

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MICHELE R. EVANS, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER *MRE*

SUBJECT: DEFERRAL OF CITY ACTION ON ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FROM THE OLD DOMINION BOAT CLUB

ISSUE: Deferral of City Action on Acquisition of Property from the Old Dominion Boat Club (Boat Club).

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council defer action on acquisition of the Old Dominion Boat Club building and property, and the Boat Club parking lot, until such time as a feasibility study of potential waterfront locations for the Boat Club has been completed and discussions between representatives of the Old Dominion Boat Club and the City have occurred.

DISCUSSION: On December 16, 2004, representatives from the Old Dominion Boat Club met with the Mayor, then City Manager Phil Sunderland and City staff, to discuss the Old Dominion Boat Club properties. It was agreed that it would be useful to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the Boat Club could be relocated to another site along the waterfront. The Boat Club representatives indicated that in order for this joint study effort to be meaningful and productive, the City should defer consideration of the acquisition of the Club's property (Boat Club building and property and Boat Club parking lot), during the study period, which is expected to take at least 90 to 120 days. This action by Council would represent a good faith effort by the City in its discussions with the Boat Club, which is consistent with the intent of Council when it adopted the Open Space Action Plan.

At City Council's December 18, 2004, public hearing meeting, Council requested that this proposal about the Old Dominion Boat Club properties be docketed for the first legislative meeting in January 2005.

As the discussions and the study of the Boat Club progress, a valuation of the properties would be obtained, and the Boat Club representatives and the City would expect to discuss sale, partial sale or other arrangements with the Boat Club with the goal of reaching a voluntary sale of the properties, or some other mutually agreed upon course of action. If there is no acceptable compromise or common ground, then at a future date, specific action would be required by Council, to provide a clear direction in regard to the two Boat Club properties.

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FIRM/COMPANY City Clerk/City Council Office

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FROM: Harry P. Hart

RE: Letter from Master Plan Group for City Council Retreat

RE: Docket Item #30, Old Dominion Boat Club

COMMENTS: Please see attached for the above-referenced item on your docket at the Public Meeting (formerly called Public Hearing) this evening. Thank you. Would you please distribute the enclosed letter regarding for the City Council meeting? ESPECIALLY to Mr. MacDonald as I do not have a fax number for him. Thank you.

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Re: Docket Item #30 - Deferral of City Action on Acquisition of Property from the Old Dominion Boat Club

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Old Dominion Boat Club, we would suggest the following additional phrase to the discussion section of the enclosed docket item:

... It was agreed that it would be useful to conduct a feasibility study to determine if the Boat Club could be relocated to another site along the waterfront or stay at its present location.

The last paragraph indicates this, but it seems to the ODBC board that the suggested phrase makes it even more clear to our membership. Thank you and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Harry P. Hart

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cc: Mr. Chris Marino
Mr. Harry Harrington
Eric DeSoto