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Homeport Farm Park Advisory Committee Minutes November 6, 2008

Advisory Committee Members

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Glenn Gibbs)
Nendy Lawson
Gerald Loren
Scott Mobley
Karyn Molines
Kincey Potter
Ron Schaefer
Liz Vander Heuval
Greg Welker

Others in Attendance

Jeanne Duval
Bob Rubenkönig
Jackson Saunders
Gail Smith (for Josh Cohen, County Council)

1) Introductions

2) Approval of September 30, 2008 minutes

3) Community Garden

- a) Community garden group wants to move garden further uphill onto flatter areas.
- b) Community garden group will walk site this weekend to determine location
- c) New location will likely be behind the berm located on Homeport Farms.
- d) Revised location will be submitted to Homeport Farms Advisory Committee (HFAC)
- e) South River Federation (SRF) in favor of moving it upland to allow for more buffer area.
- f) Community garden group aiming for a spring 2009 garden opening.

4) Funding and Timeline

- a) County has access to park via dirt road for 10 years from date of subdivision (2005).
- b) County indicated gardens are a high priority.
- c) FY09
 - (1) No earmarked money
 - (2) Department of Recreation and Parks funds may provide for some work:
 - (a) Access to site
 - (b) Entrance road
 - (c) Parking
 - (d) Potable Water
- d) FY10 Budget Requests
 - (1) Possible \$100k via bond bill anticipated, to bring houses up to code.
 - (2) May need to have a consultant design and engineer the plans for acquiring permits.
Recreation/Parks and Inspections/Permits still discussing.

- (3) County had consultant estimate design and construction costs for entire concept
(a) Total cost of \$1.2 million has been submitted for the county FY10 capital projects budget.

5) Annapolis Rowing Club Proposal

- a) ARC presented proposal for relocation of their club to Homeport Farms. See proposal sheet emailed from Karyn before this meeting and handout provided by ARC at this meeting. ARC needs to be out of St. Johns College site by 12/2010 due to college expansion
- b) Comments/Reactions by Committee
- See statement paper submitted by Gingerville Home Owners Association (HOA)
- c) List of issues and items discussed:
- Is not perceived as passive use
 - Concern about time of use - too early and too late
 - Noise issues in early AM - powerboats, cars, voices
 - Concern over dock size shadowing creek bed and blocking aquatic growth.
 - Prohibited by covenants of site? Committee requested to see the wording of covenants.
 - Possible requirement of AA County Fire Dept for fire truck access and water pipes to dock if motorized boats docked. Request made to Karyn to have Fire Dept review issue.
 - Storage of gasoline in critical area
 - Docking of motor launches: Homeport Farm residents prohibited from docking at their community pier, feel same should apply to the park
 - Issue of privatization of public land - particularly waterfront
 - Concern over giving ARC "priority use" of docks. What does this mean? Needs to be determined now, not later
 - Would ARC use conflict with prime usage time for kayakers, canoeists, general public?
 - Concern over ARC having the only access to lighting
 - Concern that the use of space in buildings, rental space, may not be controlled impartially
 - Effect of rowing sculls on marine traffic in the creek - too crowded?
 - Traffic congestion at intersection with Homeport Road and MD-2
 - Concern of lighting -foot path/low dock lighting could be ok, but pole mounted lighting not acceptable
 - Visual impact of storage area not fitting use of park
 - Did ARC look for other locations, and what were the results?
 - Would ARC be more appropriate in a marina environment?
 - Concern for handling fresh water/runoff from rinsing boats
 - Concern over size of storage facility
 - Concern over amount of parking that will be needed
 - Concern that this leads to a "have" vs. "have not" situation to water access and facility use
 - Sand beach for kayak/canoe launching would be supported by the committee members
 - South River not considered suitable for kayaking on weekends due to boat congestion
- d) ARC to review issues and provide written response to Karyn for dissemination to the group before next meeting. Committee will discuss again at next meeting.
- 6) **Next Meeting:** First Thursday of each month: December 4 and January 8, 7:00 pm in the Department of Recreation and Parks Large Conference Room.

Minutes based on notes by Greg Welker and Karyn Molines. Please notify Karyn of any corrections.