



Homeport Farm Park
Advisory Committee

Minutes of Thursday, February 5, 2009 Meeting
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Department of Recreation and Parks Conference Room
1 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

Advisory Committee Members

Tom Gallagher
Glenn Gibbs
Nendy Lawson
Gerald Loren
Scott Mobley
Karyn Molines
Kincey Potter
Liz Vander Heuval

Others in Attendance

Erik Michelson (South River Federation)
Jim Wick (Heritage Harbour)

1. Approval of December and January minutes
2. Update on Community Gardens, Maintenance, and Funding
 - a. Community Gardens: Working through the permitting, water needs, and initial tilling requirements
 - b. Southern Parks Maintenance had been mowing park on a 10-14 day schedule, which will continue this spring. Any special maintenance requests can be directed to Karyn Molines
 - c. A request for a \$100,000 State Bond Bill will go to the State legislature in the near future. This will be for repairs to the buildings. [Follow up note: The County will provide a \$100,000 match. The FY10 budget includes an additional \$180,000 for building upgrades, entrance roads, and parking. Total \$380,000 Capital Budget Request for FY10.]
3. The Committee discussed the proposed uses and amenities for the Conceptual Plan:
 - a. In Favor Of / Support the Park being used for:
 - i. Parkland
 - ii. Nature preservation
 - iii. Habitat restoration
 - iv. Native plantings and re-forestation
 - v. Nature study
 - vi. Walking and running trails
 - vii. Non-motorized boat access and launching
 - viii. Community Garden Plots
 - ix. Memorial gardens—trees, benches, gardens paid for with donations in memory of loved ones
 - x. Environmental research and conservation
 - xi. Demonstrate low-impact development
 - xii. Innovative storm-water management techniques



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- xiii. No net discharge of stormwater, soil or other natural resources, or pollutants
 - xiv. Office and meeting space for water-related and environmental organizations
 - xv. Bird houses and feeding stations
 - xvi. Dogs allowed on leash
 - b. Support the Following, but need further discussion on reasonable uses:
 - i. Living shorelines
 - ii. Bicycling
 - iii. Fishing
 - iv. Crabbing
 - v. Boat storage
 - vi. Small playground
 - vii. Picnic Tables or Pavilion
 - c. Do Not Support
 - i. Rock climbing wall
 - ii. Off-leash dog park
4. The Committee then discussed in more detail:
- a. Public access—specifics about hours, entrance fees, staffing and other operational procedures will be addressed after the Conceptual Plan is finalized.
 - b. Restrooms will be provided either as port-a-potties or, after renovations, within the buildings. Port-a-potties will be provided for Community Gardens if they are initiated prior to building renovations.
 - c. Animal-proof trash cans will be provided and emptied by Park Maintenance staff.
 - d. Driveway and Parking:
 - i. Pervious surfaces should be used.
 - ii. Run-off would be diverted to vegetated areas, grassy swales, rain gardens, or other stormwater management systems.
 - iii. Bikes would share the driveway (no separate trail) and bike racks would be provided.
 - iv. Parking will be incorporated into the driveway—that is, no separate parking lots. The driveway would accommodate approximately 30 cars.
 - v. The Driveway could be designed as either one-way or two-way. County traffic Engineers could help determine which is feasible.
 - vi. Driveway should not go along the central tree-lined lane to protect these large trees. Exact location of the driveway would be determined by County staff or consultant.
 - vii. Parking for the Community Garden Plots would be contained within the garden plots.
5. Liz Vander Heuval advertised through the Sierra Club newsletter the plans for Homeport Farm Park and the need for volunteers for planning the re-forestation.
6. Tasks for Next Meeting
- a. Discussion of the Waterway Access Facilities
 - b. Discussion of the Use of Buildings
7. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2009