

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Minutes

February 17th, 2010

9:55 A.M. - 12:21 P.M.

Attendees: Kathleen Kilpatrick, Chair; Dr. Laurenette Lee; Robert Nieweg; Bill Frazier; Jeanne Zeidler; Dorothy Redford; Eleanor Krause; John Munick

Absent: Alisa Bailey

Others Attending: John Quarstein, FMFADA Commissioner; Peter Dajevskis, Interpretive Solutions; Greg Rutledge, Hanbury Evans Wright & Vlattas; Bill Armbruster, FMFADA; Josh Gillespie, FMFADA; Melissa Farrington, FMFADA; Trudy O'Reilly, O'Reilly Public Relations; Deanna Beacham, Virginia Council on Indians

Meeting agenda is attached.

Call to Order

Ms. Kilpatrick called the meeting to order, and called roll. There being no discussion, Dr. Lee moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Mayor Zeidler. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Armbruster began his report by highlighting the change in the administration in Richmond. He reflected that the FMFADA board would be responsible in the near future for making key decisions. Mr. Armbruster met for three weeks in Richmond with both finance and appropriations committees and briefed these members on two major actions proposed. He spoke about the decision to pursue an expanded National Park Service presence by creating a unit at Fort Monroe. He explained how he and his consultants had introduced legislation and was able to meet with all principle legislators except Senator Webb. Congressman Nye will present a resolution expressing congressional support for an expanded presence of the National Park Service at Fort Monroe.

The Authority's legislation was introduced and passed in the Senate with the House appropriations pending. Mr. Armbruster continued his report on the new legislation by stating that a state enclave would be created and the Authority board would decrease from eighteen to eleven members. New members would include Cheng and Domenech. The legislative initiatives would clarify the power of the Fort Monroe Authority and secure the state bridge investment. Discussions would take place concerning the finance of the long-term capital improvements plan which would include one hundred million dollars worth of infrastructure upgrades. Appropriation funding will be discussed as well as the expansion of staff members supported by legislation. Work is going on with the City of Hampton discussing utility services and our consultants have drafted organizational charts for the FMFADA management strategy. There will be an increase to four deputies with the HA/HPO position to be posted this week.

Ms. Krause commended Mr. Armbruster on his great job concerning the organizational chart. Ms. Kilpatrick questioned strategy for bridge funding and Mr. Armbruster stated that in the year 2012 there will be a large jump in funding. Mr. Nieweg asked which type of NPS unit Kaine and Jarvis would want. Mr. Armbruster stated that he will provide copies of all correspondence and that all responses with Jarvis have been informal.

Historic Preservation and Design Standards Committee

Ms. Krause updated the advisory group on the progress of the Design Standards Committee. She reported that the group is tweaking the content and fleshing out the outline. The committee will meet this afternoon to go over the status of all chapters in the Design Standards. The group plans to get input from DHR and set up deadline at the meeting today. Mr. Rutledge added that the group would be incorporating the viewshed and cultural landscape studies into the process.

Ms. Kilpatrick said that she expects follow-up contacts on landscape and native species topics. Ms. Krause stated that they were waiting on a response from the Army. Mr. Nieweg asked whether the schedule would be set up this afternoon and whether the public would be able to comment on the reports. Mr. Rutledge responded that the public would have an opportunity to comment. Ms. Kilpatrick encouraged the committee to stay on schedule and told the HPAG members to be aware that there is a lot of information out there concerning the Design Standards.

Interpretive Planning Update on Themes

Mr. Dajevskis spoke about the thematic planning process and introduced four workshop sections in which the steering committee would participate and repeated that they are altering a working document. Mr. Dajevskis listed five different themes (Foundation, African American Experience, The Civil War, Defense of the Nation, and Old Point Comfort Resorts) and listed different subunits under each theme. The core group had been trusted with the lead in reporting.

Dr. Lee commented she was worried about not including the Native American story in the process. Ms. Beacham expanded thought by stating that there could have been possible occupation and years of resource use on Fort Monroe. Ms. Kilpatrick stated that the interpretation process could incorporate the story of the coastal Virginia Indians. Mr. Quarstein commented that Naval History should be a topic not a subunit under technology. Ms. Kilpatrick asked how much public participation will be solicited. Ms. O'Reilly commented that there are surveys online to solicit public comment and we are receiving about one hundred new responses a month. Mr. Nieweg asked that the IMP schedule be inserted in the meeting minutes.

Insertion of IMP Schedule

Fort Monroe Video Presentation and Discussion

Ms. O'Reilly introduced the Fort Monroe video and it was viewed by all members. Dr. Lee and Ms. Beacham were concerned that Blackhawk was not included in video. Ms. Kilpatrick commented that she hoped we would be proactive about the needs for buildings concerning adaptive reuse. Mr. Frazier stated that a practical level he wanted to know how the committee could help with stewardship and wanted to know how you would go to market with the private sector, saying that is important to communicate the

standards. Ms. Krause expressed her hope that there would be several industry forums targeting different areas to allow selectivity without the buildings being used on a “first come, first serve” basis. Ms. Kilpatrick stated that the development of Fort Monroe is separate from Mr. D’s task and that she hoped we would be mindful of the fact that development opportunities are finite.

Public Comment

Ms. Christine Gergely commented that she felt themes should be made available for comment before meetings and encouraged the use of a maritime theme.

DRAFT