

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to extend for one year the term of the successor ad hoc stakeholder advisory group to advise staff on recommendations for management of Fort Ward Park established by Resolution 2460 in June, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area are valuable City resources for use and enjoyment by residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area includes significant historic, environmental, park and recreational resources; and

WHEREAS, a management plan needs to be developed for the Fort Ward Park and Museum Area; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of City residents with a wide-variety of interests can assist in making recommendations for this plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

1. That there is hereby a one year extension to the established ad hoc stakeholder advisory group known as the Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group;
2. That the Advisory Group shall consist of 14 members, as follows: 3 members recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission, 3 members recommended by the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, 1 member recommended by the Environmental Policy Commission, 1 member recommended by the Fort Ward and Seminary African American Descendants Society, 1 member recommended by the Oakland Baptist Church, 1 member recommended by the Seminary Civic Association, 1 member recommended by the Seminary Hill Association, 2 citizens at large, and 1 citizen living within a one-mile radius of Fort Ward Park.
3. That the City Manager shall appoint the fourteen members for the Advisory Group for an additional one-year term.
4. That the Chairpersons of the Park and Recreation, Historic Alexandria Resource and Environmental Policy Commissions shall recommend to the City Manager its members for the Advisory Group.

5. That, in making their appointments, the City Manager and Commission chairs shall endeavor to ensure that in aggregate, Advisory Group members provide:
 - a. A commitment to a balanced, multi-use park and historic site in the City, and
 - b. Are representative of the diversity of interests and uses of the park and museum site.
6. That the functions of the Advisory Group shall be:
 - a. Provide staff of RPCA, OHA, and T&ES with recommendations on balancing park uses, implementing education and outreach opportunities and implementation of recommendations made in the 2011 Stakeholder Advisory Group report.
 - b. Bring community values, knowledge, and ideas into the process of creating a management plan for Ft. Ward Park and Museum Area in ways that provide lasting benefit to the local community and the City as a whole.
 - c. Act as liaisons for neighborhoods and other interested parties in the development process of a management plan for Ft. Ward Park and Museum Area.
7. That staff assistance to the Advisory Group shall be managed jointly by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and the Office of Historic Alexandria, with support as needed from the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, Planning and Zoning, General Services, and the City Manager's Office.
8. That the Advisory Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis and will be formed for a limited duration of no more than one year unless otherwise extended by City Council.

ADOPTED:

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC, City Clerk