

February 17, 2008

## MEETING MINUTES

Subject: Fort Smallwood & Weinberg Park Master Plan

Date of Meeting: February 13, 2008 / Meeting #10

Location: Downs Memorial Park Visitors Center

Attendees: **Committee Members:**

Jerry Ackerman	Master Plan Committee Member
Jay Albright	Master Plan Committee Member
Bill Burton	Master Plan Committee Member
Denise Caldwell	Master Plan Committee Member
Bill Cyford	Master Plan Committee Member
Mike Jacobs	Master Plan Committee Member
Sue Ricciardi	Master Plan Committee Member
Deb Yeater	Superintendent, Ft. Smallwood/Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Parks, Dept. of Recreation & Parks
John Marshall	Chief Park Operations

**Consultants:**

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

This was the tenth meeting of the Fort Smallwood & Weinberg Park Master Plan Committee. John Marshall opened the meeting and gave the Committee a briefing on a report concerning shoreline stabilization control devices suggested for the east shoreline of Fort Smallwood Park. He also discussed the Feasibility Study for a Boat Ramp Facility at Fort Smallwood Park prepared by Andrews, Miller & Associates. That report basically says that with dredging and construction of breakwaters the boat ramp can be located where we've been indicating it on the preliminary master plan. John also stated that the County is in the process of acquiring property along Fort Smallwood Road from Curtis Bay Athletic Club for the Hike/Bike Trail.

John also thanked the Committee for Mr. Leopold, the County Executive and Mr. Marzucco, the Director of Recreation & Parks, for their time and help in developing the plan.

At this point John turned the meeting over to Sally Malena to review the plan and the changes that were suggested at the last meeting. The changes that were made include:

1. A Lookout Tower was added at the point on Fort Smallwood.
2. A Wildlife Viewing Area was added to the freshwater pond.

3. The Entrance to Fort Smallwood Park was adjusted to allow vehicles leaving the park to talk with the gatekeeper.
4. A basketball half court will be added to the park.

The changes from the previous plan that were made to Weinberg Park include:

1. The entrance to the Kayak / Canoe Launch was relocated off of Fairview Beach Road and opposite the entrance to the parking area for the Disc Golf Course.
2. The turnaround on Fairview Beach Road was relocated to the intersection of Dauses Road and the Fairview Marina entrance.
3. The shelter that was previously shown at the Group Camping Area was removed as well as parking spaces. Reforestation is now shown between the adjacent residential uses and the Group Camping Area.
4. A nature trail was shown connecting the Group Camping Area and the Environmental/ Nature Facility on Honolulu Road.

At this point the Committee wanted to discuss how development of the parks would be phased. John and Deb indicated that their priorities are to renovate the Barracks for offices and a Visitor's Center and to install wood guardrails around the perimeter of Weinberg Park to deter off road vehicles from entering the park. The consensus of the Committee seemed to want the initial development phases to concentrate on Fort Smallwood; repairing existing facilities such as the concession buildings and Hartshorne Battery and developing the additional amenities proposed for Fort Smallwood. The Nature Center was suggested as a priority as well.

John then asked the Committee to vote on whether to approve the plan or not. Bill Burton made a motion to approve the plan and Jay Albright seconded it. The vote was unanimous to approve the Preliminary Master Plan as presented.

This was the last Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be the Community Meeting and has yet to be scheduled.

Human & Rohde, Inc. would like to thank the Committee Members for their thoughts, ideas, time and patience in developing this plan. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Community Meeting.

Sincerely,

Sally Malena  
Human & Rohde Inc.

CC. Attendees  
Committee Members