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Dear Craig:

The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC) has discussed the naming of the interim park at the foot of King Street in response to your request of October16, 2018. The HARC has been monitoring the issue for several months and commissioners have attended various meetings and reviewed related documentation. Your presentation to HARC was informative and appreciated.

We established a Committee of the Whole that met on October 29 to develop a preliminary response for formal consideration at the regularly scheduled meeting of HARC. The following two part recommendation is the result of that formal consideration and was adopted by vote of HARC. This recommendation provides (1) conceptual guidance on the naming of the park and (2) a non-prioritized list of names for consideration that were suggested and reflect the conceptual guidance.

The conceptual guidance consists of three principles:

a. The park should <u>not</u> be named after a person. This hub at the intersection of the principal Alexandria street and the Potomac River merits a name that is historically and culturally inclusive and reflects one or more of the elements comprising Alexandria's multifaceted heritage (e.g., maritime, revolutionary, mercantile, ethnic).
b. A single name should be applied to both the existing Waterfront Park and the interim park being constructed on the former site of the Old Dominion Boat Club.
c. The name should be either a geographical name/feature relevant to Alexandria history or an abstract name reflecting a positive quality or concept.

The <u>non-prioritized</u> potential names that are suggested by HARC are as follows in alphabetical order:

a. Gateway Park
b. Maritime Heritage Park
c. Portside Park

Thank you for the opportunity to offer input on this important, delicate issue of great import to the history of our wonderful city and its future.

Sincerely,

Danny Smith and Elizabeth McCall, Co-Chairs
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission