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



January 13, 2011

Ms. Faroll Hamer, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning
City of Alexandria
City Hall
301 King Street, Room 2100
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Hamer:

This letter conveys Alexandria Waterfront Committee's endorsement of the Alexandria Waterfront Public Art Proposal developed by the Public Art Committee of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

At meetings on April 21 and May 19, 2009, the Waterfront Committee adopted a comprehensive set of Waterfront Plan Principles. This included the following principles that pertain to arts along the Waterfront:

- The Waterfront ambience shall emphasize Alexandria's history, maritime heritage and marine uses, recreation, and the arts.
- Encourage the tourist potential of the historic and architectural aspects of Old Town as well as the arts and cultural aspects.
- Parks may have features such as fountains and art. Parks shall not be sterile.
- Alexandria's Waterfront shall be a showplace for the arts, including public, fine, and performing arts.
- Sculpture and other public art may be installed in parks and other public and private places along the Waterfront.
- An outdoor performing arts venue shall be considered for the Waterfront in an area designated for active recreation.
- New waterfront venues may include attractions for children such as...interactive public art, where appropriate.

The Waterfront Public Art Proposal supports each of these principles, and provides a comprehensive vision for artworks to enliven the city's waterfront.

At its meeting on December 14, 2010, the Waterfront Committee unanimously endorsed the Alexandria Waterfront Public Art Proposal. We urge incorporation of the Proposal into the Waterfront Small Area Plan now being developed by the City.

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If you should have further questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 202/365-2927 (mobile) or natemacek@hotmail.com. On behalf of the Alexandria Waterfront Committee, thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Nathan M. Macek, Chair
Alexandria Waterfront Committee

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