

EXHIBIT NO. 2

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2000

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF STAFF REPORT ON RESPONSES TO ISSUES RAISED AT THE NOVEMBER 18 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE URBAN DECK AND JONES POINT PARK

ISSUE: City Council consideration of staff report on responses to issues raised at the November 18 public hearing on the Urban Deck and Jones Point Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council approve the recommendations in the October 24, 2000, docket memorandum with modifications, as follows:

- (1) Approve the interim plan for Jones Point Park (Attachment 2 to the October 24 memorandum), with the understanding that the two athletic fields (and possibly the parking spaces) shown in the interim plan will be modified to accommodate the retention of the woodland area that is described in Recommendation 2.
- (2) Approve the final plan for Jones Point Park (Attachment 1 to the October 24 memorandum), with the following modifications: (a) reduce the size of the two athletic fields north of the new Wilson bridge from 120 yards by 75 yards to 110 yards by 60 yards; (b) change the alignment of the western field from a north/south to an east/west direction (see Attachment 1 to this memorandum); and (c) eliminate the secondary bike path that runs through the woodland area to the north of the bridge. These modifications reduce the amount of woodland to be removed for the fields in the area north of the bridge from approximately 4.1 acres to approximately 1.9 acres (leaving approximately 18.1 acres of woodland in this northern area), and the number of trees 24 or more inches in diameter from 9 to 4; and
- (3) Approve the concept of the smaller deck plan for the Urban Deck (as shown in Attachment 3 to the October 24 memorandum), conditioned upon the City and the Federal Highway Administration agreeing to an amendment to their March 1, 1999, Settlement Agreement in which the City agreed to dismiss the law suit it had initiated over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge replacement project.

BACKGROUND: On November 18, City Council held a public hearing on the recommendations contained in the October 24 docket memorandum on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project's proposed plans for the renovation of Jones Point Park and the construction of an Urban Deck. Earlier, on November 14, Council had conducted a work session on these proposed plans.

While many persons testifying at the November 18 public hearing supported the proposed plans, a number of speakers expressed concerns in two major areas -- the two athletic fields proposed for the area north of the new Wilson Bridge in Jones Point Park, and the noise impacts that the Wilson Bridge replacement project, when finished, would have on Alexandria residents. The concerns mainly centered on:

- (1) the size, number and location of the two athletic fields and the secondary bike path, the City's ability to regulate the use of the fields, and the impact of the fields on nearby wetlands and the flood plain;
- (2) the removal of woodland to accommodate the athletic fields and the impact that the removal of this woodland would have on the natural environment and on the level of noise that residents in Yates Gardens would hear during and after construction of the new bridge; and
- (3) the level of noise, in general, that will result from the new bridge, the impact of this noise level on the residential communities to the north and south of the new bridge, and measures that will be taken to mitigate this noise impact.

In response to these concerns, and in an effort to reduce the amount of woodland and the number of large trees that need to be removed for the two athletic fields, staff have analyzed a number of alternatives to the two 120 by 75 yard fields (both aligned in a north/south direction) presented at the October 24 work session and addressed at the November 18 Public Hearing, and are now recommending two smaller fields (110 by 60 yards), with the western field aligned in an east/west, rather than a north/south direction, and the elimination of the secondary bike path (see Attachment 1). Presented below is a summary of these recommendations, and a response to the issues raised at the public hearing by the members of Council, the Yates Gardens Civic Association, and others.

DISCUSSION:

A. Modification of Athletic Fields and Elimination of Secondary Bike Path

The proposed final plan for Jones Point Park, which was addressed in the October 24 docket memorandum and at the November 18 hearing, includes two athletic fields north of the new bridge, each 120 by 75 yards and aligned in a north/south direction. The fields are to be used for a variety of sports (e.g., soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and football). In addition, the proposed plan contained a secondary bike path running from Union Street through the woodland area north of the new bridge, to the new bridge. Under the proposed plan, the area south of the new bridge is to be used for passive, non-athletic activities.

Staff are recommending that the two athletic fields in the final Jones Point Park plan remain to the north of the bridge, but that the size of each field be reduced to 110 by 60 yards, and that the western field be oriented in an east/west direction, with the other field remaining with a north/south direction. We are also recommending that the secondary bike path be eliminated from the final park plan. These plan modifications reduce by over 50% -- from 4.1 to 1.9 acres¹ -- the acres of woodland that need to be removed for the fields (thereby leaving 18.1 woodland acres to the north of the new bridge), and reduce by 55% -- from 9 to 4 -- the number of trees 24 or more inches in diameter that need to be removed for the fields. Further, with these modifications, the shortest distance between the western athletic field and the closest residence is increased from 300 to 400 feet. Neither athletic field will be lighted; both fields will be irrigated.

We believe that the final Jones Point Park plan presented to Council in the October 24 docket memorandum, with these modifications -- i.e., with the smaller fields and their new alignment, along with the elimination of the secondary bike path -- strikes a proper balance of the competing interests and concerns expressed at the public hearing and otherwise involved in this matter.

First, the modified plan maintains the original concept of separating the active and passive activity areas of Jones Point Park by keeping all active activity areas (i.e., the athletic fields) on the north of the new bridge and maintaining the area to the south of the bridge for passive activities, including cultural and historic interpretation. Placing an athletic field in the southern part of the park would pose a fundamental conflict with this concept, and would diminish the quality of the passive uses planned for the area. In addition, this field would increase maintenance costs (two fields together are less costly to maintain than two separate fields), would require the use of a different type of grass than would be used immediately adjacent to the field, would cause the event lawn in this part of the park to be uneven (due to the crown of the field), and would bring about more wear and tear in this area in general.

Second, the modified plan reduces substantially the number of acres of woodland that need to be removed because of the athletic fields. As noted, the number of acres decreases from 4.1 to 1.9, and the number of large trees (24 inches or more in diameter) decreases from 9 to 4.

Third, the modified plan, though no longer containing "full size, regulation" soccer-sized fields (120 by 75 yards), contains two fields that are sufficient in size for high school soccer, field hockey, lacrosse and football. Fields of this size are needed in the City. Currently, we have only 12 fields that measure 50 yards x 100 yards or greater and, of these, only 5 can accommodate field hockey, lacrosse and soccer for youth 12 and older. Lacrosse has been added to the T.C. Williams sports activities this year and will need the larger size field for its games. Field hockey, which has been a high school sport for several years, and the City's football program, for youth ages 8-15, also need large fields for their games. The Alexandria Soccer Association estimates that their registration will increase from the current 1600 to 2000 in the next two years thus needing more field space. In addition, many adults wish to continue to play field sports, and we cannot now accommodate their requests for fields. Currently, the Alexandria Soccer League has to limit its teams to no more than five due to the lack

¹ These and the other acreage numbers in this memorandum are approximations.

of fields. With the addition of the two proposed fields at Jones Point, the two fields that will be built off-site as replacements for the fields that were proposed for the Urban Deck, and one field at the Potomac Yard (the second field to be located at Potomac Yard replaces the field at George Washington Middle School), the City will increase its inventory of large fields by five. After these fields come on line, there is little, if any, appropriate open space large enough in the City to develop large athletic fields.

Fourth, the modified plan has no adverse impact on wetlands and less impact (than the plan presented on October 24) on bird species that use the park as habitat. At the public hearing, comments were made about the impact of the athletic fields on the nearby wetlands and the impact that removing the woodlands would have on birds for whom the woodlands are habitat. These issues are addressed in the Final Supplemental Jones Point Park Consolidated Natural Resources Inventory -October 2000 (produced by the Wilson Bridge project). With regard to the wetlands, the report states that the originally proposed athletic fields “will provide enhanced recreational opportunities within the park without any proposed wetland impacts.” This remains true for the modified fields. With respect to the bird population at Jones Point Park, the report states that “it is expected that most species of birds presently using JPP would continue to do so upon completion of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. However, because of an overall reduction in available habitat following project completion, the number of individuals of each species utilizing JPP could be expected to decline.” The reduction in the number of acres of woodland to be removed for the athletic fields (4.1 to 1.9) will certainly diminish any decline in the number of birds that will use the park.

B. Council Member Issues and Concerns

Below is the staff response to the specific issues and concerns raised at the public hearing by Councilman Speck, Councilwoman Pepper and Councilman Euille, and in a memorandum after the hearing by Councilwoman Woodson.

Councilman Speck asked (1) whether one of the fields to the north of the new bridge could be aligned in an east/west direction, and (2) whether a small athletic field could be located to the south of the new bridge and how it would impact on the natural resources and cultural interpretation elements of that area of the park.

As to the first question, one of the fields to the north of the bridge can be and, in our modified recommendations, has been realigned in an east/west direction. While a north/south orientation is optimal for some sports, staff believe that the field sports planned for Jones Point Park will not be adversely affected by an east/west orientation.

As to the second question, retaining a large field (120 by 75 yards) to the north of the bridge and placing a small field (80 by 40 yards) to the south can be done, and would result in 1.05 acres of woodland north of the bridge being removed and 4 trees of a diameter at or above 24 inches. We continue, however, to strongly recommend against this. The passive and historic interpretive area to the south of the bridge would be adversely impacted with active recreation taking place in the

midst of it. As noted above, a playing field in this area would be raised to allow for drainage and irrigation, and the type of turf would be different than what is planned for the natural meadow area. We believe that it is a better balance for all concerned to separate the active and passive uses of the park.

Councilwoman Pepper asked whether the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project would locate one of the athletic fields off-site and, if so, where might the field go. The project will not obtain and improve land elsewhere in the City as a replacement field for one of the Jones Point Park fields. The fields have been placed in, rather than outside, the park in order to mitigate the impacts of the bridge project on a "Section 4(f)" resource (i.e., Jones Point Park). Placing a field off-site, away from the park, would not mitigate the project's impacts on the park. In any event, the project will not provide for the relocation of a field, and any off-site relocation would be entirely at the City's expense.

Councilman Euille asked (1) whether the interim fields could be located elsewhere in the City during bridge construction, and could the interim fields be placed as an overlay on existing fields (2) whether use of the interim fields during the years of bridge construction will be safe, (3) what will be the level of parking at Jones Point Park, (4) how will the City regulate the use of the fields in the park, (5) where will the funds required to maintain the park come from, and (6) where will the "savings" from the Urban Deck go.

As to the first question, the project will not locate the interim fields in another location during bridge construction. Project personnel do not believe this is required or warranted for safety or other reasons. In any event, placing the interim fields as an overlay on existing City fields at other locations will further stress fields that are often already overused.

As to the safety of the fields during construction, the staging area for the construction will be restricted to the area (i) under and 50 feet to the north of the existing bridge, (ii) under and 50 feet to the south of the proposed bridge right-of-way, and (iii) 50 feet wide and about 200 feet long running to the north of the current bridge (for delivery of equipment and materials). This staging area will be fenced off at all times. Users of the park will be allowed to move between the northern and southern areas of the park most of the time. Only when there are major construction events, like the delivery of large beams, would access to the southern part of the park be closed, and only for brief periods of time.

As to parking, up to 160 public parking spaces will be provided in the park during the interim construction period (just to the east of the eastern athletic field) and, following construction, 250 permanent spaces will be provided (under the new bridge).

As to the regulation of the fields, the current license agreement between the City and the National Park Service authorizes the City to control the scheduling of "activities and special uses of Jones Point Park," and to charge user fees in accordance with established City policies. The agreement also requires the City to keep the park "open to the public without regard to residency." The City intends to control the scheduling of the use of the athletic fields through a permit system, which would limit the frequency of the fields' uses. The requirement for a permit would be enforced, in part, by

Recreation employees (one of whom will be permanently assigned to the park). The Park and Recreation Commission and staff from the Recreation Department will work with user groups and neighbors to develop and maintain a program schedule that recognizes the interests of these parties and the City.

As to maintenance costs, the annual cost of maintaining Jones Point Park is estimated at \$380,000 (current annual expenditure is approximately \$130,000). The estimate includes the cost of maintaining the fields and the non-athletic areas, and the salary and benefits to staff the park daily with one person. The source of maintenance funding will be the City budget, similar to the funding for the new parks at Cameron Station.

As to the Urban Deck “savings,” over the next few months attorneys for the City will be in discussions with Federal Highway Administration attorneys regarding a formal amendment to the Settlement Agreement that ended the City’s involvement in the bridge litigation. Part of those discussions will address the funds that will not be required for the Urban Deck in light of the scaled-back plans for the deck. We know that some of those funds will go to the construction of athletic fields to replace the fields that the Settlement Agreement required to be built on the Urban Deck. Disposition of the remainder of the funds (specifically, whether any part of the funds will be utilized in further mitigation efforts in the City) will be addressed as part of the Agreement’s amendment.

Councilwoman Woodson, in a November 16, memorandum asked a number of questions, including (1) whether the number of non-resident participants in the Alexandria Soccer Association has changed, (2) what defines natural versus invasive trees, (3) how many acres of trees, in total, will be removed as a result of the bridge project, (4) what is the overall plan for athletic fields in Alexandria, (5) what is the ratio of fields square footage per capita in Arlington and Alexandria, (6) what are the various sizes of athletic fields, adult and youth soccer, lacrosse, football, and (7) what is the current maintenance budget for Jones Point Park, what is the projected maintenance budget for the park, and how would eliminating the fields or eliminating one field affect the budget.

We refer you to Attachment 2 which contains a response to each of these questions.²

C. Yates Gardens Civic Association Issues and Concerns

The Yates Gardens Civic Association (see Attachment 3) raised concerns about (i) the effect that the crowning of the athletic fields would have on the park’s natural flood plain (in particular, whether the fields would cause flooding of the homes along Lee Street), and (ii) whether the park’s athletic fields would, in effect, become a regional soccer facility and whether the City would be able to regulate use of the fields in a manner that would prevent this and would not “run afoul of the law or [the City’s]

² Ms. Woodson also posed questions regarding the noise levels generated by the new bridge. A response to these questions is provided below in Section D, as well as in Attachment 2.

contractual obligations under its National Park Service license.”³

As to the fields’ effect upon the flood plain, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team has reviewed the most current Federal Emergency Management Agency flood plain information available as well as all topographic survey information. Its conclusion, with which the City concurs, is that the elevation of the two proposed soccer fields will have no effect on the 100-year flood plain elevation. This conclusion is based upon the fact that the volume of the fill area associated with the proposed fields is insignificant, given that Jones Point park sits within a tidally influenced watershed that is hundreds of square miles.

As to the City’s authority to regulate the athletic fields’ use, see the response provided above to Mr. Euille’s similar question.

D. Noise Issues and Concerns

The noise studies conducted by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Team show that the proposed removal of the four acres of woodland in Jones Point Park (associated with the originally proposed 120 by 75 yard athletic fields) will have little “buffer” or “mitigating” impact on the noise from the bridge. In part, this is because the type of deciduous trees in the park do not have significant “sound barrier” qualities.

As to noise, Councilwoman Woodson asked (1) how the current level of noise compares to the projected level of noise with the bridge and the fields, and (2) what would be the effect of prolonged exposure to the worst noise levels on the children in Jones Point Park and near St. Mary’s School and playground.

The City’s noise consultant, William Bowlby, P.E., has responded to these questions (see attachment to Attachment 2). Mr. Bowlby states: “Noise levels in Jones Point Park near the bridge are generated by two different noise sources ... vehicles traveling on I-495... [and] structurally-radiated noise ... from the bridge itself. ... We basically agree with the PCC (Potomac Crossing Consultants) that noise on top of the bridge that comes over the edge of the bridge will mostly result in noise levels below the VDOT’s ... 66 dBA. However, inclusion of the bridge structurally-radiated noise may result in noise levels above the(66dBA), [but] ... we cannot assess the noise impact ... without additional noise measurement ... which is not currently available.” With respect to the effect of noise on children, Mr. Bowlby states that the most significant impact would be on children using Jones Point Park and St. Mary’s School and playground, and that, while some of the current and future noise measures are above 66 dBA, the levels will not cause “severe” impacts and “do not pose a risk to children.”

³ Yates Gardens also expressed concern over the effect that the removal of trees north of the bridge for the athletic fields would have on bridge- and traffic-related noise reaching nearby residences. A response to this issue is provided below in Section D.

The Yates Gardens Civic Association believes that the trees north of the bridge act as a noise buffer between the bridge and nearby residences, and the Association is, therefore, concerned about any removal of the buffer. At the November 18 public hearing, Dr. Bowlby stated his conclusion that “the noise retardant quality of the trees (is) de minimis.” The following passage from the public hearing transcript provides Dr. Bowlby’s conclusion:

“not a lot of noise reduction is being provided by those trees.”

“So our basic finding is in agreement with PCC that the trees in themselves will give very little noise reduction. Related to that then is what happens if you remove a certain amount of the trees. We found very little if any affect of removing the acreage (of vegetation). That was even if you were to assume it was a very dense stand of trees. So first of all we don’t agree with that assumption. We don’t buy that the assumption should be considered a sound reducing tree zone. If you did, the amount of reduction would be negligible.”

FISCAL IMPACT: At the completion of the project, which is projected for 2007-2008, the annual maintenance costs of Jones Point Park are estimated to be \$380,000.

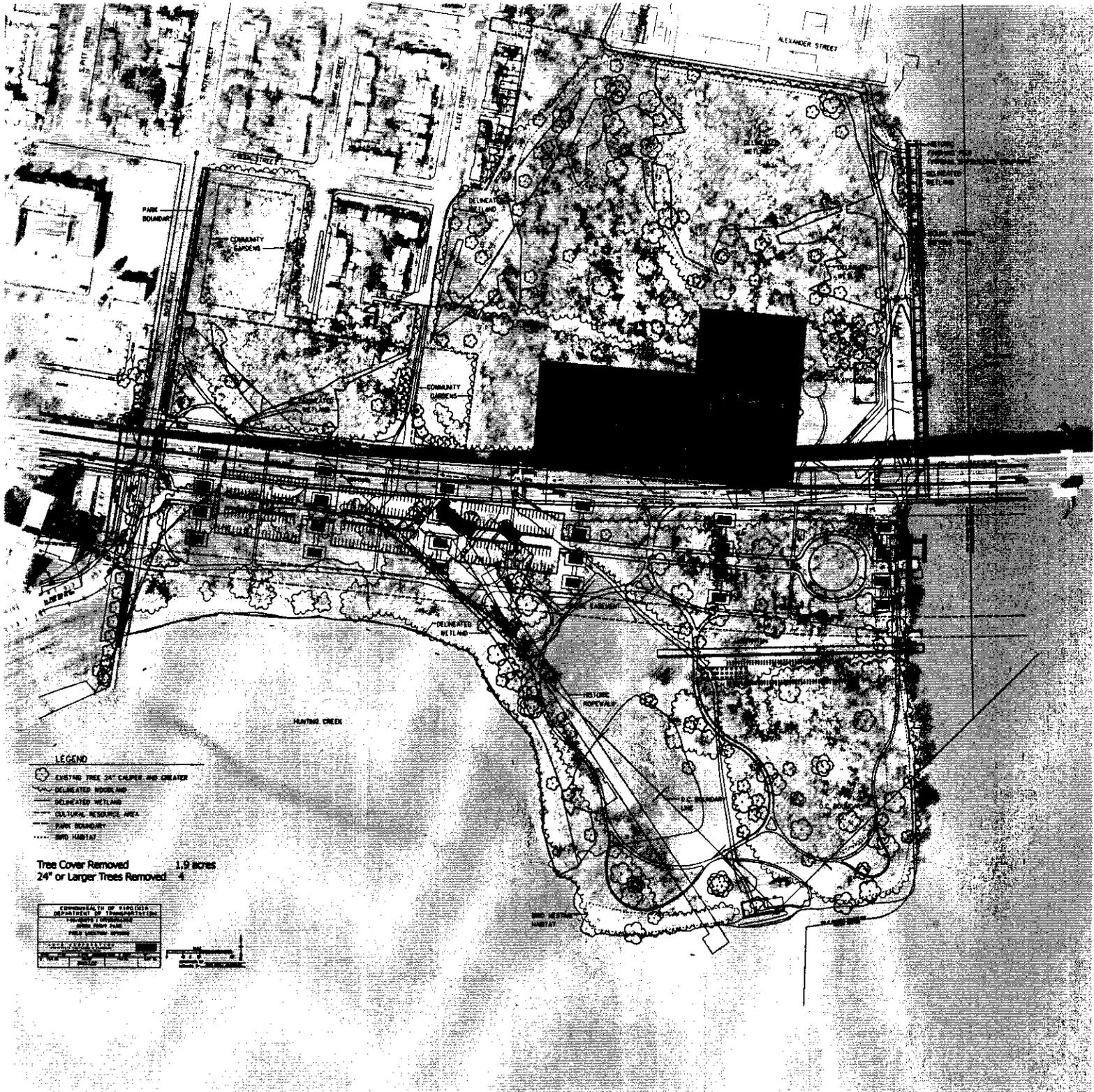
ATTACHMENTS:

1. Drawing of plan for Jones Point Park showing two 110 by 60 yard athletic fields north of the new Wilson Bridge, one with an east/west orientation, and the elimination of the secondary bike trail. (See also Attachment 1 to the October 24, 2000, docket memorandum.)
2. December 6, 2000, staff response to Councilwoman Woodson’s questions on Jones Point Park.
3. November 17, 2000, letter to Mayor Kerry J. Donley from R. Scott Oswald, on behalf of Yates Gardens Civic Association (without attachments)

STAFF:

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Sandra Whitmore, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

ATTACHMENT 1



City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2000

TO: COUNCILWOMAN JOYCE WOODSON

THROUGH: ROSE WILLIAMS BOYD, DIRECTOR *RW*
CITIZEN ASSISTANCE

FROM: SANDRA WHITMORE, DIRECTOR *SW*
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: JONES POINT QUESTIONS
(COUNCIL REQUEST #00-132W)

This is in response to your request for information relating to the plans for Jones Point Park. Following is an item-by-item response to your questions:

Soccer:

Has the number of non-resident participants in the Alexandria Soccer Association changed?

Staff checked again with Alexandria Soccer Association and the total non-resident players for the 2000 season, including both house league and traveling league, is 125, not 80. They had not included the traveling league numbers in their original report to staff. Thus, only 10% of the children participating in ASA are non-residents.

Noise:

A. *How does the current level of noise compare to the projected level of noise with the bridge and the fields?*

Staff contacted William Bowlby, of Bowlby and Associates, Inc., the noise experts retained by the City, regarding your questions on the noise issue. Their response is attached (Attachment). In this correspondence, the consultant indicates that it is possible that there "may be a reduction of the bridge structurally-radiated noise with the proposed structure of the new bridge due to a reduction of the expansion joints and higher structure than the current bridge."

B. *Information on the effect of prolonged exposure to the worst noise levels on children.*

The noise experts included a response to this question as well. (See Attachment) They indicate that the predicted noise levels do not cause severe impacts and do not pose a risk to children. They also indicate that conversation at normal tones will be difficult.

Trees:

A. *What defines natural versus invasive trees?*

In general, tree species that occurred here prior to European settlement are described as native. Most of the local habitats have been greatly modified over the years through the process of community building and consist almost entirely of introduced species from the tall fescue lawns to the Japanese Azaleas and Norway Maple trees. Many species have become "naturalized" - they reproduce and survive year to year, but are not native. Examples of these familiar, but not native, species are Queen Anne's Lace and English Ivy.

Less than 5% of the City, such as areas in Jones Point Park, Dora Kelley Nature Trail, and Chinquapin Park, remain in a fairly good natural state. These areas are being degraded by a handful of aggressive introduced tree species that are considered invasive. The worst tree invasive species include White Mulberry, Callery Pear (Bradford Pear), Paulownia, Siberian Elm, Tree-of-Heaven, and the Norway Maple. Sawtooth Oak potentially could devastate our local oak species if it continues to be planted in the landscapes.

In addition, there are invasive plants which are aggressive competitors with native plants. They have few natural controls such as insects and disease that keep them in balance, thus they out-compete native growth for nutrients and water. They shade and replace the shrubs and young trees of the natural forest under-story and climb and eventually kill mature trees. These vines change the open forests into dense monocultures, eliminating the diverse varieties of plants and trees needed by birds and other wildlife to provide food and shelter through each of the seasons.

If the trees are not natural to the area, how did they get there?

Many plant species have been either purposely introduced for horticultural (Norway Maple), agricultural (Sawtooth Oak), or industrial (White Mulberry) purposes; accidentally introduced as "stowaways" among a ship's cargo; or introduced in ballast dumped along the shore. Once established on this continent species are further spread by birds, squirrels, water flow and other natural means. In the case of invasive plants and vines they may have crept into the park from nearby residential properties. English Ivy, Porcelain Berry, Kudzu, and Periwinkle are some of the most invasive plants in our area.

- B. *How many acres of trees will be removed - in total - as a result of the bridge, including the construction of the soccer fields?*

The woodland estimated to be removed for the construction of the soccer fields is 4 acres, the woodland area for interpretation of the shipways is .65 acres for a total of 4.65 acres. The acreage of woodland estimated to be removed for the bridge is 4.15 acres of wooded area, plus 1.85 acres of scrub brush for a total of 6.0 acres removed as a result of the bridge. Thus, the total acreage of trees and brush removed for the bridge construction, fields, and shipways interpretation will be 10.65 acres.

Fields:

- A. *Why must the fields be so large?*

The fields were sized to accommodate soccer players twelve years of age and over as well as field hockey, lacrosse, and football.

Aren't the outside parameters of the largest potential sized field larger than a football field? (75x125yds)

Yes, the field size, 75x125 yards, is larger than a football field which is 120x50 yards.

- B. *What is the overall plan for athletic fields in Alexandria?*

The plan for athletic fields in the City is to continue to irrigate existing playing fields so that quality turf can be maintained. Currently irrigation at the Chinquapin fields is being installed, and if money is available irrigation will also be installed at Patrick Henry, John Adams and Stevenson this spring. This will complete the irrigation project for all major fields, but money will continue to be budgeted for the smaller fields, such as the one at George Mason School. In the spring of 2001, we will have access to the two interim fields at Potomac Yard that will add to our inventory, but we will also lose fields at Hammond Middle School and George Washington Middle School during their renovations. It is anticipated that the construction of the fields, that will be a part of the mitigation for fields that were planned on the urban deck, will be at least three years away. After those fields are built, we do not see any additional opportunities for new athletic field space. In order to keep our fields in safe playing conditions, it is planned to take at least three fields out of play for two seasons each year to reseed and allow the turf to regenerate.

- C. *What is the ratio of fields square footage per capita in Arlington and Alexandria (since Arlington's 50 fields were used as a comparison, and Arlington is a much larger land mass with at least 60,000 more residents.)*

Arlington has approximately 1,545,210 square feet of athletic field space and 189,010

residents providing each resident with 8.18 square feet of space. Alexandria has 892,485 square feet of athletic fields (including the Potomac Yard fields) and a population of 121,700 providing 7.3 square feet of space per resident. Therefore, in comparison, Arlington has .88 additional square feet for each resident.

D. *Does Arlington have 50 soccer fields or 50 athletic fields?*

Arlington's inventory of athletic fields includes their soccer fields. Arlington considers soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and football all as athletic fields, as does Alexandria.

E. *What are the various sizes for athletic fields: adult and youth soccer, lacrosse, football?*

Soccer fields - American Soccer Association field sizes are:

Youth 12 and over and Adults = 75 x 125 yards

Youth 10 and under = 40 x 80 yards

Virginia High School standards range from 55-75 yards x 100-120 yards.

Lacrosse Fields = 60 x 110 yards

Football Fields = 50 x 120 yards

Field Hockey Fields = 60 x 100 yards

Maintenance:

A. *What is the current maintenance budget for Jones Point Park?*

The approximate current maintenance budget for Jones Point Park is \$130,000.

B. *What is the projected maintenance budget for Jones Point Park?*

The projected maintenance budget (in current dollars) for Jones Point Park is based on the following breakdown:

1. Athletic fields open space playing area maintenance cost per acre: \$14,000-22,000
2. Non-athletic field open space area maintenance cost per acre: \$5,000-18,000
3. Low maintenance open space area maintenance cost per acre: \$1,500- 3,600

Total projected maintenance budget: \$380,000

C. *How would eliminating the fields or eliminating one field affect the budget?*

The projected maintenance cost with all athletic fields eliminated would be \$290,000. The projected maintenance cost with one field eliminated would be \$345,000.

D. *With the level of moisture in the ground, is an irrigation system necessary?*

The athletic fields at Jones Point Park will be built approximately five feet higher than the existing ground level. This raising and crowning of the athletic field area is standard practice in the construction of quality athletic areas and provides proper drainage for the fields. The use of irrigation allows for better care and upkeep of these heavily used athletic areas and will ensure the areas receive water during critical periods of growth.

Stakeholders Task Force:

I would like the minutes and all written material produced by the stakeholder's task force including the final report.

This material is quite lengthy. It is available at the Potomac Crossing Consultants office at 1800 Duke Street. They have public hours on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Their phone number is (703) 519-9800. Information on the stakeholders process is also on their website at www.wilsonbridge.com. Once into their website go to "Get Involved".

If you have further questions, please call me at (703) 838-4842.

Attachment: November 28, 2000 letter from William Bowlby to Bill Skrabak

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November 28, 2000

Mr. Bill Skrabak
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Dear Mr. Skrabak:

In response to your facsimile to me yesterday, we have developed written responses to the two noise questions as outlined in the following paragraphs.

Question A: *How does the current level of noise compare to the projected level of noise with the bridge and the fields?*

Noise levels in Jones Point Park near the bridge structure are generated by two different noise sources. First, noise is generated by vehicles traveling on I-495. Second, structurally-radiated noise is generated from the bridge itself. This structurally-radiated noise can be significant, particularly near the bridge structure, and depends on the type of bridge structure and the location of noise-sensitive areas.

Several noise measurements were conducted in 1995 for the environmental analysis for the project. These levels are shown in column two of Table 1.

Table 1: Year 1995 Measured Short-term Average Sound Levels (L_{Aeq}) in Jones Point Park

<i>Location (Distance from Centerline)</i>	<i>Existing Ambient Noise Level (dBA)</i>	<i>Measurement Period</i>	<i>Future Predicted Peak Hour Noise Level (dBA)</i>
Soccer Field (310 feet)	63	1:40 pm - 2:09 pm	61
Fishing Wall (400 feet)	68	8:48 am - 9:18 am	65
Historic Lighthouse/Fishing Area (950 feet)	61	9:34 am - 10:03 am	61

As indicated, the measurement locations were more than 300 feet away from the existing bridge structure so structurally-radiated noise was not as significant as it would be at locations closer to the bridge and the dominant noise source at these locations was the traffic noise from the mainline coming over the top

edge of the bridge. As the distance from the bridge to the receiver is reduced, the dominant noise source would change from mainline traffic to noise radiating from the bottom of the bridge deck itself. PCC did not measure noise near the bridge.

However, during my brief field review on November 14th, a quick 3-minute measurement at around 4:30 p.m. showed an average sound level of 67 dBA directly beneath the north edge of the bridge parapet approximately 300 feet east of Royal Street. Farther east in the parking lot for the fishing area along the shore, I measured a 3-minute average sound level of 66 dBA at a distance of approximately 280 feet from the north edge of the bridge. While the duration of both of these measurements is shorter than we would normally use, the data suggests a component of structurally-radiated noise that is affecting noise levels in the Park.

The future predicted noise levels in Jones Point Park include only the noise from vehicles traveling on I-495. The predicted noise levels do not include the noise contribution from bridge structurally-radiated noise in Jones Point Park. These noise levels are shown in the last column of Table 1, however, actual future noise levels in Jones Point Park near the bridge structure will be higher than indicated. Additionally, in considering the noise levels in Table 1, it should be noted that the existing noise levels do not necessarily represent the worst hour noise level while the future predicted noise levels represent the worst hour noise level so the existing and future levels are not directly comparable.

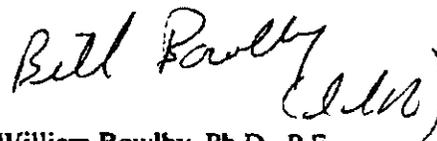
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It is possible that bridge structurally-radiated noise will be reduced with the proposed bridge structure particularly if the number of bridge expansion joints is reduced and since the proposed bridge structure will be higher than the existing bridge but we can not ascertain this at the present time.

Question B: *I would like information on the effect of prolonged exposure to the worst noise levels on children - I am risk adverse.*

Per our conversation yesterday, the greatest impact on children would be in areas frequently used by children including areas of Jones Point Park and near St. Mary's School and playground. While some of the existing measured and future predicted noise levels in these areas exceed VDOT's Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) of 66 dBA, these noise levels do not cause "severe" impacts and do not pose a risk to children. Conversation in normal tones, however, would be difficult at these levels.

Sincerely,



William Bowlby, Ph.D., P.E.
President



Yates Gardens Civic Association

Alexandria ■ Virginia

November 17, 2000

Kerry J. Donley, Mayor
 Alexandria City Council
 301 King Street
 Alexandria, VA 22314

Re: Yates Gardens Association's opposition to the inclusion
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 development plan

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I am writing this letter to record the Yates Gardens Association's opposition to the inclusion of two regulation size soccer fields and a secondary bike path north of the Wilson Bridge as part of the Jones Point Park-Wilson Bridge redevelopment plan.

We ask the Alexandria City Council (the "Council") to hold its final approval of these two soccer fields and secondary bike trail until the Council can definitively determine the harm that local residents within Yates Gardens will experience as a result of the Wilson Bridge project (the "Project"). At a minimum, Council should not accede to the plan without verifying the impact that the increased noise, traffic and pollution will have on the citizens of Yates Gardens and the surrounding community.

As City Council is no doubt aware, the City of Alexandria (the "City") brought suit against the federal government in 1998 to prevent the federal government from "push[ing] through a predetermined result without providing itself or the public sufficient information to understand the consequences of its action." (See City of Alexandria's Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (hereinafter, "Complaint") ¶ 10, Attachment No. 1.) The City brought this suit as its local residents' champion to preserve the historic character of the homes in and around Yates Gardens and to mitigate the effects of the Wilson Bridge project on its local citizens. (See copy of Complaint ¶ 79, Attachment No. 1, and copy of Settlement Agreement ¶ 3, Attachment No. 2.) The City's complaint painted a

dire picture of the Project's impact on Alexandria's local residents. The "Project is expected to last five to ten years. During that time, traffic from construction congested Beltway will back up onto already congested local streets, and motorists seeking to avoid the delays will detour through the residential neighborhoods of Alexandria" (see Complaint ¶ 32, Attachment No. 1).

"The construction traffic will cause widespread deterioration of local roads, and increase air pollution from dust and noise . . . noise from these activities and operations will severely harm city residents and neighborhoods" (Complaint ¶ 33, Attachment No. 1). "The harmful effects of construction will extend throughout the night. Nighttime construction activities will inflict substantial noise, light, and vibration impacts on Alexandria and will disrupt previously quiet residential neighborhoods. Nighttime construction also will extend the harmful effects of traffic congestion well beyond the daytime hours, creating a nearly 24-hour congestion problem in Alexandria" (Complaint ¶ 34, Attachment No. 1).

The City charged, correctly, that the federal government was rushing to complete a poorly conceived twelve-lane bridge project without considering alternatives that would have a reduced impact on Alexandria's local residents. (Complaint ¶ 79, Attachment No. 1.)

The City agreed to settle its dispute with the federal government on March 1, 1999. While the City acquiesced to the federal government's desire to build a twelve-lane bridge, the City secured for its residents a monetary package that the City was to use to "reduce to the extent feasible the effects of the Project on the City and its citizens." (See Settlement Agreement ¶ 3, Attachment No. 2.)

Thus, the neighborhood of Yates Gardens was surprised and dismayed to find that, as an attachment to the settlement agreement, the City of Alexandria proposed to include multipurpose soccer fields in Jones Point Park north of the Wilson Bridge that would necessitate stripping away a large tract of trees. Many of us within Yates Gardens were nonplussed as to why the City of Alexandria would include soccer fields as part of a settlement agreement designed to mitigate the impacts of the bridge's construction on Alexandria's residents local to the Wilson Bridge.

Phil Sunderland had an answer for us on November 9, 2000, during a meeting of the Old Town Civic Association. Mr. Sunderland, who signed the complaint on the City of Alexandria's behalf, stated that the City incorporated the soccer fields into the settlement agreement because he and city officials honestly and in good faith assumed at the time he signed the settlement agreement that the inclusion of the soccer fields would have no adverse impact on City residents local to the Project.

We believe that the attached petition, with our three hundred (300) signatures opposing the soccer field and Wilson Bridge Project, adequately rebuts Mr. Sunderland's assumption. (See Yates Neighborhood Association petitions, Attachment No. 3.)

For the same reason that the City brought its suit against the federal government -- to prevent the federal government from implementing a predetermined result without sufficient study and analysis -- Yates Gardens asks the City Council to withhold its approval of the clearing of trees north of Wilson Bridge until the full impact of the bridge's construction on the City's residents local to the Wilson Bridge is known.

Given that one of the City's stated purposes in the lawsuit was to mitigate the adverse impact of the Project on Alexandria's residents local to the Wilson Bridge -- along with environmental protection and historical preservation but not expansion of recreational facilities -- Yates Gardens Association believes that the City Council should resist the temptation to use settlement monies to construct soccer fields that citizens local to the Project oppose and where serious questions remain about their potentially adverse impact on local residents.

City residents local to the Project accept that the Project is coming. All we ask is that the City not make the Project's adverse impact worse by implementing a plan about which there remain many important questions regarding how the soccer fields and bike path inclusion would adversely impact local residents.

These outstanding issues include to what extent the trees act as a noise buffer between the Wilson Bridge project and the Yates Gardens residents; the environmental impact of razing the ground to accommodate the soccer fields on the natural flood plain that protects Yates Gardens residents from Potomac River overflow; and the increased noise and other attendant problems caused by the building of a regional soccer facility open to residents not just of Alexandria but to the counties surrounding Alexandria, including Maryland's Prince George's County.

THE TREES' VALUE AS NOISE ABATEMENT

Yates Gardens Association believes that Alexandria's decision to raze the 4.1 acres (178,596 square feet) of trees north of the Wilson Bridge will reduce the noise and pollution buffer between the Wilson Bridge Project and the Yates Gardens residents. On this there is no disagreement. Even Dr. William Bowlby, the Alexandria City's recently hired noise expert, concedes that these trees provide at least some noise buffer. The question is the extent to which these trees act as a noise retardant. Dr. Bowlby, during the City Council's November 14, 2000, working session, stated that preliminarily he believed that the noise retardant quality of these trees was de minimis. Dr. Bowlby readily concedes, however, that his findings are merely preliminary. The City of Alexandria hired him just a week before the City Council working session.

Dr. Bowlby states that it is his expectation that he will prepare a report for the City. However, he has not prepared this report as of today. The Yates Gardens Association has had no opportunity to review Dr. Bowlby's report and its conclusions and to verify that it is based upon correct factual assumptions. At this point, Dr. Bowlby has not provided the City with his final expert opinion.

JONES POINT AS A NATURAL FLOOD PLAIN

To date, the City has conducted no study as to how most of the Wilson Bridge deforestation and the crowning of the land on which the proposed soccer fields will sit will affect the Jones Point park's natural flood plain quality. In light of Yates Gardens Association testimony in public hearings that the river frequently overflows into this area, and that this area naturally protects the houses along Lee Street, and that Jones Point's flood plain effect protects the houses on Lee Street from Potomac River overflow, it seems incumbent upon the City to study how the razing of the trees and crowning of the soccer fields will affect the park's continued ability to absorb the Potomac River's regular overflow.

JONES POINT PARK AS A REGIONAL SOCCER FACILITY

Finally, the City of Alexandria has not addressed how to regulate Jones Point Park's soccer facility use. Yates Gardens Association believes that Jones Point Park soccer facility will, once built, become a mecca for soccer teams, not just from other areas of Virginia but also from Maryland.

In order to build its soccer facility, because there is no serious discussion of Alexandria's purchase of this land, the City would have to extend its 1985 National Park Service license to include the 4.1 acres of trees north of the Wilson Bridge. (See 1985 National Park Service/City of Alexandria License, Attachment No. 4.)

As part of Alexandria's U.S. Park Service Jones Point Park license modification, the National Park Service will require the City to agree that in managing the park it will not discriminate in the use of the park on the basis of residence. Indeed, the United States Constitution's Privileges and Immunities Clause contained in Article IV prohibits states and the federal government from discriminating against foreign residents. The Equal Protection Clause prohibits the federal government from discriminating on the basis of residence. See generally Tumer v. Whitsall, 334 U.S. 350, 385 (1948); Supreme Court of Virginia v. Friedman, 487 U.S. 59 (1988).

This nondiscrimination provision is memorialized in the National Park Service/City Jones Point Park 1985 license. The license states that "Jones Point Park shall be open to the public without regard to residency." See 1985 National Park Service/City of Alexandria License, Attachment 4, ¶ 8.

To date, the City's Parks and Recreation Department has failed to publish a plan to regulate the proposed soccer facility's use so that its plan will not run afoul of the law or its contractual obligations under its National Park Service license.

Until the City publishes a plan subject to public comment, Yates Gardens Association fears that the proposed soccer facility will draw large numbers of residents from other jurisdictions. Several of the counties immediately surrounding Alexandria do not have a soccer facility with two adjacent regulation size soccer fields. Arlington County, Loudoun County, and Maryland's Prince George's County all lack regulation size soccer facilities in which two soccer games could occur simultaneously. (See Margaret

Hodges Affidavit, Attachment No. 5.) Yates Gardens Association's members are concerned that without a clear City Park and Recreation Department regulation plan that has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney, it cannot assure residents of Yates Gardens that use of the proposed facility would be adequately regulated.

In conclusion, Yates Gardens Association asks the City to postpone its decision whether to approve the inclusion of the two soccer fields and the secondary bike trail until City staff has answered the concerns of the City's residents local to the Project. We do not oppose expanding the City's soccer facilities in general. Rather, we believe it would be a cruel irony if the City were to use funds earmarked for the Project's adverse impact mitigation to construct soccer facilities that would further erode the quality of life for the residents local to the Bridge.

Very truly yours,

YATES GARDENS ASSOCIATION

By: *R. Scott Oswald, Jr.*

R. Scott Oswald

RSO/rfv

EXHIBIT NO. 3

*Sent to
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P.F. 12/12*

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Sincerely,

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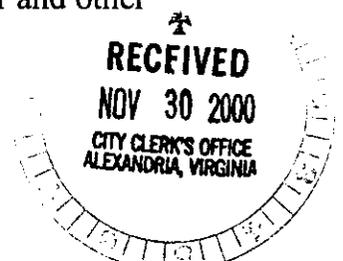
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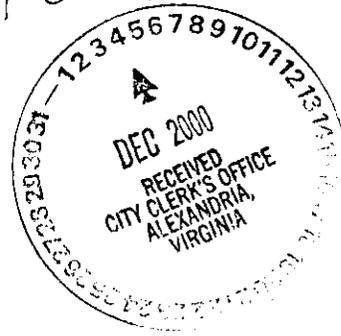
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leah Wilson
Coach of the Barrett Area "Dolphins"
1991 Boys "House" League

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YATES GARDENS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Alexandria Virginia

December 12, 2000

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Re: Yates Gardens Association's opposition to the
inclusion of two regulation size soccer fields
north of the Wilson Bridge as part of the Jones
Point Park development plan

Dear Gentle Council Members:

I am writing again to notify you of Yates Gardens Civic Association's continued opposition to the City of Alexandria's December 8, 2000, proposed amendments to the Jones Point Park development plan. The Association continues to oppose the two proposed soccer fields north of the Wilson Bridge because the City has failed to address the Association's concerns about the project outlined in my November 17, 2000, letter to you. Specifically, City staff has failed to adequately address the Association's noise concerns and Jones Point Park soccer regulation concerns.

On November 17, 2000, I wrote each Alexandria City Council member on behalf of the Association to memorialize the Association's opposition to the inclusion of two regulation-size soccer fields and the secondary bike path north of the Wilson Bridge as part of the City's Jones Point Park redevelopment plan. In that letter I stated that the Association believed that inclusion of the soccer fields north of the Wilson Bridge in the face of vehement local opposition was not in keeping with the purpose for which Alexandria secured the settlement monies, the stated purpose of which was to secure monies to mitigate the impacts of the Wilson Bridge construction on Alexandria residents local to the Wilson Bridge.

In this letter, I raised three issues: the value of the trees north of the Wilson Bridge as a noise abatement measure; Jones Point as a natural flood plain; and the Association's concern that without an appropriate regulation plan, Jones Point Park, under the City's plan, would become a regional soccer facility.

City Manager Philip Sunderland's December 8, 2000, memorandum to the Council states that "noise studies conducted by the Wilson Bridge project team show that the proposed removal of the four acres of woodland in Jones Point Park will have little 'buffer' or 'mitigating' impact on the noise from the bridge." Philip Sunderland's December 8, 2000, memorandum to City Council, p. 7 ¶ 4. In support of Mr. Sunderland's contention, he cites findings by the City's noise consultant, William Bowlby, P.E. However, contrary to the City's promise to provide the Council and local residents a copy of Dr. Bowlby's official report, the City has merely provided a two-page letter from Dr. Bowlby to Mr. Bill Skrabak detailing Dr. Bowlby's "quick 3-minute measurement" during a "brief field review" on November 14. See Dr. Bowlby's November 28, 2000, to Bill Skrabak, p. 2 ¶ 2.

It is inconceivable to the citizens of the Association that City staff would rely on a "3-minute measurement" [during non-rush hours?] as a basis for the City's conclusion that the razing of even 1.9 acres of trees would have no adverse impact on citizens local to the Wilson Bridge. Furthermore, the City has failed in its promise to provide City Council and local residents with a written regulation plan on how the City proposes to manage use of the proposed Jones Point Park soccer facility. Rather, we are supposed to merely rely on City staff's representation that the City "intends to control the scheduling of the use of the athletic fields through a permit system, which would limit the frequency of the fields' uses." See Philip Sunderland's December 8, 2000, letter, p. 5 ¶ 7.

Why has the City failed to provide reports that it has specifically promised to local residents and the Council and that it has had nearly three weeks to prepare? The Association can only infer that Dr. Bowlby's written report would have confirmed what he alluded to in his brief letter to Bill Skrabak: that he cannot give his opinion within a reasonable degree of professional certainty that the noise

impact of razing the trees would be more than de minimis. Mr. Sunderland states as much in his memo, in which he states, "we cannot assess the noise impact . . . without additional noise measurement . . . which is not currently available." See Philip Sunderland's December 8, 2000, memorandum, p. 7 ¶ 6.

Furthermore, the Association can only assume that, had the City prepared a Jones Point Park use regulation plan and submitted this plan to the United States Park Service, that the plan would not have passed Constitutional or regulatory muster.

Thus, it is the Association's position that the City staff have abjectly failed in their fiduciary responsibility to address concerns of the residents local to the Wilson Bridge. We ask that the City Council not approve City staff's Jones Point Park redevelopment plan until the City meets its promises to provide the above documentation. We ask no more of City Council than it asked of the federal government when it filed its 1998 U.S. District Court complaint. We ask City Council to reject City staff's "pushing through a predetermined result without providing itself or the public sufficient information to understand the consequences of its action." See City's Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, ¶ 10, Attachment No. 1 to R. Scott Oswald's November 17, 2000, letter to City Council.

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Denise Terrell



**Draft Verbatim Transcript
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2000**

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12. Consideration of Report on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Plans for Jones Point Park and the Urban Deck. (#12 11/18/00; #15 10/24/00)

Mayor: My understanding is that pursuant to a letter we received from Theresa Miller, from Yates Gardens Civic Association, they've requested a deferral until Saturday to have this matter taken up. It is my understanding that the City Manager will be meeting with the affected group later on in the week. What I would like to do is to have maybe a brief presentation of the changed plan in response to a lot of the items we heard at the public hearing. Then, if any Members of Council want to ask questions, they can do so, keeping in mind that we will also have another opportunity to talk about it on Saturday, as well. Phil do you want to start the presentation?

Sunderland: Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to. We made some changes in the recommendation which had been originally made to you about six weeks ago, and we did it on the basis of the comments at the public hearing, discussions with lots of citizens, and Rich is going to put up, and you have on the dias tonight, a graphic that shows the new revised plan and Rich is going to put it up here as well. And the revised plan deals only with Jones Point Park. You remember the issues before you are the urban deck and Jones Point Park. And, with respect to Jones Point Park, the only alteration deals with the size and the orientation of the athletic fields. We've really made four changes. If you recall in the plan that came before before, we had two athletic fields to the north of the bridge and they were both of a size 120 yards by 75 yards. Here's what we've done. We've reduced each of the fields from 120 x 75 to 110 x 60. We have taken the field to the west and taken it from a north/south orientation into an east/west orientation. The affect of that is to increase the distance between the northwest corner of that property and the closest homes. And, I think now that distance is roughly 375 - 400'. The affect of reducing the size of the fields and of giving them a new orientation is that the amount of acreage of wooded area, woodland, was 4.1 acres with the original plan, and now it's approximately 1.9 acres. The number of trees, if you recall we had a survey of trees that were 24" and above in diameter, the number of trees under the original recommendation that were being taken was nine, and the number of trees taken by these two fields is four. So, we have roughly saved 2.3 acres of woodland, and we have saved, I think it's five trees of that size. In all

other respects the Jones Point Park Plan remains the same. We had some discussion at the public hearing of having a field to the south. If you want today or on Saturday, we could have some discussion of that but we still strongly recommend against that. As you know, we looked at different configurations of the field to the north. I have to tell you that all of the configurations and reorientations really you ended up roughly saving to 1.75 to 2.25 acres. And the size that we latched on upon is the size that fits football, lacrosse, field hockey and soccer. It's not, as some people call regulation-sized soccer field, but it's enough under high school standards in Virginia for high school soccer fields. It is the minimum of the regulation size for lacrosse. So, reduce the fields, we changed the orientation, saved roughly 2.2-2.3 acres and saved five trees. I think it's a good reduction and that's where are. Yes, one other thing is we had a secondary bike trail if you recall that essentially, Rich you want to show roughly where it came down from Union and ran through the wooded right to the west of the western most field and then hooked up with the main trail to the north of the bridge. And, we have eliminated the secondary bike trail. It has the effect of decreasing again some of the woodland that was taken and has the more important effect from, I believe, the neighbors point of view, of not having active persons, if you will, active activities running somewhat adjacent to the nearby homes. So, that's the recommended program, and, as I say, in all other respects, Jones Point Park plan remains the same.

Pepper: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor: Mrs. Pepper.

Pepper: I have a few questions if we are ready for those. One of the things I wanted to ask was the DEQ, our Department of Environmental Quality/State Department, has some feeling I understand about the fact that we are going to be adding five feet to the wetlands to raise the fields and therefore, they had some objection to that. Do we know anything about that? Do we need a permit in order to add the extra five feet to the fields?

Sunderland: Well, I don't know if Mr. Skrabak can, the point that Ms. Pepper is raising, if you look at those dark lines there, those dark lines indicate the wetland areas to the north of the bridge.

Pepper: Those may be the official lines, but we know that they're, that that's not the real lines.

Sunderland: I'm sorry.

Pepper: We know that that's the official line, but that's not the real line. The real line is much further south than that. At least according to the neighbors and they walked through it.

Sunderland: Well, all I can tell you is that these are the lines that have been put together by the project team, Tom Hyle from the project is here. You know what a wetlands is a characteristic or there are four or five characteristics of what a wetlands is. There's a Corps permit in that has come from the project. The Corps has looked at the wetlands that have been designated by the project team. The Corps has accepted the designation by the project team. The designation from the project that the Corps has accepted is what you see on the map. You know, I am sure that if all of us went out there and walked through, we might see in some areas characteristics of wetlands, be it a type of vegetation, moisture, but all together, I don't know Tom, there are four or five characteristics which define a wetland as the law recognizes a wetlands and the areas that are defined by frankly the dark lines are the wetlands areas that the Corps has recognized in the area.

Mayor: Tom, do you have anything that you want to add in response to Mrs. Pepper's question?

Pepper: I see, it's not.....

Hyle: Phil is right on. The project has gotten the approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for the designation of the wetlands. They have accepted that. That approval is good for a period of ten years. After ten years, you go back in and you verify it because conditions can change. Additionally, the filling of the wetlands within Jones Point Park basically along the shore line has been approved by the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEQ. And also just to add on to your first question, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality doesn't have jurisdiction on the amount of filling associated with the soccer fields. That's a Federal Emergency Management Administration requirement.

Pepper: So, we don't need a permit or anything from them?

Hyle: No, you do not.

Pepper: Okay. Then I have another comment. I wanted to know, Joyce in her memo asked about if this was going to take four acres of land you know was that going to be all trees. How much of that was going to be trees? And, what I'd like to know is now that you are taking 1.9 acres and it seemed to me that you're taking it in a place where there weren't trees. I want to know how many acres of trees are you going to need to take in order to accommodate these fields? And, before you

answer, I would like to know not just, I want to know if you are talking about just the multipurpose field, or you're talking about buffered areas that are required, and I don't know if they are required. But if there are buffered areas or erosion control areas or whatever, I want to know about the trees.

Sunderland: Let me address it and Tom can tell me if I am wrong. The 1.9 is the total area of vegetation, now let me come back to vegetation, vegetation to be taken, what that means is it encompasses the size of the athletic field, of runoff area where teams stand and kids runoff and adults runoff at the side. It includes a sloped area that takes the elevation of the field down to the base level of the ground, and it includes, and Tom can tell us how many, a number of feet around that perimeter for erosion and sedimentation control. So, the 1.9 and all of the areas that you see there in green is designed to encompass the fields, the runoff, the sloped area and some area for erosion and sedimentation control. And in that latter area, there will be some new trees planted early on with the hope that over time and by the time the fields, the permanent fields come in, there will be some permanent growth ongoing around the new fields.

Pepper: Well, I know that this isn't quite the time to say this, but let me add that I don't buy into the business of cutting down all of the trees and the vegetation. Now I know there are a certain amount that we have to cut down in order to accommodate the fields, but I really like that vegetation and as many of the trees that we can save there, I wouldn't want it thinned out just so that we could see the Potomac. I feel strongly about that. I understand that we have cut some of the trees for the fields, and I understand that we have to cut some of the trees because we have to salvage the precious trees that are being strangled by vegetation and other stuff, but I sure hope that there is not an all out effort to really cut out vegetation because even though it's not the best, highest quality and the super, special specimen trees, I still think it's pretty good. Anyway, so, I want to monitor that, so I want to be told how that's being done. I'm just mentioning that in connection with the trees. Anyway, I have other questions. Are the interim fields the same size as the permanent fields? And, the reason that I ask that question is because it looks to me like the staging area is overlapping where the fields are going to go? If it's fifty feet over north and fifty feet south of the bridge, then aren't you going to be overlapping into some of the fields?

Sunderland: No. The interim fields are going to be roughly on the order of 80 x 40 so they're gonna be substantially smaller than these fields. And the interim fields, by the way, will be laid out in the same orientation as these will be. And so we will have one interim field contrary to what the interim plan we presented in the initial recommendation to you. We had two in the north/south orientation, the western field on the interim basis will also be in an east/west orientation.

Pepper: And will it be 80 x 40?

Sunderland: Yeh, uh hum.

Pepper: Well, that's interesting to know. Okay, another think I wanted to ask, is this area marked off right now so that people know exactly how much land is being taken?

Hyle: We had originally marked it off and when we found that there was an error in that survey, so we went out and removed the flags. We have every intent of laying it out once the Council asks us to do so on a particular layout. If you're asking us to do it for this, we'd be happy do it.

Pepper: Well, I think that would be helpful to do it sooner rather than later so that the neighbors can go down there and see what they are getting. And since this proposal that is before us right now is 110 x 60 then we those ought to be the dimensions so that the neighbors know what they are getting. I have two more questions. I will be real quick. We are going to, I guess, delay this to the 18th,

Mayor: no the 16th,

Pepper: the 16th, sorry, sorry, sorry. So, what I wanted to know was what are the deadlines? I guess they don't count now. See originally I had thought if we could put this over to January, so we're not going to do that, but I wanted to know what does happen next? The materials that we give now go where? When we make our decision, where does it go and when is it needed?

Sunderland: The decision that Council gives on the deck and Jones Point Park will go to VDOT. VDOT will deliver, in a sense, the plan for the deck and the plan for Jones Point Park to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Commonwealth Transportation Board has a work session on these items on the 17th of January and a hearing on the 18th or a meeting and a decision date on the 18th. VDOT is to get the materials to them on December 18th, in other words, two days after. That was the message that we had. VDOT would like our decision so that on the 18th of December the people here can send down to Richmond the Council's position on Jones Point Park and on the urban deck so that the materials can be gotten to, gotten to, can be conveyed to the Commonwealth Transportation Board in time for its meeting on the 17th of January.

Pepper: Okay.

Mayor: Then in the meantime, we also need to renegotiate the settlement agreement because a number of items need to be changed.

Pepper: That goes with this?

Mayor: Well that's a process that the City Manager and I have to undertake.

Pepper: But, that doesn't go with any of this stuff to the State?

Sunderland: No, that's going to all.

Pepper: Okay. My last thing is that I would like Council to consider the possibility of forming a little committee maybe, not a task force, something a little more informal than that, a Jones Point Park Committee to monitor some of these improvements. I know that we've got a Woodrow Wilson Bridge Task Force. That's a more formal thing and that's going to be looking into some of the broader issues, the mitigation and so forth. But, I know that in the past when we've had construction that we've been concerned about, that the drivers might kick up the sand and never wash down the streets and so forth, for all of the littler stuff. We've actually had groups that had met, and I would kind of like to have something like that if we could. Something for the...Would the Woodrow Wilson Task Force take up those things?

Mayor: Specifically, that's exactly what they are supposed to be doing is looking at some of those procedures.

Euille: Jones Point.

Pepper: Even the day-to-day kind of things like any little thing that comes along?

Euille: Noise, trash...

Pepper: Okay. One of the issues of course is the issue about the safety and I hope that that's going to be one of the things that this will monitor. The safety of the kids. I think that that's going to be an issue and so nothing would be worse then to have an accident there. Okay, I think that covers it for me.

Donley: Joyce.

Woodson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have three questions. The first one is a fairly simple question. With this layout, on your original plan there was a buffer between the two fields and presumably that buffer maintains a separation during play and perhaps, it's just attractive, but I presume that it maintains a certain separation during play. With this layout, there is no buffer other than the, I think we measured 20 feet, I can't remember...

Sunderland: I think it's more on the order of 40, and it's right, you know, we've done, we had, you're exactly right on the original one we actually had kind of a non-green area between the two fields, but we've simply have tried to collapse the area to be taken.

Woodson: Right, and that's excellent. I'm not a soccer player or a lacrosse player or a football player, so is this an adequate amount of space to separate play? That's the question. I mean I wouldn't know.

Sunderland: Let's have Sandra answer that.

Whitmore: Yes.

Woodson: Yes, very good. That's a simple question and a simple answer. The second question. On your recommendation item number 3, you make a reference to the attachment 3 for the urban deck, that's attachment 3 on our October 24th docket item and you don't have to find it, but which concept are you proposing, Concept A or Concept B, there were two different ones and they are very different.

Sunderland: Yeh, as I recall, the concept was to be in, there are two things, to approve the reduced and we really, I think, had not decided finally on which of the A or the B.

Woodson: Okay, so all we're doing is approving that it is reduced, not which one of the reductions we prefer.

Sunderland: The reduced, correct. That is correct.

Woodson: Okay, good. And then the last question I have has to do is with invasive plants and maintenance. One of my questions was about the cost breakdown for the maintenance and I appreciate that it was broken down by acreage but, of course, I don't have any idea of what the acreage is, so, I don't really know what that means. So, my question, one I would like for you to get back to me and let me know how many acres we are talking about, how that breaks down and that's not as big of a deal, but what I would like to know is what your maintenance, what you anticipate as maintenance cost to keep the invasive plants out. I assume, and maybe this is the wrong assumption, that the federal dollars that we are settling will do the initial removal of invasive plants is that correct, or are we responsible for the whole project?

Whitmore: We're not responsible for the whole project, but we will be responsible for the 17 or actually there are more acres than that in the natural setting to control the invasive species.

Woodson: From the beginning, to take it out from the beginning and then the ongoing maintenance. I would like a break down of what those costs are going to be. The initial cost for removal and the ongoing maintenance costs to keep those invasive plants out of the area that we have decided should be naturalized.

Whitmore: The National Park Service is conducting a survey, not a survey right now, a program throughout their national park system to do just this, and they are working closely with us and already targeted Jones Point as one of the areas they will be looking at. So, we hope to go hand-in-hand with them to get them removed first and then to do a program to keep under control. That is not in place yet. So, your answer may not be forthcoming right away, but we are working on it as we speak. And we're real excited that the National Park Service has taken this on as a program and we're looking for outside funding because of this program to help us get the invasive species under control and get that 17 acres cleaned out so that it doesn't destroy the good.

Sunderland: I understand, we'll get the numbers to you.

Woodson: Yeh, that would be helpful because what I understand from this answer is that we will be asked to vote on something for which we don't have any facts or figures.

Sunderland: No, we'll give you the facts and we will give you the figures.

Woodson: Will you give us that before Saturday?

Sunderland: Yep, we'll try to get it to you by Saturday.

Woodson: For Saturday when we sit down?

Sunderland: I'm sorry. I didn't hear you.

Woodson: Chuckle. I said before Saturday when we sit down? Chuckle, chuckle.

Sunderland: Well, I didn't say that.

Woodson: Yeh, I have a hard time voting on things that I get the day of so...

Donley: I mean maintenance is an issue and I think it's something that we need to discuss but one of the aspects about maintenance that I think we need to recognize, you know when we get through a lot of, not only this project, but when we take into consideration Cameron Station and the potential acquisition of the property on Colvin Street and Potomac Yard, I mean effectively, one of the things that we need to keep in mind is that we have received acres, and acres of land and it hasn't

cost us a penny. Which means that we didn't have to acquire the property, principal and interest for bond financing which is a major, major savings, millions of dollars in benefit to the citizens, and I think coming up with the maintenance funds, you know, basically it's still a good deal for us, and it's something that we're going to be incumbent to do. And, I think we got to be creative in terms of looking at the possibility of taking mitigation funds and using a maintenance trust fund, one potential example, but I don't want us to trip over the maintenance issue without looking at the major benefit that we have received throughout the City. Cameron Station being a prime example where we got 60 acres of park and open space for free.

Woodson: Right. Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not suggesting that we NOT receive FREE land. What I am suggesting is that we be careful because it sort of reminds me, and I used this example when we were briefed, it reminds me of the game shows where you win these elaborate prizes which you then must pay taxes on. So, it goes on.

Donley: I never get in those games shows. Mr. Speck.

Speck: Two issues that I wanted to ask staff about. One is directly related to our deliberations and one is indirect. The first one is as it relates to the whole area north of the fields, that is the trees, vines, and part of it is wetland and part is not, that at some point as part of our discussion and our deliberations as well as the negotiations that the Mayor will undertake with the Feds, can we consider some form of interpretive nature trail that is exclusive to pedestrians that can take advantage of some of that area and have it a little bit more utilized than simply just there and not able to make any use of it whatsoever. I don't know what that costs. I don't know what's involved, but it would be interesting to see whether some of that could be utilized for a nature trail.

Sunderland: Well, we can look at that. I know one initial question is wetlands and the inability to traverse wetlands, and, as you know, there's a very substantial amount of that property in the area you are talking about is made up of wetlands. So, that's one limitation. The other, and quite frankly, is the, I mean again here's your conflict in values, there are a lot of individuals who will believe that keep it in its natural state, frankly, keep people out of there, they're wetlands, it's habitat, let it stay natural and keep us humans out of it. So, you got a wetlands issue and call it a natural resource issue as well. We can look at it. I don't know, Tom, if, it seems to me early on years ago there was some thought of that, do you recall?

Hyle: Actually, about two and a half years ago when we started development of the program, we looked at trying to put some sort of interpretation even just for walking paths and what the opposition, let me focus on what Phil was saying, that

there was problems with the wetlands, problems with the bird species in there as you introduce more human traffic the bird species tend to diverse more, and the Park Service was a little bit in opposition to that.

Sunderland: Why don't we do this. Why don't we raise it, remember this, it is cooperative thing with the Park Service, I mean it's their property, why don't we discuss that with the Park Service and get back to see what their thought is.

Speck: Yeh, obviously, I'm not making a motion today. I see that area as being very interesting when I walked back in there. I thought there was a lot to sort of observe and to enjoy and if that disrupts the nature of both animal and vegetation then it's not probably something to consider, but it would be nice to know that that's something that is possible and this will be the time to probably look at it. The second issue is indirectly related to this but talking about our relationship with the Park Service. I think by now that we have all sort of picked up on this, but if you notice at the very western end of this whole Jones Point, and maybe you could point it out with you magic pointer, the Community Gardens. It's not always that noticeable, except during this period of time when the trees have defoliated. And it is specifically carved out from the National Park Service deal. I mean everything else other than that is part of our work to negotiate, to develop and to modify. That particular block is not. And as it turns out in just sort of collecting information for about 15 years now, that particular piece of land has been administered by a private citizen through the Park Service to give out the plots of land for gardening. There is a community garden, smaller one, just west of the fields and then there is this large one. And the more I found out about it the curiouser I got about why there is this private deal with the Park Service in which a rather substantial piece of property is being used by on a very limited basis and being administered privately. It's Park Service land. No disagreement about that. Don't quite know why it's not included in our deliberations and why for 15 years now it's been sort of a private deal. So, I would like to know more about that.

Sunderland: Well, you know, that's something we all had been just making inquiries about. There is a history there. And Mr. Speck is right, you see this dashed line here, the dashed line is actually the area that is covered by our permit with the Park Service. And the area that he is talking about, right there, falls outside of the permit and my understanding from the history is simply that back when the permit was issued in the mid 80's, 1986, 1987, there was a decision by the Park Service to draw the line that way and to allow that area, Community Garden, to be administered as Mr. Speck is saying. As far as I know it's worked well. I mean we will do whatever you would like to do. Follow up more about it, get a little better indication of the history. When we find out a little bit more, we'll get back to you. Okay.

Donley: Other comments, questions? Claire.

Eberwein: I'd like to follow up on Ms. Woodson's comments a little bit about the buffer. When you have two games going, are you going to be putting any kind of fencing between those fields to prevent balls from going between the two fields?

Sunderland: No.

Whitmore: We aren't planning to right now.

Eberwein: And you feel that it is sufficient?

Whitmore: We feel with that amount of space. Now, certainly after the fields are constructed and if we find out that there are problems we can put up what they call temporary sports fencing which is not permanent and we can take it down.

Sunderland: Well, but just as a parent whose kids, it's really not a problem in a sense that a lot of times fields are nearby and a ball will come from one field onto another. I mean it happens, and again,

Donley: And actually, it doesn't happen very often. We got fields that have been shoe horned into Chinquapin that are over utilized and in poor condition and that's one of the reason why we need to move forward on these fields. But, I mean it occasionally happens, but it's not a big deal.

Sunderland: You know I think the point's a real good one though and here's the tension here. We're trying to lay this out in a way that, you know, for fifty years in the City we got two great fields. We'll hopefully have more in other places, but we want them to be the best. At the same time, we do have an interest which says make them as small and as compact and as least intrusive as we can. So, we've made the reduction and we've done it in a way to try to balance all of the competing interests. And, I think, in the ideal world, we'd probably have another 20 to 30 feet there, but if a ball every week goes into another field, that's, we've drawn the line, that's okay. You're exactly right, and Ms. Woodson, too, in the ideal world, probably we'd separate them like we did in the original.

Eberwein: Well, it is tight and having played on those small, poorly maintained fields, I didn't play, I didn't play, I was there, I think it could be problematic, but I understand the compromise that was reached. I am a little bit more concerned about the east/west orientation. Now, I know I was told during the briefing that soccer is played with balls that are mostly on the ground; however, these are going to be used for multi-purposes. And, certainly football, you can't say is played with the ball mostly on the ground.

Mayor: Although the Redskins played that bad on Sunday.....I don't know, or didn't play, yeh.

Eberwein: I'm not going to raise it again because I understand the reasoning, and I'll be interested to see if we look at any of the other options on Saturday so I won't belabor that, but I do believe that this is a significant compromise to orient one of the fields east to west. I don't think it's just a hey this is okay because I do believe on east/west fields it does limit the kind of sport that can be played. And even soccer, it's no fun to be playing into the sun. I have two other slight issues. We talked about the aspect of the noise reduction factor from the trees and pretty much the noise consultant indicated that because they are deciduous trees and because of the angle of the noise coming off the bridge that they are not an effective sound proofing barrier. And also that during the winter, sound travels better in cold weather and that is part of the reason that it seems in the winter that the trees have a greater impact than they do. That it is actually a temperature issue rather than a tree coverage issue. I would like you to look at again I would like you to think about when you are replanting some trees around the borders of the field, and particularly around the edges of the park, if we could look at planting non-deciduous conifers. There is a difference. You do have some deciduous conifers, but making sure they are offset and that we actually provide coniferous trees which do provide a year-round sound barrier. And, I would also like to look at the potential, and I have not walked that area, so I don't know, but again the potential of putting them on the northern bike trail between I guess south of Alexander Street on the edge of the park, not on Alexander Street, but actually on the edge of the park. It's just a little bit south of Alexander Street.

Donley: As it abuts Ford's Landing?

Eberwein: The east/west orientation just below, yes, right. I would like to look at that area also as a place where we could potentially, I don't know that we can, but look at conifers. The only other question that I have is really directed to those who are going to be negotiating. I read into item no. 3 of the recommendations I've heard the concept of the smaller deck plan for the urban deck conditioned upon the City and the Federal Highway Administration agreeing..... I am assuming that inherent of that it can be read to say more money. In other words by going with the smaller deck we're going to be negotiating for greater funding to be used for other mitigation purposes. Okay. Thank you. That's the end of my questions.

Donley: Any other comments? This certainly has sort of been a long process. We had stakeholders panel meetings. We've had our staff has worked on the Potomac crossings, the consultants have worked on it. It's been before our Park and Rec Commission. We've had public hearings. We've had a number of briefings with

staff and I think that the staff has come up with a real good compromise given the competing interests we heard at our public hearing, and that is to save as much vegetation as possible; to reduce the size of the fields but still deliver a field that is usable primarily the larger fields for some of our older children. All we need to do is to take a look at some recent incidents that sort of indicate that our older kids need some things to do. We've also I think had a real solid plan that balances active and passive recreation. I've sort of made no bones about it that I support the two fields at Jones Point and have for a long time. I want to say a word about, more than probably just a word, but I want to say a word about the staff work that has gone into this. You guys have done a good job, and I think that you have done a good job handling a lot of competing interests. This is a 60-acre park and it's a destination park that should be enjoyed by ALL Alexandria residents. And I just want to tell you that I think that you guys have done a good job in addressing our concerns that we have addressed to you both at the public hearing and in the conferences that we've held, and I think that you have responded and responded to a lot of the competing concerns. Those that want more soccer, those that want more football, and we have five teams this year that play on one field, young kids that largely have to play out of town, football fields. Field hockey is a growing sport amongst many of our younger children and lacrosse has been added by T.C. Williams as a varsity sport. And we need to offer those active recreational opportunities for many of our young people. And all we need to do is to look at some of the dismal scores of some of our kids in public schools relating to the President's physical fitness exam. We score poorly. And quite frankly, we need to do a better job having recreation opportunities for all of our kids throughout the City is very important. But, I just want to say publicly that I appreciate the staff's work that's gone into this in trying to balance the competing interests.

What I really don't appreciate, normally I don't make these kinds of speeches, what I don't is some of the tone of the correspondence that we've received, specifically, from Mr. Oswald. I understand that the first letter that he wrote somehow got routed to Chicago because it was addressed to Mayor Daley. We're glad that subsequent correspondence has found its way to the Council. But, I think that the criticism that's leveled in this letter is unfair and it does not reflect, I think, the kind of quality staff work that we have received. The other thing that I want to say regarding this particular letter and it's tone, is that we negotiated a settlement to the lawsuit. A controversial issue. Many people did not want us to settle that lawsuit and proceed. Well, had we taken their advice we would be standing here today with nothing after spending millions of dollars, but yet in many respects and from many people in this neighborhood soundly criticized for settling that lawsuit. Well, ladies and gentlemen, that settlement now gives us leverage to potentially buy/acquire land for Freedmen's Cemetery. That wouldn't have happened without the settlement of this lawsuit. I know Lillie, you're shaking your head, you're nodding, you're agreeing, but you didn't want us to settle that

lawsuit and you're going to benefit. You're going to benefit as are other interests in improvements and enhancements at Jones Point Park, but it's the settlement that has really opened up those opportunities for us and I want to make that point because there is a whole lot of disagreement on the use of the mitigation funds, but I think it's highly somewhat inappropriate for people to roundly and I think inappropriately criticize some of the staff work and talk about mitigation measures when it's precisely those mitigation measures that were negotiated by this City that they objected to years ago. So, with that being said, Mr. Euille, I think you have a motion to defer this matter.

Euille: Yes, Mr. Mayor. I would like to move that we defer this item to be formally and, to be formal and finalized on Saturday, December 16th at this upcoming public hearing; however, we close the public hearing, and we will not take any more public testimony; and that further as result of the ongoing negotiations that you and the City Manager will be having with the uh to further the Woodrow Wilson Bridge settlement that you also include a discussion relative to setting aside funds for maintenance of the Jones Point Park, funds be obtained and/or designated for the Freedmen's Cemetery, and that there will be that you will further encourage the Park Service to concur with an agreement for the regulation and the use of the fields at Jones Point Park.

Mayor: Motion by Mr. Euille to defer the matter until Saturday and a lot of other stuff he built into that motion which I think we'll take as guidance in terms our negotiations with the Federal Government, which by the way, will come back to the Council and will probably take a number of months to finalize. That's been seconded by Mr. Cleveland, is there any further discussion? All in favor say "aye"; those opposed "no"; [passed unanimously] The matter is deferred until Saturday, December 16th at which time the Council will take it up for final consideration.

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