



Ad Hoc Fort Ward Management Plan Implementation Monitoring Group Meeting

September 09, 2015

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Fort Ward - Background
- Charge of the New Group
- Fort Ward - Updates
- Meeting Schedules and Staff Contacts



Background – Council Actions

City Council adopted the Management Plan on January 24, 2015:

- Requested a Work Session to discuss the Plan implementation process
- Requested a new monitoring group for the implementation of the approved Plan
- Approved \$1,395,000 for Plan implementation in FY2016 –2025 CIP, including \$200,000 in FY2016



Background – May 26, 2015 Council Work Session Recap

- Updates on Stormwater Management, Interpretive Plan, Oral History, and Grave Location Research
- Discussed the makeup of the new Plan Implementation Monitoring Group
- On June 10, 2015, Council approved the creation of the new Monitoring Group



Charge of the Monitoring Group

Meet at least quarterly with staff from RPCA, OHA and T&ES to:

- Provide recommendations to staff for the implementation of the approved Plan
- Review and monitor implementation projects for consistency with approved Plan
- Provide recommendations on park uses/operations for consistency with approved Plan
- Participate in the development of an annual update on Plan implementation



Membership of the Monitoring Group

Eleven Member Group:

- One Council member appointed by the Mayor and serving as the convener of the Group
- Ten members appointed by the City Manager
 - Nine members recommended by chairs of the City commissions, and leadership of the Oakland Baptist Church, Descendants Society and civic associations
 - One at-large member appointed after call for nominations



Drainage Master Plan

- Stormwater study conducted in June 2014 prepared by URS Corp.

- Recommended Three Improvements (in order of priority)
 - Stormwater diversion at Oakland Baptist Church Cemetery
 - Stormwater improvements at parking lot off Braddock Road
 - Streambank stabilization



Recent Meetings

- **January 21, 2015 @ Oakland Baptist Church (+Descendants)**
 - Presented several design alternatives
- **April 23, 2015 @ Oakland Baptist Church**
 - Agreed on next steps
 - Working with Oakland's Consultant
- **June 18, 2015 @ Ft Ward Park**
 - Stakeholder Workshop
 - View/Discuss Alignment
 - Revised to save trees
- **July 29, 2015 @ Ft Ward Park**
 - 2nd Stakeholder Workshop
 - View/Discuss Revised Alignment
 - Consensus reached to move forward with Archaeology
- **September 3, 2015 @ Ft Ward Park**
 - Stakeholder Workshop - Archaeology
 - Lead by OHA - View/Discuss Proposed Archaeology

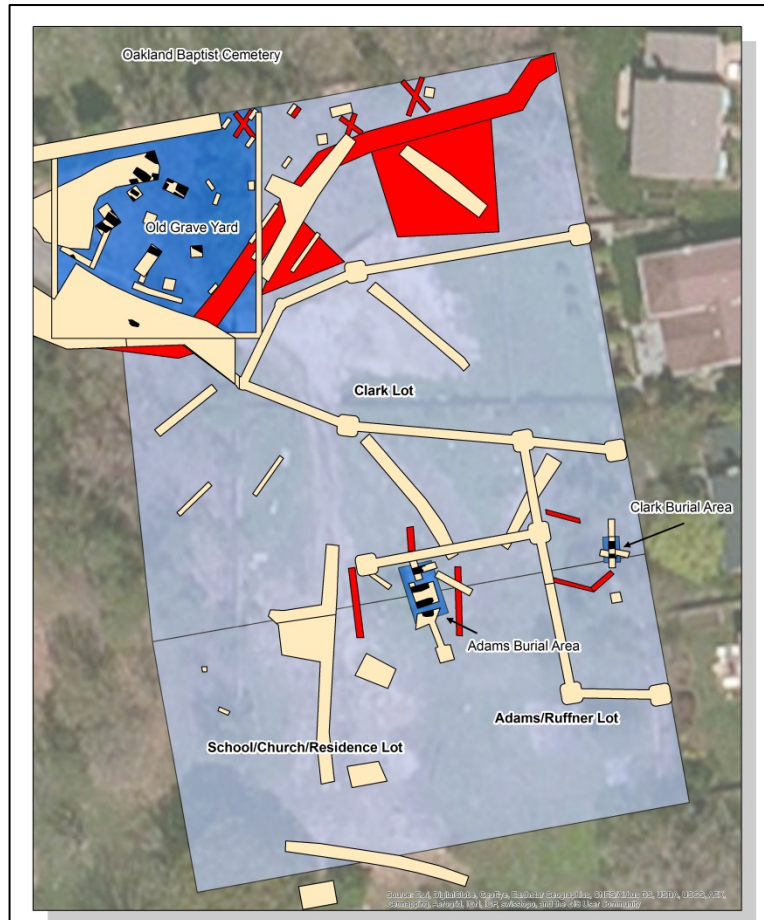
Drainage Plan - Site Overview (Current)



Drainage Plan - Next Steps

- **Project Related Archaeology**
 - OHA to conduct Archaeologic Investigations (October 2015)
- **Finalize Design**
 - Consensus on Concept Design
 - Timeline: Started – Concurrent with Archaeology
- **Preparation of Construction Documents**
 - Finalize Plans/Specifications for construction contractor
 - Timeline: Three - Four Months (Q1 of 2016)
- **Procurement (Advertise & Award)**
 - Timeline: Three Months (Q2 of 2016)
- **Construction**
 - Timeline: Three Months (Q3 of 2016)
 - Approximately \$500,000 (approved budget)
- **Timeline Dependent upon Results of Archaeology**

Project Related Archaeology



**Clark, School/Church/Residence, and Adams/Ruffner Lots
2015 Proposed Investigations, Fort Ward Park**

Legend

- Proposed Areas for Archaeological Excavation
- Previously Excavated Areas
- Verified Grave Area
- Possible Cemetery
- Identified Graves



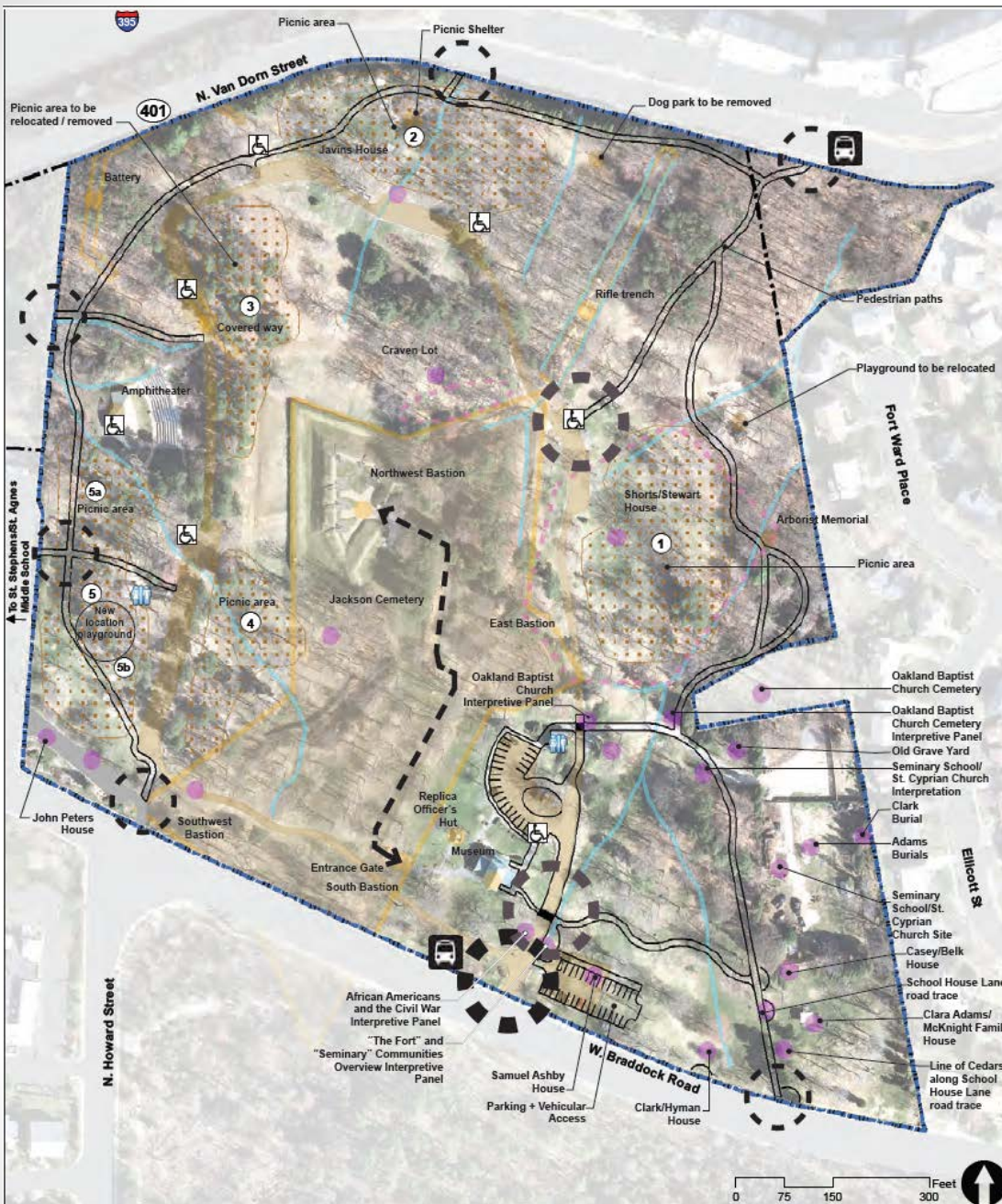
Interpretive Planning Process

- City Council approved \$150,000 in FY 2016 Capital Budget
- Capital funds will allow additional archaeological work and development of the Interpretive Plan
- Fort Ward Interpretive Plan Advisory Committee will be established to:
 - Help coordinate the RFP process
 - Select historical themes and stories
 - Identify appropriate interpretive tools and programs
 - Best connect the history of Fort Ward to broader aspects of city, regional and national heritage
- Future updates to Implementation Monitoring Group

Park Area Maintenance /Enhancements

- The Dog Park has been removed per the approved Plan
- Removal of tree stumps continues
- Tree work planned for this winter:
 - Remove 42 dead trees, trim 53 trees
- \$50,000 in CIP Funding (FY2016) for:
 - Plant 24 new trees – this fall/winter
 - ADA compliant benches and picnic tables
 - Accessible (ADA) parking and pathways
- Maintenance & Enhancements coordinated with OHA per MOU

Park Maintenance and Enhancements





Meeting Schedules - Staff Contacts

- Next Meeting Date

- November - TBD

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