



Alexandria Waterfront Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

November 19, 2013

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council,

On November 7, 2013, the Waterfront Commission hosted a public discussion between the City of Alexandria (the City) and Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC) on the topic of the execution of the Waterfront Small Area Plan (SAP) as it relates to the proposed Fitzgerald Park and the current ODBC parking lot. Given the current status of the negotiations, and the apparent closeness of the offers, it is our continued belief that a mutually agreeable resolution is not only desirable, but it is also quite possible given a newly structured way forward.

To that end, by majority vote we recommend the following way forward to expedite the road to a constructive solution:

- That mediated, confidential and documented negotiations toward a mutually agreeable resolution between the City and ODBC happen, facilitated by an independent mediator selected by the City and ODBC.
- That a member of the Olin Design Group be made available in an advisory position during discussions to address accessibility, integration, and design flow of any proposed agreement into the Small Area Plan concept/design.
- That any agreement is holistic in nature; addressing not just the parking lot, but King Street Park, The Strand, and any current easements and rights-of-way as well.
- That a time limit of 90 days after commencement be placed on these discussions, with monthly status reports to the Waterfront Commission during their normally scheduled meetings (morning of the 3rd Tuesday of each month).
- After expiration of the 90 days, and if no agreement is in place, all records of negotiations between the two parties will become a matter of public record.

The Waterfront Commission was heartened by the apparent recent closeness of the City and ODBC's proposed plans. The difficult part will lie in the details, and for both sides to be willing to re-examine issues that may have originally been considered deal breakers. City residents and visitors alike will benefit most by a revised plan that provides the majority of what all parties want.

Sincerely

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Chairman, Alexandria Waterfront Commission