

May 2, 2008

MEETING MINUTES

Subject: Dairy Farm Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: April 30, 2008 / Meeting #1

Location: Chesapeake Meeting Room, Heritage Complex

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Ms. Christina Aist
Mr. Rick Berger
Mr. Jack Boeve
Ms. D. Alexandra Childers
Mr. Richard Crane
Mr. Russell DeHart
Mr. Robert Dodd
Mr. Tom Dorr
Mr. Jeffrey Griffith
Mr. Vernon Hustead
Ms. Jo Anne Kuhn
Mr. Carter Lively
Ms. Janet Mackey
Mr. Robert Morton
Rev. Robert Myers
Ms. Marilyn Taylor
Ms. Mary Tobin
Mr. Keith Underwood
Ms. Lina Vlavianos
Mr. Roger White
Ms. Gail Yeiser

Ex. Officio Members:

Ms. Lisa Barge
Mr. Stephen Barry
Councilman Jamie Benoit
Ms. Lou Ann Broad
Mr. George Cardwell
Ms. Carol Council
Mr. John Czajkowski
Ms. Ginger Ellis
Mr. Mike Ensor
Mr. Billy Gorski
Mr. Mark Kramer
Ms. Valerie Kwiatkowski
Mr. David Myers
Ms. Janet Norman
Ms. Barbara Politio
Ms. Brenda Reiber
Ms. Darian Schwab
Ms. Karyn Molines
Mr. Frank Marzucco
Mr. Mark Garrity
Mr. Lou Rudinski
Mr. Dennis Callahan
Mr. Rocky Glendinning

Consultants:

John Rohde Human & Rohde, Inc.
Sally Malena Human & Rohde, Inc.

Other Attendees:

Ms. Kimberly Hickey US Navy
Ms. Carel Warfield
Ms. Jeanne Ward, Council for MD Archeology
Mr. Fred Bowen
Ms. Marian Fry, Maryland Sunrise Farm (MSF)
Ms. Oksana Bocharova, Farm Manager, MSF
Mr. Corey Spies, Farm Manager, MSF

This was the first meeting of the Dairy Farm Advisory Committee. Mark Garrity, Parks Administrator for Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation & Parks opened the meeting and introduced Dennis Callahan; Chief Administrative Officer who spoke on behalf of the County Executive John R. Leopold. Mr. Callahan welcomed everyone and stated that the County Executive is firmly committed to preserving the Dairy Farm and the obligation to the Navy.

Mark then introduced Frank Marzucco the Director of Recreation & Parks who along with Lou Rudinski, Chief of Park Maintenance, presented a certificate of appreciation to Marilyn Taylor for her volunteer efforts with the Department.

Councilman Benoit spoke about the history of preserving the Dairy Farm and thanked Frank Marzucco and Sandy Poland for putting together the winning proposal.

At this point in the meeting Mark had everyone introduce themselves and tell of their interest in the Dairy Farm. After the introductions Frank Marzucco presented a power point program that had been prepared for a previous community meeting on the Dairy Farm and announced that primary focus of the Advisory Committee will be the 140 acres which is comprised of 'Hammond's Connection at the Dairy Farm ' (in reference to the original owners of the property), Community Garden Plots, and other areas located outside the scope of the tenant farm sublease. This 140-acres will be the primary public access areas for the Dairy Farm.

Sally Malena from Human & Rohde Inc., the consultants who will be working with the advisory committee on the Master Plan, explained the process we will go through over the next few months in developing the plan for uses of the public access areas. The committee will start with a site visit for the next meeting and then Human & Rohde Inc. will prepare a Site Analysis to show the assets and constraints of the site. They will further develop a Land Bay Map that will utilize the Site Analysis to further define appropriate use areas for activities. The committee will 'brainstorm' ideas on the uses, activities etc. that they would like to see on the site and Human & Rohde Inc. will develop schematic plans showing different possible layouts for the recommended uses. The goal is to ultimately have a plan that the entire committee supports.

Additional questions and comments that arose included:

1. An environmental assessment report of the site being conducted by the Navy is nearing completion.
2. The idea of creating a solar farm on the property adjacent to the BG& E substation should be investigated.
3. The County will be proceeding with some maintenance at the Dairy Farm for safety reasons. As such, this work will be completed independent of the advisory committee's efforts and is not expected to impact the master planning process.
4. Suggestions were made for trail connections to the South Shore Trail and the City of Annapolis.

5. How will the greater community have input to the planning process? The committee members as representatives of various organizations are responsible for sharing information with their prospective groups. The meetings are open to anyone that is interested in attending. Meeting dates will be posted on the County's web site. Comments may be submitted via the link on the Dairy Farm web site.
6. A concern was raised about maps which was shared with the general public that located archeological sites. In response to this concern, Frank Marzucco clarified that the site map graphic was released with the knowledge of the US Navy Real Estate Contracting Office.
7. A concern was raised about the existing County-maintained sewer line that generally follows the alignment of existing stream bed which runs along the west boundary of the property.
8. Recreation and Parks anticipates the master planning process will take 8 to 12 months to complete.
9. A suggestion was made to develop a list serve for easier email communication between members. Recreation and Parks will investigate this.

The next meeting will be May 21, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the Dairy Farm. We will meet at the 'Village' parking lot pavilion if weather is nice or indoors at the Marketplace building. Please come prepared to walk around the site.

Sincerely,

Sally Malena
Human & Rohde Inc.

CC. Attendees
Committee Members