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Jackie Henderson

From: Elaine Scott
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 2:22 PM
To: Catherine Moore; William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: RE: COA Contact Us: Water Front Plan
Attachments: image001.png

Dear Ms. Moore,

The Council has received your e-mail and appreciates your taking the time to share your comments.

Sincerely,
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Water Front Plan

COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Issue Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Water Front Plan
Comments: Hello,
I would like to commend the City Council on the idea of having a
continous "river walk" between the north end of Alexandria and

the south end. This is a great idea and in fact one that seems overdue. I do have some concerns about the height issues, but also believe that retail and more open space are compatible and could increase accessibility to the waterfront by both residents and tourists.

I am an architect and live in the Northeast part of Old Town. I served on the Potomac Yards Design Advisory Committee for four years and am interested in becoming once again involved with community issues which are related to my expertise and which will have a large impact on our community.

Please let me know if there is a formal process or application that I can fill out so that I can make sure that I am considered for an opportunity to serve the community.

Best regards,
Catherine Moore

Bruce Johnson

From: Bob Wood <jrwood72@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 6:56 PM
To: Bruce Johnson
Subject: Waterfront Review Group
Attachments: Alex Work Group proposal.doc

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Dear Mr. Johnson,

I have been carefully following the discussions at citizen level regarding a proposed Waterfront Review group since the City Council decided to delay any decision on the Waterfront plan until, at least, September. I think this decision was wise. There seemed to be a variety of unresolved issues which made approval of the plan premature. And, there certainly was an outcry from a significant number of Alexandria citizens regarding the proposed plan. What is now available to both the city leadership and to its citizens is an opportunity to reassess the plan as it now stands and redress any shortcomings found. It is also an opportunity to reconnect citizen participation in this process and restore trust. I hope these opportunities are not lost due to failed processes and recycled arguments.

I am unsure what the city plans to do as it forms a group to move us forward. But, I wanted to send along a proposal that has been reviewed and shared with a variety of citizens and citizen groups. I'd simply ask you to consider this proposal seriously. It is different in structure and process from the committees and councils that led us to an impasse. I believe this is a constructive alternative. This proposal is attached to this email.

Sincerely,

Bob Wood
Resident

711 Potomac Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

571-216-2642

June 22, 2011

Dear Mayor Euille and Alexandria City Council Members.

The question now facing both the city and its citizens is how to arrive at both a better plan and a better path forward for the City's waterfront. Fundamentally, the central question remains – What is the type waterfront the community wants and needs and how do we get there? I don't discount the time and money that the city spent so far to arrive at this answer. But, by community statements and council action, where we are is not yet where we want to be.

I respectfully submit a proposal for a first step forward that capitalizes on the community energy, the planning details, and the city focus on needed modifications to both the approach and the waterfront plan before us.

The Citizen Ad-Hoc Review Group

As suggested by Council in discussions on June 11, there is a clear need for objective review of the current plan and its relationship to zoning changes, existing commercial interests, and, quite frankly, sorting fact from fiction. I would add that it is equally important to restore the community's voice and trust in this whole process.

I respectfully recommend the creation of a Citizen Ad-Hoc Review Group with the following suggested mission:

Review current waterfront planning actions and proposed zoning changes, explore alternative approaches to accomplish agreed to objectives, and recommend changes to the vision, the objectives, and planning concepts that optimally resolve competing interests and promote a waterfront that better serves all of Alexandria as it celebrates this city's remarkable history, present vitality, and future potential.

The title of this proposed entity is chosen carefully. This group is comprised of private citizens, it is short term or ad hoc, its job is to review and by implication recommend, and it is a group without political ties or special interest affiliations. The group should be small (eg. five to seven members) to streamline support and business activities. Members, appointed by the city council, should be residents of the city, distinguished in their profession, entirely unaffiliated with any interests competing in the waterfront area, and available for 4-6 hours weekly to accomplish the business of the group.

Other characteristics are critically important if the intent is to promote new thinking, build creative solutions, and restore public confidence in the ultimate plan and process. These characteristics include:

- Independent – This is not a stakeholder group that, by its makeup, predetermines votes and outcomes. The group does not work under or for the planning staff or any other staff within the city government. It is an executive body that works for the Alexandria City Council who prepares and directs its charter, receives its interim reports, and receives a final report of findings and recommendations.
- Empowered – This group has the power of the council to ask for staff assistance and to convene work groups. It sets the agenda for its work as well as the milestones to be met and products to be produced, subject to Council approval. Most importantly, this group must work forward from the current impasse and must consider alternative visions, models, methods, and plans.
- Transparent – All working products, agendas, schedules, and other group materials should be posted on the city website. Hearings are open. Work sessions and interactions with the council can be governed by standing guidelines already used by the city government.
- Informed – Beyond mastery of the current details surrounding the waterfront plan and zoning issues, this group must be supported in its actions to learn and understand existing business interests, alternative approaches to waterfront planning, financing options, and citizen concerns. There may be some limited travel involved, but, more likely, there would be city supported invitations to local and non local experts whose testimony or presentations broaden perspectives of the group.

This first step will help regain confidence and momentum. It follows the example of other city chartered citizen groups, for example Ft Ward's recent efforts. And, it maintains the leadership role of the city council. I respectfully ask for serious consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Bob Wood
Citizen
711 Potomac Street
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Jackie Henderson

From: Bruce Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 6:36 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Mark Jinks; Faroll Hamer; Karl Moritz
Subject: Creation of a Waterfront Small Plan Working Group

Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

This e-mail provides options for the creation of a work group to meet over the summer to address outstanding issues related to the proposed Waterfront Small Area Plan. As requested, staff offers these ideas for your consideration in preparation for Saturday's public hearing discussion.

I want to address the following elements for establishing a work group: the expectations or the mission of the group, logistical issues such as scheduling, composition/membership and public participation, and method of appointment.

Mission/Expectations

To date staff believes that the Council has indicated the work group is not expected to develop a new plan, but would be expected to identify the elements for which there is agreement and then focus its attention on the remaining issues where there is not agreement. In general, the Council's discussions suggest that the outstanding issues are focused on the three redevelopment sites – specifically issues related to potential land use and resulting density. Issues for land use include the addition of hotels, and the possibility of more parks and cultural uses. Various considerations apply, including neighborhood impacts, Citywide public interests (such as recreation, art, and history), commercial interests, and implementation (including costs and revenues).

The Council may find it helpful for the work group to clarify and define the positions on the outstanding issues as well as which issues are of the greatest importance to stakeholders. The work group could identify opportunities for narrowing the differences between differing positions on the key issues.

The work group could also categorize outstanding issues into those that should be addressed in the Plan and those that are important but best addressed during implementation. The Council may not necessarily be expecting the group to develop consensus positions, broker a compromise, or take formal votes. The Council also may wish to give the group some latitude to decide what it can specifically accomplish during the time available.

Scheduling and Logistics

Our understanding is that City Council wants the group to report back to City Council relatively early next fall. If this assumption is true, the group to be established will have only limited ability to work over the summer months when many members may have scheduling conflicts.

For this reason, staff suggests that the work group might want to look at holding one or two meetings during July as it is difficult to get good attendance to public meetings in August. To ensure that there is time to explore the issues, the work group could schedule fairly intensive meetings of up to five hours, such as 9 Am to 1 PM on a Friday or Saturday.

Composition and Public Participation

A possible work group concept for Council consideration would be geared toward ensuring that the various positions on outstanding issues are well represented so that they can be clarified and articulated to the Council as a set of clear choices. It would balance the various stakeholder perspectives in a work group of 10-15 people. More than 15 would be difficult to manage from a group dynamics as well as scheduling perspective. Fewer than 10 may not allow a sufficient cross section of interests to be represented.

Representatives of established boards and commissions can speak to City objectives on such issues as land use and urban design, parks and recreation, history and the arts. The group also could include a representative of the recently-formed waterfront advocacy group to make sure that perspective is at the table. Commercial interests could be represented by the Chamber of Commerce. The concept also includes both a specific representative from Old Town Civic Association as well as 3-5 additional at-large citizen representatives could be chosen based on varying interests, abilities and perspectives.

One possible composition of 12 to 15 members could include:

- City Council (1-2)
- Planning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Arts Commission
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
- Waterfront Committee
- Chamber of Commerce
- Old Town Civic Association
- Advocacy group, such as Citizens for an Alternative Waterfront Plan
- At-Large Citizen (3-5)

Council could add or subtract from this list as it sees fit. It is not meant to be the only choice that City Council may have in terms of specific composition, but it is consistent with the mission and expectations established in the first section.

The group could be assisted by a facilitator, assuming one can be found who is both familiar with Alexandria, and who has not taken a position on the waterfront plan.

Meetings would not be staff-led, but staff would be available to provide information and respond to questions.

Given that meetings would be open to the public, landowners and potential developers of waterfront properties could and may even be invited to attend and to present their ideas or to answer questions, but they would not be formal members of the group.

Appointment Process

Due to time constraints that prevent Council appointments to be made by June 28th, staff suggests that the work group be Mayor-appointed, following the Council's discussion of the possible composition of the group.

Bruce Johnson

Acting City Manager

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June 13, 2001

Mayor William Euille, Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, and Council members Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg, Alicia Hughes, Frank Fannon and Rob Krupicka:

Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan (CAAWP) would like to provide the City Council with our feedback and recommendations following the Council and Planning Department work session on Saturday, June 11, 2011. We represent the views of concerned voters and residents who have signed our petition calling for the Council to consider alternatives for our riverfront that will be significantly better than the currently proposed plan. To that end, we request that Council do the following:

1. **Acknowledge opposition from Alexandrians to the City's preferred redevelopment plan;** a plan that the Council seems to favor but the community opposes. This plan currently involves permitting at least three hotels and other high density development at the Robinson Terminal sites and the Cummings Turner properties.

As the Council is aware, our community is concerned with the extreme density that would result from the apparent preferred plan. Hundreds of citizens gathered Saturday morning for a "Hands Across the Waterfront" demonstration, rallied at Market Square to protest, and attended the work session carrying "Don't Rezone the waterfront" signs. Over 1,000 citizens have signed the CAAWP petition.

Citizens oppose the proposed mixed-use plan that would include high density hotel, residential, and commercial occupancy. This would create infrastructure constraints for Old Town including increased traffic for individuals, tour buses, and other transportation modes, and result in increased traffic from large trucks supplying goods to the hotels, restaurants and other commercial businesses. Amongst many other problems, this scenario will also restrict already scarce parking for residents and visitors.

2. **Provide more time for our community to evaluate, validate, and analyze the content and financial implications of the new alternative proposals submitted by the Planning Department at Saturday's work session.**

The "Arts and Parks" alternative was only just revealed on Saturday. The community needs time to assess and evaluate the alternative proposal. Additionally, we are concerned that the \$220 million cost estimate for this alternative has not been thoroughly assessed. It further does not incorporate the ancillary revenue benefits from tourism created by the improved public access at our waterfront and a vibrant waterfront arts and cultural district. We would also like Council to reconsider the overall "revenue neutral" objective of any public plan.

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- 3. Vote to hold a public hearing at the June 28 Council meeting so that the community has the opportunity to comment on alternatives that include more park land, and a stronger cultural and artistic foundation.**

Council has an obligation to allow the citizens of Alexandria to comment on, and ask questions about, the recently released alternative plan, the possibility of a separate rezoning decision and further express their views regarding the high density proposal put forth by the Planning Department. We request that this public hearing be held at the June 28 Council meeting.

- 4. Defer any vote on a Waterfront plan until this fall to allow the community more time to work with the Council and the Planning Department to analyze alternatives to what now appears to be the mostly commercial alternative that is unacceptable to the Council's constituency.**

In the wake of overwhelming public opposition, the Council has an obligation to defer any vote on the current small area plan until such time as concerned citizens can voice their opinions and propose viable alternatives. CAAWP would like to work with the City over the next several months on such an alternative.

For the first time in a generation, a large portion of the great riverfront of Alexandria is essentially "for sale." The City has the opportunity to acquire land that will enhance our public spaces along the Potomac River. The community prefers increased parkland, museums to celebrate our history, and improved public access for all. We are sure that Council members want to leave an enduring legacy for future generations, and the best way to do that is to work with the community to craft a new plan.

We look forward to the Council adopting these four key action items at its meeting tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Saturday meeting
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Alexandria City Council:
We understand
that a new waterfront working group will be appointed at the City Council
meeting this coming Saturday. We urge you to appoint one or more
persons
Comments: from the Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan on this new
committee.
Thank you for your attention to this request.
Sincerely
yours,
Hugh M. & Mary B. Van Horn

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From: Helen Desfosses <Hdesfosses@aol.com>
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To: William Euille; Frank Fannon; Kerry Donley; Alicia Hughes; Del Pepper; Paul Smedberg; Rose Boyd; Jackie Henderson; Elaine Scott; Rob Krupicka; Linda Owens; Elizabeth Jones
Subject: COA Contact Us: Council Waterfront Working Group/CAAWP
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Council Waterfront Working Group/CAAWP
I am writing to advocate strongly for the Council to include a representative of the CAAWP in its Waterfront Work Group. I think that this would be most efficient and inclusive for all concerned.

Thank you

so much for all that you do.
Comments:

Sincerely,

Helen R.

Desfosses

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Jackie Henderson

From: Kathryn Papp <kpappva@gmail.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: Waterfront Work Group
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members
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Subject: Waterfront Work Group
Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan would like to be part of the new work group for development of the Alexandria waterfront.

Comments:
We believe that the purpose of the new work group is to analyze additional waterfront plan alternatives, including the parks and arts plan that was presented at the last Council work session. This group should prepare an independent report and present it to the Council and community for review.
In the interests of credibility, trust, and transparency, we believe the planning commission may staff the work group, but it should not run the meetings. Members of the planning commission and Council should not be appointed to this group.
With over 1,000 signatures collected CAAWP feels it has retained a real

"vote of confidence" from the
community to be a part of this

new work group and the continuing planning process.

Thank you for your

consideration,
Kathryn Papp

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Subject: COA Contact Us: Creation of a Waterfront Small Plan Working Group
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: Creation of a Waterfront Small Plan Working Group

I urge you to consider including a CAAWP member on the Waterfront Small

Plan Working Group.

Comments: Such action would ensure that the citizens who have

a different viewpoint than P&Z will be heard.

Thank you.

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From: Kathleen Pepper <jcleoblack@gmail.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: AAC on Waterfront Working Group
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: AAC on Waterfront Working Group
22 June 2011

Dear Mayor Euille and members of City Council,

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) wants to participate on the Waterfront Working Group that City Council is creating. The AAC has been a prominent leader on history and preservation issues on the Waterfront for decades and particularly recently in the authorship of the Alexandria Waterfront History Plan. The Archaeological Commission believes that its work on the Waterfront supports having a representative on the Waterfront Working Group and recommends James McCall as its representative on that group. Mr. McCall is eminently well suited to serve on the Working Group as he was chair of the AAC sub-committee that wrote the Waterfront History Plan which is Appendix 6 of the proposed Waterfront Small Area Plan. Mr.

McCall has worked with and made presentations to a variety of history and preservation groups while working on and disseminating the Waterfront History Plan. The History Plan has been extremely well received and should

form a significant part of the proposed Small Area Plan. For these reasons,

the Archaeological Commission believes it should be represented on the Waterfront Working Group and that its representative should be James McCall. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

S. Kathleen

Pepper, Chair
Alexandria Archaeological Commission

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From: Elizabeth Gibney <bethgibney@gmail.com>
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Subject: COA Contact Us: WaTERFRONT PLAN
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COA Contact Us: Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members

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Subject: WaTERFRONT PLAN

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members:

PLEASE remember when you

meet today the two things that make Old Town, the jewel in Alexandria's crown special:

1. Historic Architecture: 90% of which is residential.

We, the residents of Old Town, bear the responsibility of maintaining our

homes to historic standards, and most of us exceed the requirements. Most

Comments: homes are kept in pristine condition, painted, gardens planted, and in

many cases (mine), city sidewalks maintained and trees planted and

maintained on city sidewalks at our own expense. Collectively, it makes

for a charming village. We, the residents of Old Town, are the stewards

of the architecture and, immodestly, I must say, I think we do a very good job, (with the watchful eye of the BAR).

2. The Riverfront: The other

part of the equation that makes Old Town special. This is where you come
in . YOU are the
stewards of the riverfront. This decision and
responsibility as to how to handle the waterfront at this point rests
squarely on
your shoulders. It's a big one! PLEASE PLEASE don't miss this
once in a lifetime opportunity to rid the riverfront of non-
historic
buildings and return the land to the simplest, best and most forward
thinking use: PURE PARK! What could be a
better way to connect the
riverfront and restore it to it's original beauty? Don't turn us into
NATIONAL HARBOR!! We
already have a mini version of that in front of the
Torpedo Factory, complete with grease and gum stained fake wood
flooring, ... and a Chart House. Wow! How unique. Where did I see one of
those last? Annapolis, Baltimore, Newport, ... all the
same.

We, the
residents of Old Town, have done our part, now please do yours (with the
watchful eye of your electorate).

Thank you
Beth Gibney
300 South Lee

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Alexandria, Va 22314
703-836-8048

p.s. Another point: For the
first time in the 150 years that our house has been standing at the corner
of S. Lee and Duke
Street, we have stress cracks in the foundation. I
asked the contractor what could be causing them and his best
assumption
is vibration from added traffic on Duke Street. Great! Having historic
homes, means in many cases, our houses
foundations are no more than one
cord of brick turned sideways. You want us to have and maintain historic
homes, right?
Well, they need to be considered too in this plan. What
will more traffic, more 18 wheelers, more mega tour buses do to our

homes? Is the city ready to compensate us? We also need to paint twice
as often as we used to due to the grime of the
excess traffic. If this
plan goes thru maybe we should just go to vinyl siding so we can hose it
down. It's too costly to paint
these antiques so frequently!