

**Public Meeting Memorandum #3**

**May 11, 2011**

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Meeting Date: May 5, 2011 / 6:30pm

The third Public Meeting was held on May 4, 2011 at 6:30pm with approximately 40 attendees. The meeting started with a review of the master planning process including a brief overview of the two alternatives Scheme A and B and then introducing the Draft Master Plan. The major items included:

**Draft Master Plan**

1. Restore Fort Pickering
2. Road side parking with reinforced turf
3. Continuous internal walkway for pedestrian and bicycles
4. Continuous perimeter path system with access to shoreline edges
5. Boat launch parking (approx. 32 spaces)
6. Enhanced entrance gateway with wider driveways, signage and gatehouse
7. Wind turbine located near the harbor master's office
8. Relocation of camp store into Hangar Garage or other building
9. Restoration of Barracks Building
10. Restoration of USCG Hangar
11. Introduction of sustainable initiatives to provided environmentally friendly park including: (Bio cells, porous paving, rainwater harvesting, etc.)
12. New parking at Hangar Garage
13. Maintain access road at Hangar Garage
14. Shift edge of parking lot back on east side to accommodate more green space and wider pedestrian walkway and shoreline green space
15. Vehicle access around USCG Hangar
16. Ramp and dock to remain in its current state
17. Dock to be expanded to accommodate more kayaks
18. Light house to be restored
19. Interpretive program developed for the park
20. Manage access into Fort Pickering with guided tours and formalized interpretive trails
21. Manager to manage all uses and schedules on the island
22. Pavilion to remain in its current location
23. Community Gardens to be located in an open sunny area away main uses with easy access

**Public Meeting #3 questions and comments:**

1. Will the moat restoration require EPA permitting?
2. Should there be a concern about contaminated soils especially from lead paint at the Barracks Building and who would be responsible?
3. Castle Hill in Ipswich received funding very quickly to restore the structure
4. Why can't the park just be transferred over to the Nation Park Service?

5. Salem's Veteran's Organization can assist with building/renovation projects (CWT-Compensated Work Therapy Program-pays an hourly rate to do various renovation jobs)
6. Second Core of Cadets / Salem is the home of the National Guard – potential funding source with support from Tierney
7. Historic Salem suggested reviewing the Vine Feasibility Study to be part of the master plan for the restoration and preservation of the Barracks and USCG Buildings
8. The RV use should stay on the island and at minimum according the Salem Harbor Master Plan with keeping 16 RV spaces in the NW corner of the site and well buffered
9. Park Service involvement is questioned and whether the island should be handed over to the NPS
10. A Cape Cod Naval Base was transformed into an museum but is not acquiring appropriate funding
11. There is concern for the noise level of the Wind Turbine and commented on hearing it from ¼ mile away
12. What is the potential for building larger docks? Verify whether this is consistent with the Harbor Plan
13. The final report should include the infrastructure improvements
14. A bed and breakfast should be affordable and not high end so all park users can enjoy. A bed and breakfast may have legal implications, but must be confirmed for privatization of public property
15. The Barracks Building should be considered long term for a senior center or veterans home and should add more language in the program
16. There was a concern for the community garden location and a new sunnier location should be reconsidered
17. Some attendees recommended keeping the park as is and not changing anything
18. Case Studies to review:
  - a. Foundry Renovation in Pennsylvania (Park Service and Heritage Center)
  - b. Rockport, MA – Shalin Liu Performance Arts Center

**Previous Public Meeting #2 Comments:**

1. Some hesitation to remove 'all' of the RV's from the park, but potentially remove all RV's if the island can be financially sustainable over time. Some still favor the use
2. Roads should be widened
3. The island should not become a very formal park with formal edges. It should maintain its rustic and natural character to some degree
4. Preferred parking in Scheme A
5. Like amphitheatre for many reasons, but some concern for amount of traffic it will produce within the park
6. The pavilion should remain, very popular and a good revenue generator
7. Potential introduction of Cycle Rickshaws to the park
8. Enhanced gateway was preferred with multiple lanes for convenient access for visitors and member

9. Restoring the moat should be a last priority. Safety was a concern being located near the beach use with children activity
10. Tot lot relocation near the beach walk and on street parking was preferred
11. Keep parking for Salem residents and for/near water use (viewing)
12. Value to locating parking in one place so visitors are not circling park
13. Open views to water should be maintained and not views under trees
14. Like community gardens and should remain
15. Keep park for Salem
16. Need a back up plan
17. Set goals for building but do not set a deadline
18. Terraces for community gardens not a good idea
19. Rahab Barracks building, but it not, do not use for RV use
20. Like wide spread open feeling
21. Phase out RV's especially along waterfront
22. Like thought of heavily buffering and secluding RV's
23. Expand and improve restrooms
24. Petition state to raise boat ramp fees, but keep McCabe Marina?
25. Restore old Coast Guard building in condition they once were
26. Do immediate low cost moth balling of Barracks
27. Widen green space along parking lot for pedestrian use (benches, etc.)
28. Make sure there is overflow parking for trailers
29. Make sure park does not compete with The Willows
30. Obtain an agreement with Plummer Home about satellite lot?
31. Doug? Will do labor for renovations if Salem pays for materials
32. Prioritize parking for Salemites and senior citizens
33. Keep boat trailers parking further away from the ramp
34. Turn current trailer parking into new use-location?
35. Performance center desirable
36. Paths should be gravel or shells
37. Hangar should have more windows if it becomes a used facility/function room
38. Turbines can generate significant \$\$\$. No opposition at this time
39. Gardens are more important than RV's
40. 100 garden spaces are sold out in 1<sup>st</sup> season
41. Add fire pits on the island
42. Entrance should have turnaround space
43. Amphitheatre should have multi use purpose
44. Restaurant should be considered or ice cream parlor
45. Parking lots are full every summer