present, and the agenda was distributed and approved. The Group unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting, with two corrections to the attendance list.

Old Business

The Chairman began discussion of two draft letters – one that he wrote and one written by L. Ries – to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in support of a grant request from the City of Alexandria for funds to study the stormwater drainage problems in the Park. After some discussion of the similarities and differences in the drafts, R. Brune moved, and C. Ziegler seconded, that the Chairman be authorized to combine the drafts and send the final version to the Commonwealth.

The Chairman circulated copies of the final Report and accompanying transmittal letters, for signature by members of the Group. The Report would be posted on the City’s website, and copies would also be made available at Fort Ward Museum.

Disposal of the Group’s records was discussed. The Fort Ward Museum was agreed as the depot for the Group’s records. The Chairman proposed printing out all of his e-mails relating to the group and placing them at the Museum for archiving. He also generously gave each member of

the Group a Fort Ward coffee mug, as a token of his thanks for their service. The Group returned the Chairman's thanks, with warm wishes.

Given general agreement that the Group would dissolve with submission of the Report, the Group discussed whether and how to informally monitor the progress of the recommendations in the Report or otherwise serve the City in connection with the Report. L. Mallamo said he would consider hosting an interim informal group for that purpose.

The Group discussed final edits of a typographical or line nature to the Report. C. Ziegler moved, and P. Voorhees seconded, that the Group approve the final draft of the "Recommendations for the Management of Fort Ward Park" in the form and substance circulated, delegating authority to the Chair to make final typographical edits. The motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

C. Ziegler moved to commend the Chair for his service. W. Schreiner seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Having completed its chartered and only work of reporting to the City on the affairs of Fort Ward Park, the Group dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Schreiner, Secretary