

ALEXANDRIA WATERFRONT COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
Alexandria City Hall, Room 2000
301 King Street
7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2012 Meeting and June 9, 2012 Waterfront Walk
3. Waterfront Walk Follow-Up
4. Report from Police Department
5. Report from Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
 - a. Temporary Outdoor Public Art Project
6. Report on Waterfront Plan Implementation
 - a. Communication Tools for Implementation
 - b. Landscape Architectural Design Services RFP Summary
7. Old Town Area Parking Study Status Update
8. Discussion: Proposal to Rename Waterfront Park to John Fitzgerald Park
9. Announcements / Public Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Alexandria Waterfront Commission** Union Street Corridor Study Special Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2012, 4:00 p.m., Room 2000, Alexandria City Hal
- **237th Annual USA/ 264th Alexandria Birthday Celebration**
Saturday, July 8, 2012, 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St.
Rain Date (for fireworks only): July 7, 2012
- **Comcast Outdoor Film Festival**
Friday and Saturday, July 13 & 14, 2012, dusk, Waterfront Park, 1-A Prince St.
- **Irish Festival**
Saturday, August 17, 2012, noon to 7:00 p.m., Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St.
- **Alexandria Waterfront Commission** (regular monthly meeting)
Tuesday, August 14, 2012, 7:30 a.m., Room 2000, Alexandria City Hall

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The **purpose** of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to select a firm or team of firms (firm/team) to develop a holistic design concept for the parks, public space, and piers network along Alexandria's Waterfront (public realm) based upon the illustrative Concept Design and overall vision and specific recommendations in the City's recently-approved Waterfront Small Area Plan. **The successful firm/team must bring renowned experience in designing projects of this nature; sensitivity to Alexandria's unique character, charm and culture; and it must possess the interdisciplinary expertise** required to resolve complex technical and regulatory challenges/issues related to the public realm.

The **firm/team will produce schematics for the full extent of the Waterfront Planning Area at 15% design**, refining the Plan's illustrative Concept Design as necessary and **develop standards for the holistic design of common elements and park features**. For the smaller Core Area, the firm/team will refine, expand, and modify as necessary the Plan's Concept Design **and produce schematics for the Core Area at 30% design**. The RFP **glossary** defines such terms as 15% and 30% schematics, Planning Area, Core Area, Concept Design and more.

COORDINATION WITH FLOOD MITIGATION AND OTHER TECHNICAL WORK

The work performed under **this RFP for landscape architectural design services for the public realm is to be coordinated and compatible with work occurring simultaneously under a recently issued Request for Proposals for Waterfront Plan Implementation Flood Mitigation Engineering and Design Services** and, as appropriate, with other current Plan implementation-related initiatives listed in the RFP. City staff will facilitate and participate in this coordination effort.

SCHEDULE AND SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE RFP

Completion of **the design and construction work related to the public realm will be accomplished in four phases**. Phases I and II are the subject of this RFP and will produce the schematic drawings referenced above and described as deliverables below. **The schedule for final delivery of the schematics under Phases I and II is anticipated as June 2013, contingent on when the RFP is issued and proposals received**. Phases III and IV are anticipated to be completed under a subsequent solicitation process.

Phases I - IV

1. **Phase I – Project Development Services and Concept Design Feasibility Analysis** (To be completed under this solicitation)
2. **Phase II – Concept Design Refinement and Cost Estimates** (To be completed under this solicitation)
3. **Phase III - Construction Documents** (Anticipated to be completed under a subsequent solicitation with Phase IV)
4. **Phase IV – Construction Services** (Anticipated to be completed under a subsequent solicitation with Phase III)

Phase I Deliverables – Project Development Services and Concept Design Feasibility Analysis

- (1) Work Program and review/analysis of related Technical Material;
- (2) Concept Design Analysis and Findings;
- (3) Presentation Graphics (plans, sections, sketch perspectives, etc.); and
- (4) Production of minutes from meetings with staff and technical consultants and the community, highlighting key issues, consensus decisions on issues, comments, responses to comments, outstanding topics and next steps.

Phase II Deliverables – Concept Design Refinement, Cost Estimates and Critical Path for Construction Phasing

- (1) Refinement/Expansion of Concept Design;
- (2) 15% Schematics and written standards for the common elements for the entire planning area;
- (3) 30% Schematics for Core Area;
- (4) Design and construction cost estimates for each component of the Concept Design;
- (5) Critical Path phasing plan for completion of construction drawings and permitting; and
- (6) Production of minutes from meetings with staff and technical consultants and the community, highlighting key issues, consensus decisions on issues, comments, responses to comments, outstanding topics and next steps.

Phase I and II Deliverables - Community Meetings

As part of the deliverables in Phases I and II, the firm/team will assist with **up to 10 community presentations** to the City's Waterfront Commission and to other public bodies (Park and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and City Council); and prepare for and participate in progress meetings with staff and monthly coordination meetings with staff and the flood mitigation consultants and other technical teams.

Phase III Deliverables – Design Services

This phase is to further develop the public realm design based on the refined and approved Concept Design. The design will be completed to the development of **final construction plans and specifications suitable for bidding**. Detailed requirements for this phase of work will be developed upon completion of Phase II.

Phase IV Deliverables – Construction Services

This phase of the work includes assisting the City in obtaining and evaluating competitive **bids for a landscape contractor and with certain services during construction**. Detailed requirements for this and Phase III will be developed upon completion of the Phase II. Services that may be provided are:

- Shop Drawings and Submittal Review
- Inspection Services
- Responses to Requests for Information from the contractor.

ANTICIPATED CRITERIA FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

- (1) Firm/Team Profile
- (2) Firm Qualifications for Similar Work
- (3) References
- (4) Proposed Staff Qualifications
- (5) Responses to desired Performance Outcomes

ANTICIPATED KEY STEPS IN THE RFP PROCESS: SUMMER/FALL 2012

- (1) Issue RFP
- (2) Pre-submittal Conference
- (3) Close RFP
- (4) Develop Shortlist of Top Candidates
- (5) Additional Information/Interviews
- (6) Selection of Successful Candidate

From: vmgthehill@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 11:32 AM
To: natemacek@hotmail.com
Subject: Van Fleet Sends

Nate:

Would like to put renaming Waterfront Park on the agenda for our next meeting. The process on getting the name of a park changed is to notify Parks and Rec Directorate who then takes it to the Parks and Rec Commission and hence to the Naming Committee then Council for final approval. Here is a draft letter to Jim Spengler with the attachment I sent in an earlier date. If we could forward this from our committee to Spengler that would be the first step in renaming the park.

Many Thanks,

Van

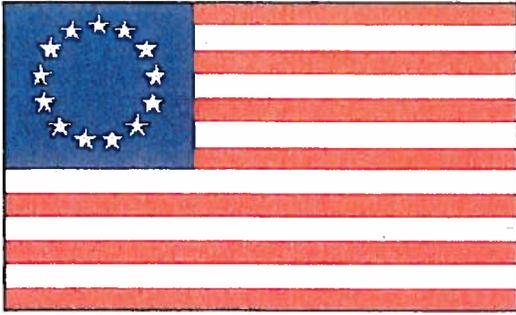
To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities Directorate
Subject: The Renaming of Waterfront Park

Attached is a brief history of John F. Fitzgerald, who in addition to being the 8th Mayor of our great city performed a multitude of tasks both as an officer in the Revolutionary Army (George Washington's Aide to Camp) and later as an Alexandria citizen.

He owned the properties at 100 and 102 South Union Street next to the alley now known as Wales Alley. That alley was originally known as John Fitzgerald's Alley. Those properties are all located on the west side of the Strand essentially right across the street from Waterfront Park. It would be quite fitting to name the park after this great patriot.

The Waterfront Commission whole heartedly endorses the renaming of Waterfront Park to John F. Fitzgerald Park.

Attachment: History of John F. Fitzgerald



The Legacy of Old Town's Own Mayor John F. Fitzgerald

- **Irish-American Émigré and Patriot**
- **Soldier and Wounded Combat Veteran of the American Revolution**
- **Colonel, 3rd Regiment, Virginia Militia**
- **Aide-de-Camp to George Washington**
- **8th Mayor of Alexandria, Virginia**
- **Founder of Saint Mary's of Alexandria, Virginia's 1st Roman Catholic Church**

Colonel John F. Fitzgerald was an Irish-American émigré to Alexandria who was a Soldier and Patriot (Aide-de-Camp, friend and confidant to George Washington) wounded in the cause of the American Revolution. He was a Leader, Defender, and Mayor of Alexandria. He was a Builder and Developer of Commerce in Alexandria and a Champion of Religious Liberty for all, especially for the Catholic communities of the City of Alexandria and of colonial Virginia. Colonel John F. Fitzgerald is the premier example in Revolutionary-era Alexandria of the contributions and loyalty of Irish-Americans to the greater communities of their city, their state, and their country. The following highlights outline the thirty years of his life from his arrival in America in 1769 to his death in 1799.

1. ALEXANDRIAN, AMERICAN, SOLDIER AND PATRIOT:

1769 – Emigrated to Alexandria, VA from Wicklow, Ireland.

1776 - He became the aide-de-camp and secretary to General George Washington at the beginning of the American Revolution. The Alexandria History Office notes that he was a "dashing" and "agreeable, broad-shouldered Irishman".

1776 - March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) British Evacuate Boston. Served at General Washington's side as British forces evacuated Boston. George Washington picked the password for the day, "*Saint*", and the countersign, "*Patrick*". Who do you suppose gave General George Washington that idea?

1776 - December 25 Christmas Night, Washington Crosses the Delaware. Colonel Fitzgerald was with him. Is that him in uniform with the Continental officer's hat standing in the boat behind General George Washington in the famous painting of the same name?





1776 – December 26 The Battle of Trenton – Continental troops approached Trenton in the wee hours of the morning in a bold, unexpected attack on the Hessian mercenaries holding the town. Col. Fitzgerald observed that *"they make a great deal of Christmas in Germany, and no doubt the Hessians will drink a great deal of beer and have a dance tonight."* He later said, *"we pounced upon the Hessians like an eagle"*. No Americans were killed in this victory.

1777-1778 – Winter at Valley Forge – The low point of the war for American forces after a year of British victories. Colonel Fitzgerald spends this bitter winter of privation and death with Washington and the demoralized remains of the Continental Army. The viability of the Army and the entire American Revolution were in doubt.

1778 – June 28 Battle of Monmouth NJ – A crucial American victory, but Colonel Fitzgerald is wounded in its course. Earlier, Fitzgerald sees Washington rallying retreating Americans (*"Parade with me, my good fellows"*) and moving to within 30 yards of the British firing line. Colonel Fitzgerald pulled his hat over his eyes lest he see

Washington fall. When he pulled it away, the British line had broken and Washington was unhurt. Fitzgerald wept with relief. *"Thank God, your Excellency is unharmed!"* he said as Washington approached. Washington clasped his hand and said, *"Rally your troops my dear colonel."* *"It's a fine fox chase my boys!"* cried Washington as he rode off to pursue the fleeing British. Colonel Fitzgerald was wounded less than one year before Congress established the Purple Heart to honor such individual sacrifice.

1779 – Colonel Fitzgerald returns to Alexandria. On January 2 in Prince Georges County, he married Jane Digges of Warburton Manor, an estate directly across the Potomac from Washington's Mt. Vernon.

2. LEADING CITIZEN, DEFENDER, DEVELOPER, MAYOR

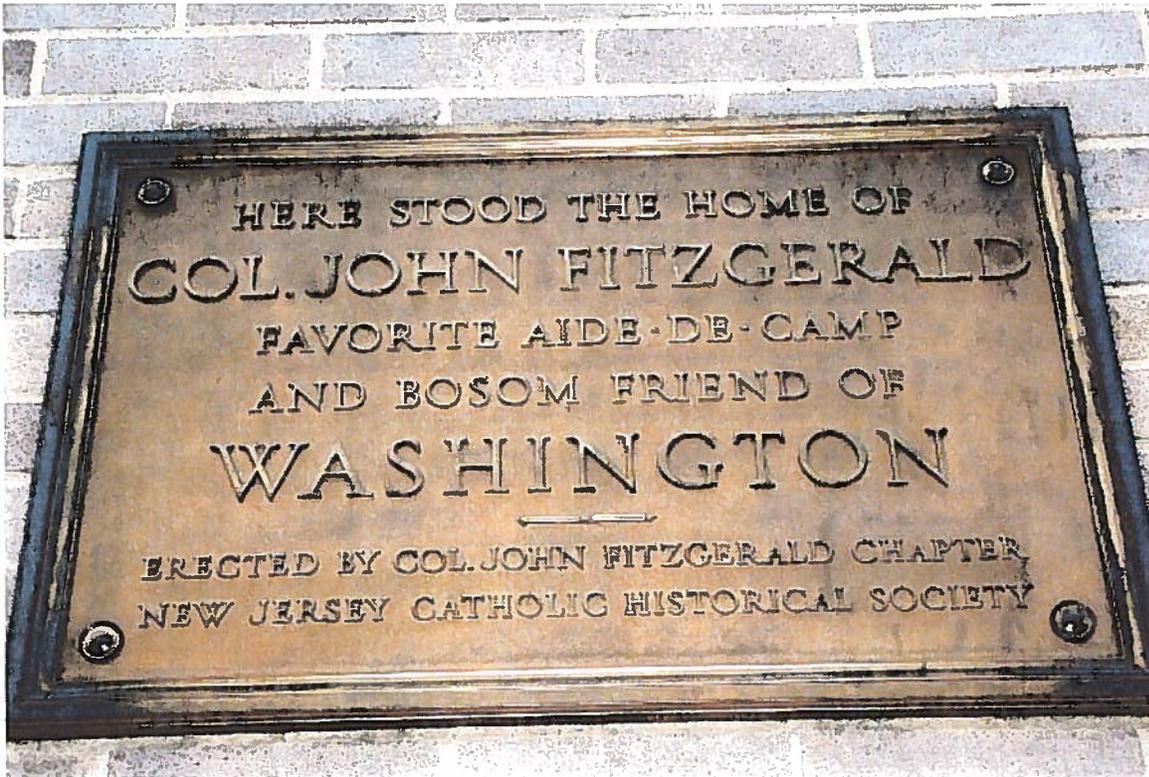
1780 – Colonel Robert T. Hooe, a successful merchant and good friend of Colonel Fitzgerald becomes the first Mayor of Alexandria.

1781 – Colonel Fitzgerald marshaled local forces to repel a surprise three ship British Raid on the City & Port of Alexandria. Colonel Fitzgerald, at home on leave of absence, organized the alarmed citizens at **Market Square**, and then took a smaller band to **Jones Point** to repel any British invaders. After shelling the city, the British ships withdrew down the Potomac River.

1783 - December 31. Reunited with George Washington. Having resigned his commission at Annapolis, MD, George Washington arrives in Alexandria to a thirteen cannon salute. He is greeted by the leading citizens, including Colonel John F. Fitzgerald, at a reception at DuVall's Tavern **305 Cameron Street**.



1787 - 8th Mayor of Alexandria. His home was at the present location of the Burke and Herbert Bank at **100 South Fairfax Street** at the corner of South King Street and West Fairfax Street. A plaque in his honor is affixed to the King Street wall of the building.



1788 – Built Fitzgerald's Wharf. With Valentine Peers, Colonel Fitzgerald purchased the south side of the **200 block of King Street**. He extended the bank 400 feet from the shoreline at King and Water (Lee) Streets, creating Fitzgerald's Wharf. On this Wharf he constructed three warehouses. One of these was the old "Seaport Inn" at **100 S. Union St.** (this site had housed the George Washington Tavern established in 1795), the other at **102 S. Union St.**

There is a plaque in his honor affixed to the King Street wall of the building at **100 S. Union St.** It was placed there in 1976 by the Colonel John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the George Washington Chapter of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick as a part of America's Bicentennial Celebration.



1798 – Collector of the Port of Alexandria, with his office in the old “Seaport Inn” Building, 100 South Union Street.

3. CHAMPION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & A FOUNDER OF SAINT MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA

Pre-1776 Intolerance: Before the American Revolution, no Catholic churches could be built in the colonies except in Pennsylvania and Maryland. In Virginia, Catholic priests from foreign parts could be executed by the British authorities. Catholics could not hold office. Unlike the British Officer Corps, George Washington's Officer Corps was notably inclusive of Catholics, like Colonel Fitzgerald. Twenty-six of Washington's generals were Irish as well. By examination of its rolls, the Continental Army is estimated to have been made up of over one-third Irish troops.

1788 - March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). Organized Fundraising for the first Catholic Church in Alexandria and Virginia: Colonel Fitzgerald was at his home entertaining George Washington and others, debating the ratification of the Constitution and other matters of the day. There, he resolved to organize the fundraising for Alexandria's first Catholic church. George Washington was an original supporter of the church. It is said that George Washington, also a champion of the newly won religious liberty guaranteed by the new U.S. Constitution, made the first monetary donation to this cause. Their good friend, Colonel Robert T. Hooe, a Protestant gentleman and the first mayor of Alexandria, was also there and donated the land for the church.

1788-1795 – Good Neighbor: Opened his home to Alexandria's Catholics. Colonel Fitzgerald provided his home for Sunday mass for Alexandria's Catholics until the first St. Mary's Church was finished.

1795 - Person Most Instrumental in Establishing Catholicism in Alexandria and in Virginia: In 1795, with the land donated in 1788 by Colonel Robert T. Hooe and with donations for building costs, Colonel Fitzgerald and Father Francis Ignatius Neale, S.J. of Georgetown College began building the chapel for the first Catholic parish in Alexandria and in Virginia. A small brick chapel was built on what is now St. Mary's Cemetery (Virginia's oldest Catholic cemetery) **at South Washington Street (George Washington Parkway) and Church Street** at the south end of Old Alexandria. In 1968 a plaque in their honor was placed on the Saint Mary's Cemetery footpath just east of the Washington St. entrance by Fr. Wingler, St. Mary's pastor.

Special thanks to T. Michael Miller, Research Historian in the Office of Historic Alexandria of the City of Alexandria who did the hard work over the years of finding and developing the information in this brochure on Colonel John F. Fitzgerald of Alexandria, Virginia and who authored most of the text. For the photographs of the plaques I would like to thank my friend Greg D'Alessio who also edited this document.

--- Pat Troy