



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

FROM: Barbara Nugent, Director
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DATE: September 12, 2019

Agenda

**Resource Management Committee
(Committee of the Whole)
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 6:45 p.m.
Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: Maggie Godbold
Vice Chair: Linwood Gorham**

1. Resident Curator Program Update and Conservation Lease (with presentation) – Information*

*Enclosures



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Information (with Presentation)

Resident Curator Program Update and Conservation Lease

The presentation will provide an update on the Resident Curator Properties under curatorship, in administrative process and upcoming. Discussion will include the conservation lease concept for properties which fall outside of the scope of the Resident Curator Program for reasons including high rehabilitation costs or limited required improvements.

Stempson House – The Stempson House curator has invested a total of \$64,937 as of summer 2019. Upcoming projects include the following: removing the security grating from first floor windows, repairing and repainting the roof, and painting all interior trim in the house.

The curator continues to meet with potential applicants interested in learning more about the Resident Curator Program.

Turner Farmhouse – A lease signing event for the Turner Farmhouse was held on November 1, 2018. The curator moved into the property in late January 2019. Initial projects have included the following: installation of kitchen floor, cabinets and appliances, removal of a portion of the non-loading bearing wall between the kitchen and dining room to join the spaces, and replacement of water heater. The curator is currently preparing a special exception application for the use of the resident curator property, particularly the garage structure, as a retreat center.

Properties in Administrative Process – The application period for the Lahey Lost Valley property closed August 2019. Staff received one application which is under review. The application period for the Ellmore Farmhouse property closed on March 14, 2019. Two applications are under evaluation team review. A public meeting was held on July 31, 2019, during which the applicants presented their proposals to the evaluation team and for public comment. A meeting of the evaluation team was held on September 12, 2019, to prepare a recommendation.

The application period for the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property closed July 5. Staff received one application which is under financial review.

Upcoming Properties – Staff is preparing to re-advertise the Ash Grove property.

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The White Gardens house is undergoing mold remediation and asbestos abatement in preparation for the Resident Curator Program.

Staff is working with Planning & Development for septic construction, public water connection and electricity hookup at the Barrett House.

Staff received a Treatment Plan for the Sears House.

Staff is in the process of obtaining Historic Structure Reports and/or Treatment Plans for the Dranesville Tavern.

Conservation Lease – The conservation lease concept applies to properties which fall outside of the scope of the Resident Curator Program for reasons including high rehabilitation costs or limited required improvements. The lease structure would provide flexibility outside of the Resident Curator Program requirements which would allow staff to narrow the scope of required improvements for properties with higher rehabilitation costs and to include a fair market rental component for properties with limited required improvements. Continued property maintenance, regular inspections and that the improvements are done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic properties will be required under the conservation lease.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

None

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