



Homeport Farm Park
Advisory Committee
Minutes of Thursday, April 2, 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

Joe Duval
Tom Gallagher
Gerald Loren
Karyn Molines
Kincey Potter
Bill Sutton (representing Gingerville for Glenn Gibbs)
Liz Vander Heuval
Greg Welker

Others in Attendance

Erik Michelson (South River Federation)

1. March 5, 2009 minutes approved
2. Funding and FY 10 Budget Request
 - a. \$ 380,000 requested in Capital Budget
 - 1) \$ 100,000 Bond for house repairs
 - 2) \$ 100,000 Match for the Bond
 - 3) \$ 180,000 Design and construction of driveway, parking, water, sewer
 - b. Presented to County Council during April [correction after the fact: Budget presented to County Council on May 1, County Council budget hearings throughout May]
 - c. FY10 Budget released first week of May
3. Consultants and Current Funding
 - a. Public Works requires a consultant for driveway design. The Department of Recreation and Parks is requesting a consultant for the launch facilities. May be the same consultant, or could be two different ones.
 - b. Public Works will not approve funds for consultants this fiscal year. Homeport Farm Park account to be created for FY 10 (July 1)
 - c. Consultants with existing County contracts may be used depending on scope of work and cost or may go to bid for new consultants
 - d. Consultants should have design ready in approximately 6 months to submit for Committee approval
4. Answers to Questions from March 5, 2009 Meeting
 - a. Leasing – Appropriate for non-profit organizations

- b. Deed restrictions – exclusive use of, or restricting public access from, certain areas would not violate the deed
 - c. Historic protection eligibility – Houses & tobacco barn are old enough; Davis house (within the Homeport community) has Historic Protection. Karyn Molines asked Planning & Zoning, no answer as of meeting time
 - d. Lead paint and asbestos in current structures – Most likely due to age of structures
 - e. Septic system adequate – Not tested yet
 - f. Water well – Opinion of Department Construction Manager is bringing existing well up to standards for public use would be cost prohibitive. Fire suppression system in buildings may be required, contingent on anticipated amount of visitors
 - g. Water dependent structures - defined as docks, piers, etc.
 - h. ADA compliance – Consultant to determine applicability of ADA laws and feasibility of compliance
 - i. Boat launches – Consultant to determine feasibility and number of launches
5. Presentation of New Conceptual Drawing & Discussion of Changes
- a. Changes from the December 2008 Concept Plan - Driveway removed to side of trees to protect the large trees lining the drive; 30 car roadside parking rather than parking lots; limited handicap parking places near building; small seasonal outhouse for community garden
 - b. Driveway - need not be a loop road; consultant to provide options for driveway alignment
 - c. Turnaround / boat drop off - not in reforestation area, keep at an appropriate distance to walk with boat to water access path
 - d. Pervious surfaces – recommended, a grading permit is required for more than 5,000 square feet of impervious surfaces
 - e. Memorial grove – trees donated in memory of loved ones (through the “Lasting Gifts” program) not specified in plan but will be incorporated into the reforestation
 - f. Walking trail – not indicated, let natural trail develop based on where visitors walk and in relation to plantings
6. Reforestation
- a. Native forest species recommended, use of trees conducive to area
 - b. Committee wants to have input for plantings
 - c. Permits for trees – only if planting large amounts at one time
 - d. Karyn Molines to add Homeport Farm Park to list for donation plantings from “Lasting Gifts”
 - e. Reforestation can begin if no financial impact to the County, Sierra Club wants to participate and can start immediately
 - f. Removal of plants, even invasive species, within the Critical Area require permit

- g. Plant assessment this spring is feasible, need to develop a vegetative management plan

7. Picnic Area and Playground

- a. Picnic tables could be located throughout park, or consolidated in one location to reduce number of trash cans; pavilion is not recommended
- b. Picnic area near restrooms suggested
- c. Playground area near community garden designed to compliment natural environment

8. Motion on Current Conceptual Plan

- a. All in favor of plan with added modifications - Picnic tables and small playground area near garden added, re-configuration of roadway, no storage area for boats

9. Workshops in Park

- a. Barn easily converted for indoor workshops
- b. Programs will work with volunteer support

10. Field Trips for May and June meetings

- a. Committee members want to look inside buildings

11. Committee offered kudos to Karyn Molines for excellent work, noting her commitment and diligence

12. Next Meeting: Since the Committee will have not have any business to discuss it was decided to postpone meeting until after the beginning of the next fiscal year. Therefore, the next meeting will be July 2, 2009, 7:00 PM

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Follow Up Items:

- a. Water dependent structures - From the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's "Citizen's Guide to the Critical Areas of Maryland" Definition: Water dependent facilities are structures or works associated with industrial, maritime, recreational, educational, or fisheries activities that require location at or near the shoreline within the buffer such as marinas, piers, or docks. Individual private piers installed or maintained along rivers are excluded from this regulation.
- b. FY10 Budget will be presented to County Council on May 1, County Council will hold budget hearings throughout May