

SALONA PARK TASK FORCE

PUBLIC MEETING, OCTOBER 4, 2012

OPENING COMMENTS BY MARGARET MALONE, CHAIR

Welcome, and on behalf of the Salona Park Task Force I want to thank you for coming to this very important public meeting. My name is Margaret Malone, and I have been serving as chair of the Task Force.

We are indeed fortunate that there were members of our community, including the Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust, who in past years were willing to work toward acquiring the Salona property as a conservation easement to be used as parkland, and that the DuVal family was willing to share it with us.

Tonight's meeting is the culmination of a year-long effort by the Task Force to consult with the residents of McLean so that we can develop recommendations for Salona that reflect the views of the community for what will best serve their needs and interests.

Our Task Force was appointed by Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and by Kevin Fay, Dranesville representative to the Park Authority Board. We have invited each of them to make opening remarks, after which Andy Galusha of the Park Authority will discuss the Park Authority's planning process for Salona Park and what the Park Authority has proposed. Finally, I will briefly describe how the Task Force has conducted its work, and what we have learned regarding options for the development of the Park.

We will then invite you to visit the information stations that we have created, where we can share with you what we have learned.