

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

September 28, 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
Frances Terrell
Phillip Voorhees
Richard Brune
Ripley Forbes
Robert Moir

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)
Glenn Eugster
Fran Bromberg (Office of Historic Alexandria)
David Cavanaugh
Lyle Torpe and Tom Bodor (Ottery Group)

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 September 9, 2010 meeting with one correction.

Old Business

The Group continued a discussion of the archaeological field work about to be undertaken that began during a tour of the Park immediately prior to the meeting. Discussion focused on the hours of work, the oversight responsibility of the Office of Historic Alexandria, the interaction between the work and the neighboring community, signage at the work sites, management of the response to any located graves, the location of the work sites, and ways to identify graves after the field work.

The Chairman raised a draft letter to the Alexandria City Council regarding funding for further archaeological study at the Park. After some discussion, the Group asked A. Washington and C. Ziegler to make further revisions to the draft and circulate a revised version by e-mail.

The Group then discussed the progress of the Group’s final report. Discussion focused on the mechanics of bringing the various subcommittee reports together and incorporating Group

members' further changes to the text, as well as opening and closing sections being drafted initially by the Chairman. The Group agreed to submit edits to individual sections to the subcommittees by Wednesday October 6, and the subcommittees agreed to submit revised sections to the Chairman for distribution by October 10.

The Group then discussed whether or not to receive public input on the next draft of the report. Some members questioned whether the Group needed to receive public comments, and others expressed the view that public comment on the draft would be helpful. No action was taken on the issue.

New Business

The Chairman reported that Rich Baier would provide the Group with an update on the stormwater management planning process and a possible grant for stormwater management at a future meeting.

The next regular meetings of the Group will be on October 14, 2010 and October 26, 2010, each beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Schreiner, Secretary