

Attachment 7: Letters of Endorsement

November 24, 2014

The Honorable Mayor William D. Euille
Members of the Alexandria City Council
City Hall, 301 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

During the past year, the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC) has reviewed the draft Fort Ward Park Management Plan and discussed the associated issues at Fort Ward Park. The Commission also viewed two presentations on the draft Management Plan provided by members of the Fort Ward Park and Museum Ad Hoc Stakeholders' Advisory Group and the Office of Historic Alexandria.

On May 20, 2014, HARC met at Fort Ward to inspect the physical area and discuss the goals and objectives of the Management Plan. After thorough review, HARC members voted unanimously to endorse the principles of the Fort Ward Park Management Plan. HARC believes that it is especially important to respect and preserve, to the extent reasonably possible, the cultural and historic resources of the Fort, including those of the people who once lived on the property. HARC also wants to emphasize that this is a management plan and will need to be revised over time to deal with changing circumstances.

Sincerely,

Bill Hendrickson, Chairman
Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
(HARC)