

FORT MONROE
FEDERAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
January 4, 2008 ~ Meeting Minutes

The Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority (FMFADA) meeting, held at the Bay Breeze Community Center on Fort Monroe, was called to order at 1:08 p.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Roll Call

Present: Secretary Viola Baskerville, Dr. Alvin Bryant, Secretary Preston Bryant, Mr. Robert Crouch, Ms. Catharine Gilliam, Secretary Patrick Gottschalk, Mr. Robert Harper, Dr. Kanata Jackson, Dr. Wayne Lett, Senator Mamie Locke, Mr. John Quarstein, Mr. Tommy Thompson, Dan Timberlake for Secretary Wagner.

Mr. Robert Crouch, Dan Timberlake and Senator Mamie Locke arrived late.

Interim Executive Director, Ms. Conover Hunt, Ms. Melissa Magowan for Army Liaison Colonel Jason Evans was also present.

Absent:

Dr. Rex Ellis, Delegate Tom Gear, Delegate Phil Hamilton, Mr. Robert Scott, Senator Marty Williams, Dr. Charlie Sapp and Mr. Joseph Spencer.

Secretary Bryant announced that since they did not have a quorum because some Board members were running late, they would hold off on adopting minutes. Secretary Bryant asked if any Board members had any amendments to the December Board minutes they would like to make. Ms. Gilliam stated that Secretary Wagner was in attendance at part of the meeting, but arrived late. Mr. Robert Harper stated that he was not at the meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bryant stated the Authority would hear comments from the public. (See Appendix I)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bryant stated since there were enough Board members for a quorum, he called for any other amendments to the December Board meeting minutes. Mr. Harper restated that he was absent from the meeting. Chairman Bryant stated that the minutes should reflect that David Von Moll was representing Secretary Wagner.

Chairman Bryant moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

IV. REPORTS & BRIEFINGS

A. Remarks by Interim Executive Director Conover Hunt

Chairman Bryant asked the Board to acknowledge Ms. Hunt's hard work in organizing and executing the Civil War Symposium held January 2nd and 3rd.

1. Financial Report - Ms. Hunt stated that she would not have a financial report as the City of Hampton gets the figures around the 10th or 11th of the month. She stated that she would give the Board an up to date financial report at the February meeting.

2. Tourism RFP - Ms. Hunt stated that we have gotten an RFP model that could be configured into a workable document. She will send this out as soon as it is done.

3. OEA Grant – Ms. Hunt said she has prepared a draft amendment to the OEA grant. She stated that she will be meeting in Richmond with financial and leadership experts about the aspects of that scope of work. This would support planning for January through June of 2008, and July through December, 2008.

4. Timeline – Ms. Hunt stated that the timeline is being adjusted again, and that it will be circulated to the Board prior to the next meeting. She said there will be a meeting on January 14th with key consultants. They will discuss the actual changes to be made to the draft reuse plan. These will be brought to the Board for their consideration and comment. She added these will be done in conformity with the Programmatic Agreement. She said they will recommend the FMFADA follow the same zones as in the PA as they look at the changes to the reuse plan.

5. Civil War Symposium – Ms. Hunt reported on the Civil War Symposium held on January 2-3 at the Hampton History Museum. She stated that the Symposium brought together 12 national specialists on the Civil War in History. She called it an interpretive planning symposium. The Symposium dealt with the history of Fort Monroe as it relates to the period of the Civil War, and although it is not the only major theme at Fort Monroe, it is one of importance. She stated that the recommendations of the scholars would be presented shortly. Ms. Hunt wanted to thank the Symposium sponsors: the Hampton History Museum, The Department of Historic Resources, Old Point National Bank, and Museum of the Confederacy. She said the scholars came together and did a superb job of absorbing the complexities of Fort Monroe and the work of the FMFADA. She thanked Ms. Trudy O'Reilly for coordinating the handout for the Symposium (see Appendix II). Ms. Hunt said she will submit a full report on the Symposium. She stated that the Symposium was filmed as well as taped, and that we are establishing an archive for public relations purposes and to document all the planning that is being done.

She said that some may think it is premature to deal with interpretive issues, but that the TRADOC museum system needs to have answers from the FMFADA by the spring of 2008 before they decide on the relocation of the collections of the Casemate museum. She stated that we are in discussions with them to get that collection to remain on Fort Monroe; that would involve some sort of partnership among cultural institutions. Ms. Hunt then introduced Professor Robert Eng who is a Professor of History and former chair of African American Studies at University of Pennsylvania. He is an educational consultant in history to the public school system of Philadelphia; some of his books include "Freedom's First Generation," and "Black Hampton 1861-1890." Professor Eng was selected by the visiting scholars to present the recommendations of the Symposium panel to the FMFADA Board.

B. Recommendation of the Civil War Symposium Participants

Professor Eng began the recommendations by telling the Board the enthusiasm the scholars had for Fort Monroe and its promise. He stated that the consensus was that Fort Monroe was a "national treasure" that needs to be preserved to the fullest extent possible. He stated that their specific charge was to look specifically at the issues of Civil War at Fort Monroe. He said the participants were struck by the unique story of Fort Monroe that was different than other areas of the country where the Civil War was fought. He stated that there were few battles around Fort Monroe. He said what makes Fort Monroe so unique is that this is where slavery begins to die, and freedom to take hold during the Civil War. He presented his list of recommendations by the Symposium panelists (see Appendix III). At the conclusion of Professor Eng's presentation, the Chairman asked if there were any questions from the Authority. Hearing no questions Chairman Bryant thanked Professor Eng for his report.

Ms. Hunt then introduced Mr. Waite Rawls of the Museum of the Confederacy. Mr. Rawls said it was an inspiration to be in a group of scholars who were dedicated and qualified for the discussion they had. He said to the Board of the FMFADA that most of us will never have the opportunity to do something that will make a real difference in future generations. He said that the FMFADA has that opportunity in front of them, and can make a difference. He urged the Board to "not to sit here as individuals or mere appointees, but to sit here as stewards of future generations."

Secretary Bryant then introduced Dr. Charles Cureton Chief of Museums and Historic Properties for TRADOC. Mr. Cureton posed this question to the Authority: What makes a museum succeed and what makes it fail? He asked what would be an outstanding museum program that would justify the commitment of artifacts by the Army, other museums or individuals. He said the Symposium was an important step in the right direction to greatness. He added the idea of a museum campus under the theme of Freedom's Fortress, the Civil War and American Freedom is nothing short of brilliant. This is a unique idea and has the all important "hook." He added that when we define Fort Monroe in terms of the theme of freedom it makes it important both nationally and internationally. He said this theme will encourage major museums and universities to join in. He added that as we define the inside the moat as a museum campus, it will help define how the remainder of the outside of the Fortress will be developed.

The Chairman then invited comments from the FMFADA Board members who were in attendance at the Civil War Symposium.

Dr. Kanata Jackson said the Symposium was outstanding and that she finally feels that the Authority is on the right track. She thanked Ms. Hunt for her leadership and reminded the Board that Fort Monroe is an integral part of the community. She added that she and the Board want to assure the citizens who have diligently been attending all the meetings that we are all on the same page. She stated that there will be more Symposiums not only on the historic aspect, but the tourism and business aspect of Fort Monroe. She said the imagination and vision of what we want will support and demonstrate the need to have Federal even perhaps International partnerships. She added that Fort Monroe encompasses a town, and that we should dismiss rumors of \$15,000,000.00. She ended by saying she is very pleased to be a part of the FMFADA.

Dr. Lett added that he was impressed that after two days the twelve scholars had come up with a consensus for the FMFADA to consider, and commended them.

Mr. Thompson added that he also was surprised the scholars agreed so quickly on the recommendations. The first thing they concluded was that the Civil War was not three cultures but one, and that all Americans suffered as a result. He also said that he learned that Fort Monroe has international implications.

Dr. Bryant said he attended the Symposium and was most impressed with the overall discussions, and that he learned a great deal about the impact of the Civil War. He said he would like to see documentaries based on these themes which could be a useful marketing tool for tourism.

John Quarstein participated in the Symposium and thinks the idea of partnerships with wide variety of museums would be helpful in transforming Fort Monroe into a place that would foster great interpretation, great documentation, perhaps one of the most moving points of our nation's history. He added that he hopes the success of the conference would bring the Board to the realization they should do a similar symposium every year.

Secretary Baskerville stated that the historians also made the point that whatever interpretation is done, tell the truth and construct accurately the history of Fort Monroe. Mr. Quarstein stated that whatever story is told, it must be compelling enough so we make the museum complex a place where people want to come. That in turn will make it sustainable. Mr. Thompson said one issue that the historians were solidly together in is that it should be one museum and not three, to reemphasize the story of one culture of Civil War. Mr. Robert Harper echoed the other Board member's remarks on the Symposium and added that the recommendations from the Symposium offer the opportunity to posture the Fort's role for the future. Chairman Bryant asked the Board to give Ms. Hunt a round of applause, based on the success of the Symposium.

C. Engineering Report

Chairman Bryant introduced Karen McPherson from Kimley-Horn who, along with Eddie Marschieder and Ken Dierks, gave a presentation on infrastructure updates. She added that Kimley-Horn is looking for identification of the key infrastructure elements and that they need additional direction from the Board before moving forward. She said they also wanted to identify what questions the Board had for them, and identify what issues should be addressed later in the planning. Chairman Bryant urged the Board members to ask many questions of the Kimley Horn representatives, so they may move on with their work. Ms. McPherson referred the Authority members to information in their Board packets (see Appendix IV).

Based on the diagram of two proposed separate and distinct entrances to Fort Monroe, Ms. McPherson said they are looking for the Board to consider modifying the roadway network at the main entrance, to balance the need to accommodate traffic. Secretary Bryant asked if there has been a traffic study that tells how many vehicles will potentially travel on Fort Monroe, and how many will be garaged on Fort Monroe? Ms. McPherson said that this analysis was done based on all three scenarios in the draft reuse plan taking into consideration how much traffic was going to come in and how much would go out. She said that the proposed option would accommodate all three options, and that it was needed under all three options. She said that the City of Hampton has developed two options for a North Entrance, but emphasized that they are very conceptual. The first option was a connection from Fenwick to Atlantic. The second option was Fenwick to Seaboard. She also said there was conversation about a potential third option from Fenwick to Thimble Shoals. Kimley-Horn asked the Board to determine what path they want the

Northern connection to take, and asked if Kimley-Horn should move forward with a more detailed 10% conceptual layout of the North corridor.

Ms. McPherson said the other piece of the transportation puzzle was the internal street networks. She said the Board could not take any action at this time as it will depend on the decision of the land use.

Ms. McPherson introduced Eddie Marschieder, who reported on Infrastructure and Utilities. Mr. Marschieder recapped the presentation he gave to the Authority last year: most of the infrastructure on Fort Monroe was in good shape, primarily as a result of funding that was obtained after Hurricane Isabel; the initial land use schemes and scenarios determined what kind of infrastructure upgrades would be required; the cost of infrastructure upgrades or enhancements was entirely dependent on the land use concepts. He recommended the Board hold off until a reuse plan is developed before asking Kimley-Horn to review the infrastructure and only then try to estimate the costs. He recommended the following action by the Board: open a dialogue with both Hampton (sewer) and Newport News (water) to determine what design requirements they may have and possible maintenance options. As far as additional costs to the infrastructure and utilities, take no action at this time until a land use scheme is developed.

Ken Dierks, Director of Environmental Service for Kimley-Horn, reported on flood protection & insurance and waterfront usage. The area of the seawall was a principal source of flooding; repairs have been funded and work is underway. Other recommendations by the Army Corps of Engineers that were not funded relate to the flooding from storm drains and the cross fort base berm. He stated there need to be sources of funding to implement the recommendations of the corps report. He stated that flood insurance availability will be a critical factor for transitioning the base, noting that any new construction will require flood insurance. He recommended extensive discussions between the City of Hampton and FEMA to better define the conditions under which new construction can qualify for flood insurance. Action recommended: The Board authorize general funds for thorough investigation of flood insurance coverage issues with FEMA.

Secretary Bryant asked if he has had any discussion with VIMS as far as their current study of the effects of global warming in the Hampton Roads area. Mr. Dierks stated he was unaware of the study. Chairman Bryant told Mr. Dierks that he would give the people at VIMS his contact information.

Mr. Dierks gave an overview of issues that had to be dealt with in order to transition the marina into the FMFADA's hands. He asked the Board for permission to do a two part study with the first being the transition of the marina and to look at their current operating structure and costs and income profiles. The second part would take a look at the opportunities for marina expansion. He also wants to look at the possibility of a small boat access facility on Mill Creek.

At the conclusion of Kimley-Horn's presentation Mr. Thompson asked what the budget was for installing individual electric meters at individual buildings on the fort? Mr. Marschieder said that most of the buildings are running off of one meter, but would need to be converted to individual meters. He said around 12 of the buildings had already been converted, but the work stopped with the BRAC announcement in 2005. Mr. Thompson said the water would be an easy thing to do but that electrical meters are not. Mr. Marschieder said they had not looked at metering the buildings in their initial study. Virginia Power has taken over the ownership and maintenance of the electrical system, and that much of that was underground. Mr. Bob Edwards added that the Fort has a brand new underground system that meets Virginia Power standards, but they have not metered individual buildings. Secretary Bryant stated that it would not be in Virginia Power's interest to bear costs to individually meter each building. Mr. Thompson added that it would be a significant cost, and would not be in the State's interest either. Mr. Marschieder said he would explore the cost of metering the buildings further. Chairman Bryant said the FMFADA could help Kimley-Horn with those discussions with Virginia Power is necessary.

Chairman Bryant went through the actions items, and asked for discussion. General Robert Wagner posed a question from the audience: can Old Point Comfort Yacht Club be made a part of the FMFADA organization? Chairman Bryant said the Authority would entertain that discussion later, and thanked General Wagner.

Chairman Bryant went to the first action item: transportation routes at the Main Entrance. He asked if any Board members had thoughts or discussions on the three options. Ms. Hunt asked how modifying the entrance impacts the management zones with the Programmatic Agreement. Ms. McPherson replied that there needs to be a clarification within the management zone and there needs to be flexibility at key entrance points so that the roadwork network can be modified to accommodate the proposed land use. Ms. Hunt said we need to pass that on to the concerned parties; that they need to be flexible in looking at arteries. Dr. Lett said: knowing that people come off I-64 are

going to want to take the Mellen St., which is the closest entrance to the base, how do they plan on handling that based on the diagram showing the tourist traffic coming off of Mercury Blvd? Ms. McPherson said that configuration was based on the land use plans that were proposed under the previous study. She added if we look at an alternative land use plan we would need to go back and revisit how this would actually operate. Traffic is usually accommodated more with signage and with destination and marketing. She reminded the Board that this network is conceptual as to how the pieces fit together. Depending on the land use, these roads will look different. She explained that roadway configurations follow land use.

John Quarstein asked Ms. McPherson if they should complete this study now on this part of the entrance or should wait until they understand what our tourism impact will be. Ms. McPherson stated that under any scenario the Fort will need more than one way in and one way out, and they need the flexibility to change it. She said she is “raising her hand” and asking for a little bit of flexibility at the main entrance. Ms. Hunt stated that they are trying to adapt our plan and a process to conform to what is outlined in the PA for simplicity and ease of communications. The rigidity of the fence posts in the PA will continue to come up as an issue. This is why they need to be communicating about this. In terms of maintaining existing arteries they will probably say don’t wipe out major historic roadways. She added that “we can address this.” Mr. Thompson said that are two entrances now and do they want Mallory and Mercury to come together. He said a lot of the traffic will not be going to the office buildings, but will be going to the moat or beyond. Ms. McPherson said they are not trying to deny access to the office building area, but are trying to create two clear ways in and out to ease emergency evacuation. Mr. Thompson said he understands the reasoning but does not like changing the access point.

Chairman Bryant asked the Board if they could reach a consensus reflected in the minutes that Kimley-Horn can consider modifying the roadway configuration at the main entrance. Dr. Jackson said it needs to be documented that the Board has reached a consensus to include that language. Ms. McPherson added the language should say once a land use is reached, that the entrance street network can be considered for modification. Ms. McPherson stated that three years from now the three options at the entrance may not be appropriate, but what they are asking is the ability to change it. The Secretary stated the Board had reached a consensus, and that the issue was settled.

Ms. Gilliam stated that the FMFADA has a consultant who represents them in the 106 process, and it is more complex. Ms. Hunt asked the BRAC 106 consultant David Dutton if there would be a problem with the PA in terms of the aforementioned roadway issue. Mr. Dutton replied that they need to look at how defined that entrance is with historic significance. They will have to look at ways they can allow some minor changes and flexibility that won’t affect the significance. Ms. Hunt asked if he thought it could be reduced to a design issue. Mr. Dutton answered that putting the language in place will insure that the right conversations take place.

Mr. Thompson stated that the roads that are shown in the Kimley-Horn presentation are in place today, and that it is just a matter of widening or maybe some minor modifications. Mr. Thompson moved that the FMFADA consider modifying the roadway network at the main entrance. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Ms. Magowan said the Army would have a concern about the timing of adding or modifying entrances because that would be a protection issue. Secretary Bryant stated that will not be an issue because the modifications would be done after the Army leaves.

Chairman Bryant asked the Authority to move on to the North Entrance issue. He stated the question is authorizing a development of 10% conceptual layout to more clearly identify impact such as right of way, street section, drainage impacts, environmental impacts and preliminary construction costs. He asked for preferences in terms of existing options A and B, and a possible and third option to connect through Thimble Shoals. Mr. Thompson asked if the City of Hampton had given Kimley-Horn a recommendation based on the work the Hampton FADA had done. Mr. Marscheider said options A and B were developed by the City of Hampton engineering services department. They have not been modified. Mr. Thompson stated that Option A was the most cost effective because it was based on using an existing road system. Mr. Thompson added that he thinks there is an opportunity for cooperation with the City where the city builds part of it, and the State may build part of it.

Mr. Harper stated that the Board is being asked to approve looking at option A, B, or C and determining whether to do a cost analysis and coming back later to say which option the Board will choose. Chairman Bryant agreed there were no presumptions. Mr. Crouch asked the Chairman if there was a presumption that there would be a north entrance under any scenario. Mr. Quarstein said he heard there was a safety issue and an issue with public access that was voiced in the public hearings. Chairman Bryant added that when the Board had the roundtable discussion at the November meeting they had a general consensus on a North entrance. Mr. Crouch asked if there was a neighborhood association for that neighborhood. Mr. Quarstein said there are two groups that have neighborhood

associations in that area and a Buckroe Beach planning group. Mr. Crouch said his point is that these groups need to be closely involved. Several Board members replied that they have been and many of the scenarios have already been reviewed by the citizens groups with the City of Hampton. Dr. Bryant added that a North entrance would relieve backup in case of an emergency. Ms. McPherson stated that a North entrance may be a consideration depending on the land use. Dr. Bryant said that in an emergency it is hard to control what people will do to get out, and he believes there needs to be two exits. Mr. Quarstein added that during the public hearings there was no new construction suggested for that area and the public would have more access to the beach as well as a safety network.

Chairman Bryant asked for a motion to authorize Kimley-Horn to do a 10% conceptual plan with considering Options A & B and not the third option. Dr. Lett made the motion, seconded by Mr. Robert Harper. The Secretary asked for all in favor to say aye. The motion was passed unanimously. Dr. Lett made it clear to the Authority that the Thimble Shoals option was off the table.

Secretary Bryant went on to infrastructure/utilities. The Chairman asked for a motion to begin discussion with utility owners to determine design requirements and possible maintenance options. John Quarstein made the motion, Secretary Baskerville seconded. The action item passed unanimously.

The Secretary went on to the next action item, the FIP. The Chairman asked to authorize general budget for thorough investigation of FIP coverage with FEMA. He asked Ken Dierks of Kimley-Horn to define what a “general budget” was. Mr. Dierks explained that it would most likely be Army money if possible. Mr. Dierks said they need to get the general guidelines down as far as flood insurance requirements so that information is available to planners, to budget controls and all the people that may be affected by some of the design criteria that are driven by the insurance requirements. Chairman Bryant asked for the motion. Mr. Harper made the motion which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chairman Bryant described the last action item in reference to the waterfront facilities as authorizing a general budget for planning level studies to be followed by a detailed proposal for each study. Dr. Bryant said he would like to make a motion on this issue, but to allow Old Point Comfort Yacht Club be given representation. The Secretary made the following recommendation for General Wagner to put whatever thoughts, concerns, and wishes relative to what the OPYC would like to see with the marina and send them to the Executive Director, who will then work with the consultants.

The motion was seconded and passed. Chairman Bryant thanked Kimley-Horn for their work

D. Legal Update

Steve Owens of the Office of the Attorney General gave a preliminary report on real estate issues on Fort Monroe (see Appendix V). He added that the details will get filled in as they proceed with the reuse planning process. He emphasized that at some point the OAG will engage the military in discussion of whether they will receive compensation or not. That has not happened yet, but it is part of the normal BRAC process. He showed a chart detailing the reversionary rights according to the Army. He said the problem with the lines on the chart is that they cut through buildings and backyards. This causes significant complications to any transfers that might occur. He said this does not make the transfers impossible, it just makes them harder. He discussed different option scenarios after the reversion of the property. Mr. Owens said that he heard concerns that businesses would be disinterested in a presence on Fort Monroe unless the property was sold to them. Mr. Owens stated that was not true, that ownership is not required for a business to get financing. He said that they need to look into rehabilitation tax credits as that will clearly be an issue, but that it is very likely rehabilitation tax credits will be available. He added if any property was sold it would be subject to restrictive covenants, protective easements, or similar mechanisms to protect the integrity of the property. He said some mechanism may be more appropriate or more available for certain uses than in other areas, i.e., the way we deal with residential will be different than how we deal with industrial areas. The primary message Mr. Owens said is that there are many options available to accomplish the objectives of future owners or tenants who will be utilizing properties at Fort Monroe. The Commonwealth and FMFADA can use these options to ensure economic sustainability while preserving Fort Monroe’s historic and open space resources.

Mr. Thompson stated that Langley asked if they could stay on a parcel of land that had a trailer park on it and some camp sites when the Hampton FADA thought that much of Fort Monroe would revert back to the city. Langley Field went to the Army and got the Army to deed them that parcel. He added that most of it is under water and of no use that he could see. Mr. Thompson said included in that parcel was the Big Bethel battle site. It was not an issue then as at the time they were not thinking about the historical assets of Fort Monroe. He said after the Symposium

he realized that the FMFADA would be very interested, and asked Mr. Owens if there was some way to get Langley to give that back. Mr. Quarstein added that the Big Bethel site was the first land battle of the Civil War. Mr. Thompson stated Langley doesn't need the land and the Commonwealth needs to find a way to control it. Mr. Owens said since they will be having discussions with the military he is certain that issue could be raised. Chairman Bryant tasked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Quarstein to draft a letter to the OAG in reference to this site.

Chairman Bryant asked if there were any other topics for discussion of which there were none.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Bryant stated the Authority needed to go into Executive Session and asked that those who remain for the Executive Session include voting members of the Board and their designees. Therefore, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.8.1, he called for a motion to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussion and consideration of perspective candidates for employment. He further moved that the following individuals be present at the closed session: Deputy Secretary Zorn and Steve Owens as their attendance would aid the Board in its discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

CERTIFY EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Bryant entertained a motion that pursuant to Section 2.2-3711, the Authority only engaged in those discussions that are allowed in that code section. Chairman Bryant called for the vote, which passed unanimously. At that time the Chairman was advised that Secretary Gottschalk was not in the Executive Session and had left the meeting.

VI. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Chairman called for any additional public comments. (See Appendix I)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bryant asked for any other new business to come before the Authority. Hearing none he thanked the Authority members and the consultants for their time and adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke
Secretary/Treasurer

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APPENDIXES

APPENDIX I – PUBLIC COMMENT:

General Robert E. Wagner – Representing: Old Point Comfort Yacht Club

General Wagner read off a recommendation letter for the FMFADA from the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club (attached).

Mark Perrault – Representing: Citizens for a Fort Monroe National Park

Mr. Perrault stated that the Commonwealth must pursue a major federal role at Old Point Comfort, to produce the best possible outcome at Fort Monroe. He added that if the Commonwealth rejects a Federal partnership it will result in a selloff of land outside the moat to private developers. He stated that Virginians do not want this.

Dr. H.O. Malone – Representing: Fort Monroe National Park Foundation, self

Dr. Malone stated that they have contracted with the Trust for Public Lands to do a study to look at the need for park land in the Hampton Roads region. He stated that the study will be done by the spring. He added that he thinks the study for park land will compliment any of the recommendations from the Civil War Symposium panelists. Dr. Bryant suggested that the Citizens for Fort Monroe National Park come up with a National Park Service Reuse Plan so that whatever reuse plan that the Fort Monroe FADA may take into consideration what the Park Service has in mind.

Christine Gergely – Representing: United Daughters of the Confederacy

Ms. Gergely began by thanking the FMFADA for the Civil War Symposium. She stated the most important is that the ideas presented by the Symposium panelists has to be marketed to appeal to all; that you can't educate the people if you can't get them in.

Gerri Hollins – Representing: Contraband Historical Society

Ms. Hollins complimented the Civil War Symposium and that she was looking forward to the scholar's recommendations.

Public comment cont'd.

Sam Martin – Representing – Self

Mr. Martin advised the FMFADA to get the terms straight of what they talk about when they are talking about Fort Monroe or inside the moat or Old Point Comfort. He also stated that the sea level is rising; Fort Monroe will flood, and do we want to pay the \$120,000,000 it would cost to restore Fort Monroe. He also said for the FMFADA to be careful as the City of Hampton has proposed in its FY2008 a Fort Monroe northern access road for \$100,000 for the design and construction of a road and a bridge to Fort Monroe from Atlantic Avenue and Buckroe Beach.

APPENDIX II – Civil War Symposium handout

APPENDIX III – Civil War Symposium Recommendations

APPENDIX IV – Engineering Report

APPENDIX V – Legal Update