

RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAM – ELLMORE FARMHOUSE

July 31, 2016 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

MEETING SUMMARY

A public meeting was held at the Hunter Mill Supervisor's Office on July 31, 2019 to introduce the community to the proposed uses for Ellmore Farmhouse. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm and was facilitated by Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer, FCPA. The sign in sheet captured the names of 10 attendees, including the applicants.

Also in attendance were:

- Aimee Vosper, FCPA Deputy Director
- Barbara Nugent, FCPA, Resource Management Division Director
- David Buchta, FCPA, Heritage Conservation Branch Manager
- Stephanie Langton, FCPA, Resident Curator Program Manager
- Michelle Meadows, FCPA, Planning & Development, Senior Right of Way Agent
- Yvonne Johnson, FCPA, Site Manager for Frying Pan Farm Park
- Robert Beach, Robert E. Beach Architects, Fairfax County History Commission

OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

Judy Pedersen welcomed all in attendance, outlined the evening's agenda and introduced the evaluation team members.

The floor was turned over to David Buchta for opening remarks. He welcomed attendees and discussed the goals and accomplishments of Resident Curator Program, as program staff look forward to the next steps for the Ellmore Farmhouse.

Stephanie Langton provided a brief powerpoint presentation on the program's background, its application evaluation process and criteria for evaluation. Criteria includes proposed use, public benefit, rehabilitation plan, experience and qualifications, and public response.

APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Judy then took the podium to introduce the first of two applicant presentations.

Applicant Karl Scherm discussed his and wife Jessi Scherm's proposed residential use for the Ellmore Farmhouse. He shared his memories and experiences of visiting Frying Pan Farm Park and participating in the activities with his wife and four children. Karl discussed his proposed rehabilitation plan and timeline as well as his experience with home repair and renovation projects.

Judy then introduced the second applicant presentation.

The second applicant presentation was provided by Ken Crum, Theresa Piccolo and Bob Pizzano with Pizzano Consulting, representing ServiceSource. They discussed ServiceSource's proposed

nonprofit use of the house as a gathering space for its Long Term and Community Integration Services program, serving approximately 15 clients. The presentation included ServiceSource's rehabilitation plan and timeline and proposal to include a café amenity from the house as part of its programming.

EVALUATION TEAM QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

The Evaluation team then began a question and answer period.

The question of how much land would be used around the house was asked of both applicants. Concern was raised that the resident curator use cannot extend too close to the pavilion located by the visitor center, which is regularly used by the public.

Mr. Scherm was asked if he had any experience with historic preservation. He responded that while he did not, he is close friends with a historic preservationist who has offered to serve the role as consultant. He also has friend who is a general contractor who has already looked at the house.

Mr. Crum was asked how the ServiceSource staff would get to and from the house. He answered that they would be driving their private vehicles, while the clients would use public transportation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An attendee associated with ServiceSource noted the good work that ServiceSource does in the community and discussed the benefit of a partnership at Ellmore Farmhouse.

CLOSING REMARKS

The next Ellmore Farmhouse Evaluation Team meeting will take place on Thursday, September 12th at 9am in the Herrity Building at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA. These meetings will take place in the ninth floor Park Authority Board Room. While the meeting is open to the public, no comment will be taken.

Public comments are due in Writing to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov by Friday, September 6th, 2019.

Applications are available for review on the program's website:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resident-curator-program>