

FORT MONROE AUTHORITY
August 9, 2011~ Special Meeting Minutes

The Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) Special Board meeting was held on August 9, 2011 at the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Call to Order. Terrie Suit, Chairman.

Chairman Suit called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call: Nia Lissimore, Assistant Secretary

Present: Chairman Terrie Suit, Vice-Chair John Lawson, Colin G. Campbell, Councilman Ross Kearney, Senator John Miller, Mayor Molly Ward, Kim Maloney, Carrie Cantrell (for Secretary Cheng), James Church and G. Robert Aston

Absent: Secretary Doug Domenech and Delegate Gordon Helsel

Barry L. Buchanan, Deputy Garrison Commander was also present (for Colonel Reyes)

C. Opening Comments. Terrie Suit, Chairman.

Chairman Suit stated the Special Board Meeting was called to appoint an Executive Director to replace the current Executive Director, Bill Armbruster who is retiring in September. Originally the only agenda item was the appointment of the new Executive Director but since then progress has been made with the National Park Service that needed to be discussed by the Board in executive session and announced to the public as well.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: There was a motion made by Mr. Lawson for the Board to proceed in executive session pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711(a)(3)(5)(6)(7) and (30). Those sections address the potential acquisition or disposition of property, potential business opportunities, provision of legal advice, the potential investment of public funds, and the potential award of public contracts

Amendment: The motion was amended by Mr. Lawson to include personnel. The amended motion was seconded by Mr. Campbell and unanimously approved.

MOTION: There was a motion by Mr. Lawson to go into open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kearney and unanimously approved. Each Board member certified that only matters appropriate for executive session were discussed and a roll call was completed by Ms. Lissimore.

MOTION: There was a motion by Mayor Ward that the Board (1) endorse the proposed boundaries for those Fort Monroe parcels for which the National Park Service has indicated an interest in obtaining fee ownership, as more fully described in the maps at tabs 3 and 4 (APPENDIX I) distributed to the Board and (2) authorize the Chair to communicate the same to the Governor with a recommendation that the Governor consider sending a letter to the Secretary of the Interior confirming the Commonwealth's willingness to convey the appropriate parcels subject to negotiations to establish use restrictions with respect to those parcels. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kearney and unanimously approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlie Stek, representing the Chesapeake Conservancy, expressed his gratitude for the NPS initiative.

Ray Taylor, representing the Future of Hampton Roads, commended the Board for the work on the NPS initiative.

Louis Guy, representing Norfolk Historical Society, commended the Board for their work.

Scott Butler, representing Citizens for a Fort Monroe National Park, expressed his gratitude for the NPS initiative.

Pamela Goddard, representing National Parks Conservation Association, expressed her gratitude for the NPS initiative.

Joanne Berkley, representing the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, expressed her gratitude for the Board's NPS endorsement.

IV. REPORTS & BRIEFINGS

- A. Search Committee Report – Colin Campbell, Chairman.** Mr. Campbell stated the Search Committee was made up of himself, Chairman Suit, James Church and Councilman Kearney. The Committee received more than 60 applications for the Executive Director position and reached a recommendation for the Board. Mr. Campbell stated the candidate is someone the Committee believed to be a fine leader and consensus builder who would work well with all the stakeholders including the NPS. He stated the candidate has an enthusiastic commitment to preservation, education and the recreational objectives of the Authority. He's a landscape architect with expertise to address all aspects of design with an emphasis on protecting the natural environments and focusing on preservation of historic resources while taking advantage of opportunities for appropriate development to ensure economic sustainability. He has demonstrated executive skills including regard to community development. Mr. Campbell stated the individual will represent the Authority as well as all levels; local, regional and national. He understands the complexity, difficulty of the steps ahead but he's ready to take it on and he's determined that Fort Monroe will have a successful transition.

MOTION: Mr. Campbell made a motion that the Board appoint Glen Oder as Executive Director of the Fort Monroe Authority effective September 1, 2011 and the Chair be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with him consistent with the terms discussed in the closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maloney and unanimously approved.

- B. NPS Working Group Report –Mayor Molly Ward, NPS Working Group Chairman.**

MOTION: Mayor Ward made a motion for the Board to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the congressional delegation in support of the legislation introduced by Congressmen Rigell and Scott and Senators Webb and Warner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lawson and unanimously approved.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is on August 18, 2011 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

Chairman Suit motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nia Lissimore
Assistant Secretary

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I NPS Boundary Map