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From: Steve Tindall [stindall@lcsde.org]
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2007 8:08 PM
To: 'Simeon Hahn'
Cc: 'steve tindall'; shahn5419@aol.com; Sal ahuddin Qazi (DNREC)
Subject: RE: Master Plan for Fox Point Park

Attachments: Schnabel Engineering Report Condemns Dioxin Pile ii st.doc;
2007 fox pt master plan review ST.doc

Hi Simeon. Here's some input. I like what you have done. I did some tweaking and formatting. By the way, can you get out a quick comment about the dupont waste pile by Friday? Send to qazi.sal ahuddin@state.de.us. Here's my version of the position paper.

steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Simeon Hahn [mailto:Simeon.Hahn@noaa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 3:26 PM
To: Steve Tindall
Subject: Re: Master Plan for Fox Point Park

Steve,

Some draft comments for your review on the Master Plan. They need some work but wanted to get as many of my thoughts down in a first dump. I would like to send to all on the email list when we get our comments together. Also attached is a comment form I sent regarding the 2007 Comp Plan for NCC which has significant overlap. I would like to include the attachment as well.

Thanks to DNREC Parks for sending out the Fox Point Park Master Plan dated April 1996 which was received on November 22, 2006. As a general comment the Plan is very brief and appears outdated to a large extent and it should be updated with an opportunity for public participation. Specific comments on the Plan are provided below:

The Section titled History is limited to the development of the Park. Additional information on the history of the Delaware River community in the Edgemoor/Claymont area should be provided in the plan. This information would serve as the basis for enhancing the Park as a historical resource for the community and citizens of the state. Some specific considerations include the Native American history, early settlement periods, industrialization, and use of the waterfront by communities in the area.

The Section titled Southern Section, Phase I Construction suggests additional landscaping along the railroad tracks to screen the existing fence and buffer noise from the railroad and highways. It is unclear if this is a priority for the Park (i.e. it should be more than a recommendation and become a plan element that can be listed and prioritized). The section also states that this portion of the Park was developed as part of a State Superfund cleanup. The Plan should provide an update of the cleanup, including efforts related to Phase II and the Delaware River (Operable unit 3).

It is unclear if information in Southern Section, Phase Two Master Plan, is up to date. Our understanding is that the area may be managed as a meadow once a soil cover is installed as indicated in the plan. However this section also includes provisions for an outdoor amphitheater, a pavilion, a multi purpose building, areas for ice skating, a boat launching facility, a fishing pier (funding may be currently available for the pier), and a "secret garden". Native plant restoration should be a focus of horticultural efforts. Budgets and prioritization of these elements should be provided. Our preference would be to concentrate on passive recreational uses (such as the active and passive pedestrian pathways specified in the plan) and

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ecological restoration versus an amphitheater and ice skating area. Amphitheaters are currently provided at Bellevue park. Providing for pedestrian access from Bellevue Park should be a priority. Focus on ecological restoration in terms of plant composition and animal use/habitat should be provided in the plan. An active fitness loop with fitness stations is also provided at Bellevue. The pathways should be more focused on activities such as biking, hiking, and naturalist activities (ex. birdwatching). There should be a strong connection to the River's ecology.

The Section titled The Point includes provisions for a Gazebo, an interpretive display and connection via a boardwalk to the Southern Section. As stated in the plan the primary task will be to establish access from the Northern Delaware Greenway system via the Caufiel estate. This should be a high if not the highest priority for Fox Point Park. An inventory and assessment of existing habitat types at the Point and up to the Phase I and Phase II areas should be performed. Ecological restoration goals should be developed based upon this inventory. The figure also shows a proposed marina. This area would likely require dredging and other activities that would impact existing habitat. Our recommendation is to not plan for a marina and focus perhaps on boat ramps instead.

Another general comment for the plan is that there should be specific planning and implementation with the County to the extent practical. Comments were provided on the 2007 NCC Comprehensive Land Use Plan relative to restoring, enhancing, and preserving natural resources, in particular resources associated with the Delaware River in northern New Castle County. The current version does not incorporate these comments (besides the fact that they were endorsed and sent via letter by Councilman Cartier) and seemed to place the majority of the burden on the state. However a multi-stakeholder effort with all important partners will likely be required to adequately enhance the Park and adjacent areas. A comment letter on the Plan is attached for your reference.

Steve Tindall wrote:

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> Sorry to be a pest. But FYI I didn't get a copy either electronically
> or hard copy. I did correspond with Mary Margaret Williams and
> provided her with postal mailing info for me and others several weeks
> ago. I also got a cc of a letter from Mr. Salkin saying that he
> thought someone else had taken care of it. But in the end got nothing.
> This info was promised in what seemed like good faith in September. I
> have to assume there is resistance to sharing info with the public at
> some level.
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> I would also think that a copy would be available at the park HQ for
> the public.
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> Steve Tindall
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> *From: * McWilliams Diana (LegHall)
> [mailto: Diana.McWilliams@state.de.us]

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> *Sent: * Wednesday, November 08, 2006 9:29 PM
> *To: * Steve Tindall; Sal kin Charles (DNREC); Walling Lee Ann
> (Governor)
> *Subject: * RE: Master Plan for Fox Point Park
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> Chazz,
> Do you mind forwarding 6 copies of the Master Plan for Fox Point State
> Park to my Leg Hall office? Thank you.
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> Steve,
> If you would e-mail Mary Margaret Williams all of the mailing
> addresses they need to go to, we'll send them out to the addresses you
> provide.
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> Sincerely,
> Diana
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> Diana McWilliams
> State Representative, 6th District
> 302-765-2053 Home
> 302-577-8474 Legislative (staff person Mary Margaret Williams)
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Steve Tindall [mailto:stindall@lcsde.org]
> Sent: Wed 11/8/2006 2:40 PM
> To: Walling Lee Ann (Governor)
> Cc: John Cartier; McWilliams Diana (LegHall); 'Simeon Hahn'; Small
> David (DNREC); Sal kin Charles (DNREC)
> Subject: Master Plan for Fox Point Park
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> Could the governor help me get a copy of the Master Plan for Fox Point
> State Park? Some other members of the community and I were promised
> copies 6 weeks ago and still cant seem to get one or any response at
> all about where we might find one.
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