



City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia

Alexandria Waterfront Committee
Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314



January 31, 2011

The Honorable William D. Euille
Mayor of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street, Room 2300
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille:

On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee, I would like to request that City Council approve the request of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation to dock the tall ship *Godspeed* at the City of Alexandria Marina for 10 days and waive the associated docking fees.

At its January 25, 2011 meeting, the members of the Waterfront Committee voted unanimously to endorse the visit of the tall ship *Godspeed* and urge City Council to approve its docking request. The request will have a modest fiscal impact but will provide several benefits to City residents and visitors. Tall ships contribute to the character of Old Town and Alexandria's historic seaport, and the *Godspeed* in particular is a replica of the ship that brought English colonists to Jamestown in 1607. During its port call October 2 – 10, 2011 the *Godspeed* will offer the public an opportunity learn about historic sailing vessels and Virginia history free of charge. In the process, the ship will attract visitors to the Waterfront.

The Waterfront Committee also requests that City staff mitigate the impact of additional visitors to the Waterfront during the visit of the *Godspeed* through the following actions:

- Review staff requirements to facilitate additional pedestrian traffic at the Marina and in adjacent Founders Park
- Evaluate the adequacy of existing toilet facilities to serve projected visitors and provision of temporary portable toilets, if required
- Trash collection as needed to remove garbage generated by additional visitors
- Monitoring and enforcement of leash laws by Animal Control in the vicinity of the tall ship
- Inspection and repair of lawn sprinkler heads impacted by foot traffic

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposal, and we hope to join you in welcoming the *Godspeed* to Alexandria in October.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Macek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nathan M. Macek, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Committee

CC: Alexandria City Council
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