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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### MINUTES

McCoart Administration Building  
Occoquan Conference Room

January 20, 2004  
Special Meeting  
Saratoga Hunt

#### In Attendance

Vice Chairman Burgess, Commissioners Cumins, Farmer, Harris, Hawkins, MacDonald, Raimondi, Yankey

Bob Bainbridge – Staff Liaison; Toni Brzyski – Commission Secretary; Stephen Griffin, Sherman Patrick – Planning Office; Angela Horan – County Attorney's Office

Christine Jirikowic, Kimberly Snyder, William Freyvogel, Bill Ostrander, John Mersiovsky, Ken Griffin, G. E. MacDonald, David Brickley, Jan Cunard, Earl Cunard, Tom Burrell, Rose Murphy, Bill Olson, Lillian Kafka, Bill Naedele, Robert McBride, Tim Horn, Jack Kooyoomjian, Kim Hosen – Citizens/Guests

**7:40 PM**

#### Citizens' Time

Earl Cunard of 12137 Darnley Road expressed his concerns.

#### VERBATIM

Vice-Chairman  
Burgess

The applicant has an opportunity at this time to present their case and we'd like you to if you can offer some background as to the proffers and how you feel they have or have not been met and we are well aware that the County has revoked site plans and grading permits and we're concerned that there has been some impact to historic resources so if anyone from Richmond American Homes would like to speak you have the floor.

Bill Freyvogel

We appreciate the opportunity to be here this evening. My name is Bill Freyvogel. I'm an attorney with the McLean, Virginia law firm of Matson, Freyvogel, P.C. and I'm pleased to represent Richmond American Homes of Virginia. Seated with me at the table is Bill Ostrander who is the President of the South Division of Richmond American Homes; John Mersiovsky who's the Head of Land Development for the South Division for Richmond American. They

are the principal officials within the company who have the responsibility for the Saratoga Hunt project. Seated next to John is Ken Griffin from Washington Homes, the other developer building homes within the Saratoga Hunt project. Seated to my right are Kim Snyder and Christine Jirikowic from Thunderbird Archeological Consultants. They have been the principal archeological consultants who have worked on the project literally for decades from the period of time from before the property was rezoned, through the rezoning all the way up through the site activities that have taken place.

The first thing I want to emphasize is that we understand that it is the County's position as expressed through the Zoning Administrator and the Head of Code Enforcement that Richmond American and Washington Homes may have violated certain proffers related to the development of the Saratoga Hunt project. We were notified of the Zoning Administrator's position on that in a letter that was sent to us on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003. We received that letter approximately ten days later when it was faxed to us by the County Attorney. The very next day after we first received that letter we sat in this conference room with a significant contingent of people, many of whom are still seated before you today, and a significant group of representatives of the County staff in order to try and address every single one of the issues that was raised in the Zoning Administrator's letter.

We believe that we have established a good working line of communication with the County Attorney, the Zoning Administrator, with the planning staff. We recognize that these are significant concerns. I think Mr. Cunard was quite right in suggesting that this was a controversial zoning when it was approved by the Board of Supervisors several years ago. There were significant proffers made by the developer. We are committed, without exception, to honor, to the fullest extent we are capable of doing so, every single one of those proffers. And we have in several letters to the Zoning Administrator made that commitment in writing, and we make that commitment to this group again tonight to do everything within Richmond American's reasonable power and control and everything within Washington Homes' reasonable power and control to address every single one of the issues that has been raised by the County.

Specifically, as a follow-up to the meeting that we had with the County in December we prepared a detailed item by item response to each one of the issues raised by the Zoning Administrator. That

letter was delivered to the County at the Zoning Administrator's request on January 9<sup>th</sup>. We believe that every issue raised by the Zoning Administrator was addressed in a professional and responsible manner.

We made specific commitments to the County to come to this meeting tonight to address the concerns of the citizens and to address the concerns of the Historical Commission. We made commitments to the County to engage in outreach efforts with the citizens and the local community groups surrounding the Saratoga Hunt project. Mr. Mersiovsky and other people within Richmond American have contacted many of those representatives of LOCCA/PELT within the last week. We think we've solicited input from them. We've established a dialogue with them. We are committed to meeting with them on whatever terms and conditions they might suggest to make sure that we get appropriate input from the local citizenry.

In addition to that, one of the principle concerns raised by the Zoning Administrator had to do with the site plan that had been previously submitted by Richmond American for the development of the site and the Zoning Administrator specifically asked us to make changes in that site plan in order to bring it into full compliance with the proffers and various other legal requirements. We have committed to the County that a revised site plan will be filed with the Director of Planning, Steve Griffin, some time this week and I am pleased to represent to other officials from the County who are in attendance tonight that we expect to meet that deadline. We have reviewed that revised site plan prior to coming here tonight. We expect it to be filed with the County later this week and we expect it to address every single one of the issues that the County has asked us to address including issues relating to environmental concerns, archeological concerns and historical concerns.

One other thing I want to emphasize is that while we've established a good working dialogue with the County on this there are legal issues involved. That's the reason I'm here as Richmond American's lawyer and while attempting in every way we can to resolve these concerns in a prompt, professional and cooperative manner we felt that it was necessary for us to protect the legal positions of all of our clients to file an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's December 8<sup>th</sup> letter with the Board of Zoning Appeals. We have properly perfected that appeal. The matter is now technically speaking before the Board of Zoning Appeals. I

don't believe that any public hearings or formal BZA actions are likely in the near future because we're committed to still try and work with the County to resolve every one of these issues but I need to emphasize to all of you that because of the legal posture in which the case now stands there may be certain limitations on what I can permissibly allow my clients to discuss with you in a public forum and part of that concern is that Ms. Horan is here as a representative of the County Attorney's Office. I'm sure she'll be taking notes and I don't want to have an issue at some later point in time come up in the context of either a BZA appeal or, god forbid, litigation with the County where we are cross examined on the basis of something that I said or something that someone else said in this meeting.

So, if you all will just understand that I'm just here trying to do my job as a lawyer not to frustrate the process but just to make sure that my clients don't inadvertently stick their foot in their mouths I think we can use this time period very productively. I think what we have in mind is to have the people from Thunderbird give you a very comprehensive presentation of the archeological and historical studies that have been made of this property going all the way back to 1982 and continuing all the way up to the present time. And Kim and Christine are prepared to make that presentation; to show you what they have done; to express whatever opinions they feel comfortable expressing tonight about what they have found and, most importantly, what they have not found in literally one of the most comprehensive site monitoring programs that I've seen a developer do and we would invite you all to ask questions of them to satisfy yourselves that they've done everything in a proper and professional way in accordance with the proffers and in accordance with what you would want them to do as the voice of citizens of Prince William County.

We don't think we have anything to hide on this issue and we're not going to put any restrictions on what they're allowed to tell you or not allowed to tell you within the context of the archeological surveys that they've done. So, we're here to be open, candid, and cooperative. We hope you will afford us that same courtesy. I'd like to be able to leave the room alive within the next hour or two and hopefully we can have the same kind of effective dialogue with the Historical Commission that I hope we've established with other County officials and agencies over the last month or so. So, what I would suggest is that Kim and Christine give you a broad overview of the archeological studies and tests that have been done over the last 20+ years on the property and depending on what questions and

further information you may want from them we will sit back and listen.

#### Thunderbird

First of all I want to tell you a little bit about the firm. Thunderbird was formed in 1981 and has actually been working in the Middle Atlantic region since 1974 and we have done over 500 Phase I through Phase III investigations in various states including Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania. We've worked in all the different physiographic provinces and worked on sites which cover the Paleo-Indian which is the earliest prehistoric time period up into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

In 1982 Michael Johnson conducted a Phase I survey of the Flory property for Anne Flory. He identified 44 archeological sites of which 6 were not contained within Saratoga Hunt. In his 1982 report Michael Johnson stated that 7 sites within the Saratoga Hunt property had high information potential; 15 had moderate and 16 had low. We prepared a report on this which was submitted to the County.

In January of 2000 we were approached about doing the work and because of the Phase I, because Michael Johnson had done the work, I contacted the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to determine what the methodology should be. I spoke to Karen Metz who was the Director of Section 106 Review at that time. And she indicated that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources was only interested in sites which had, were potentially eligible for nomination to the National Register and that these sites should be spot checked to determine whether or not the sites retained potential eligibility.

In March of 2000 Thunderbird conducted archeological investigations of 22 archeological sites on the property which are identified by Johnson as having moderate to high information potential. The report concluded, after we did additional testing, that none of the sites was eligible for the National Register of Historical Places.

After a series of meetings in May with the County and with members of the Historical Commission and because of concerns voiced by the Historical Commission they agreed to do additional archival and additional field work. The field work was conducted because there were concerns that slave cemeteries or slaves sites were present on the property which had not been identified and they

wanted 2 historic period sites examined in more detail and to do additional testing on the Wesiko parcel.

We did the additional archeological work and the additional archeological work for the slave quarters, slave cemeteries was done based on a model which we have developed working in other areas in which we identified the locations in which slave habitation sites are most likely to occur. In the instances of 2 of the sites cemeteries were immediately adjacent to the habitation sites. On the land forms that we identified as having the highest probability we did additional shovel testing at 25 foot intervals. We didn't find anything.

We tested the 2 historic period sites. Both were determined to be secondarily deposited with mostly bricks with some other domestic refuse. These sites were not considered significant and no additional work was conducted.

We conducted additional testing on the Wesiko property which resulted in the discovery of a cemetery which contained 2 graves. A delineation was done. One of the graves was an adult and one was a child. It is possible that these graves are enslaved African Americans, but we don't know. There's no way to tell. We don't know who the individuals interred in these graves are and we did not go on down to the actual burial depths because you're prohibited from doing that.

At the request of the County, all of the reports that had been done were submitted to Doctor Janet Friedman of Dames and Moore for independent review. She wanted some probability maps and some other information which we provided to her but she concluded that she didn't think additional work was necessary.

In October of 2000 all the work was combined in a single report and submitted to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for review. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources concluded that this report met all Federal and State guidelines.

At the time of our initial testing they'd planned a road across the flood plain of Neabsco Creek. That's the exact route of that road that's no longer going to be built it was determined. We tested 2 road crossings along the flood plain. We identified some additional sites and tested some sites that were identified by Johnson. None of the sites was determined to be eligible for nomination to the National Register.

Since that time we have conducted archeological monitoring of the initial topsoil removed in the moderate and high probability areas within the Saratoga Hunt property on 15 separate occasions. The most recent being January 12<sup>th</sup>. We are continuing that monitoring.

This map shows the testing done by Thunderbird and by Johnson and the cemetery. The legend shows what was done. Ours are in orange where we tested and the other ones are surface exposures and testing by Johnson in blue.

This map shows. It's the same map with the probability areas. The pink is basically the high probability areas. The yellow is the moderate. This excludes the flood plain. And the areas in blue are areas which have been disturbed prior to our investigation. The areas which are not colored generally, based on site prediction models used throughout the Mid-Atlantic by most archeological firms, are areas which were not considered to be high probability. They're basically low generally because of slope.

Burgess

I have a question regarding the current monitoring. How many archeologist are out there monitoring? How many pieces of equipment are actually moving ground?

Thunderbird

The archeologist is, varies between 1 and 2 depending on what's necessary at that time. I don't know how many pieces of equipment they have.

Thunderbird

Well, there's only 1 piece of equipment that is stripping the topsoil at a time. And there'll be 1 or 2 of us out there monitoring when that operation is undergoing.

Burgess

Okay. I find that adequate. We did that at Bristoe Station.

Thunderbird

Exactly.

Freyvogel

Christine, can you explain what the protocol is when Richmond American is going to do grading activity? When and how do they notify you and what do you and your people do to monitor their grading activity in order to satisfy these requirements?

Thunderbird

The foreman, Butch, and I'm sorry I've forgotten his last name. He and I are in communication. He calls me and notifies me when they're going to be stripping topsoil off any given area in the site.

And you might be a little bit surprised but this does not happen every day. I mean, they strip an area but there's a tremendous amount of earth moving that goes on in a site like this after the initial topsoil is removed and that is of no interest to us. It's below the area that would be disturbed by human activity. Once we've seen the topsoil stripped. I think for somebody who's not familiar with the process it's a little surprising that of all the earth moving that goes on removing the topsoil is really a very small portion of that.

Butch will give me a call. Say, tomorrow, in 2 days, we're going to be stripping an area. I'll go out there. Sometimes I'll have a co-worker with me and this is and what we do is watch the track hoe strip the topsoil and we look at the exposed subsoil. They usually remove maybe the top foot to 2 feet. And if you can envision that you would still see the mark of the grave shaft at that depth. We watch them remove the soil. We watch for any evidence of disturbance beneath that level. If there were a grave there we would certainly see it. We're not looking for artifacts. We're not looking for any other possible archeological sites at this point although I'm not sure there would be a disturbance at that level.

So, really it's just a matter of standing there watching this process and if I see anything that looks unusual or looks like it's been disturbed at that level I'll ask the operator to stop. I'll pull out my trowel. I'll go down and take a closer look. Clean it off. Scrape it. There's no screening involved. It doesn't look like I'm doing archeology because really most of it is just watching and looking for the signs of disturbances in the subsoil that would indicate a burial.

- Thunderbird                      To date we have not found anything of significance during the monitoring.
- Thunderbird                      We haven't found anything.
- Commissioner Harris            When you say anything of significance, you did indicate that there were quite a few burials from before?
- Thunderbird                      This is during the monitoring.
- Harris                              During the monitoring.
- Thunderbird                      I'm not talking about prior to that. This is just during the monitoring. We haven't found anything during the monitoring.



Harris                                There was a discussion over the protective area because to my understanding, I'm not an expert with the grave areas, but we have some people on the board who are quite experienced in this area and they said it really goes beyond just. It has to be extended way beyond the actual site.

Ostrander                            It's probably too hard to see on that small scale drawing up there but there is a delimit of the area around the graves. The buffer is measured from that limitation and that's what the engineer *inaudible*.

Thunderbird                        We conducted a natural delineation of the cemetery during the archeological work and that involved the topsoil stripping to look for additional graves and we moved out from the existing graves and didn't find any others.

Commissioner                      How far do you move out?

Thunderbird                        It depends on the topography of an area and that kind of thing. I couldn't tell you exactly how far they went in that particular area *inaudible* cause a lot of times with a small land form you go close to the edges of the land form because the burials don't usually occur on the slopes.

Ostrander                            So the next step for us as you've listed here in the program is to discuss with you the access to the area and the fencing. We need to get together and agree what that should be and what's appropriate.

Freyvogel                            We understand that one of the primary concerns that the Zoning Administrator had and certainly one of the primary concerns you all have is that the proffer required us to advise the Historical Commission that the site monitoring activity was going on and to give you the opportunity to send representatives out to monitor the monitors and without discussing how we got to where we are today what we want to be sure of from this point forward is that we've got an effective, reliable line of communication with the Historical Commission that runs to Bill Ostrander at Richmond American Homes and runs to Kim Snyder at Thunderbird Archeological and we have some ideas on how to facilitate that line of communication. We think that it would be appropriate perhaps for the Commission to designate several members of the Commission, perhaps including Dr. Harris since this is her area, to act as a liaison between the Historical Commission and the developer and Thunderbird Archeological.

- Burgess Normally we have the Planning Office serve as our liaison and by just contacting the Planning Office that's usually all it takes.
- Freyvogel Well, we're very committed to the idea that some time in the very near future we need to arrange for members of the Historical Commission, all of you, some of you, none of you, whatever your preference is to actually come out and walk the site with representatives of Richmond American and Thunderbird so you can get an eyeball perspective on this. I know it's very difficult when you're just looking at plans, pink dots and blue dots. We want to make sure that whatever legitimate questions you have and whatever reasonable concerns you have are addressed.
- Harris I want to go back please to the graves, the graveyard. Have they all been fenced in with the full dimensions?
- Ostrander Actually, the fencing is beyond the area that was delineated as the grave site area right now.
- Bob Bainbridge Fencing typically goes around the outside of the buffer.
- Harris Right. So they are fenced.
- Ostrander What we'll do again is we'll be happy to meet with you all out there on the spot. We'll walk it and decide what we should do, what's appropriate.
- Burgess We'll keep that under advisement. At this point does anyone else have any questions for the delegation here, either Thunderbird or Richmond American?
- Commissioner Yankey I do. I'm just curious as to why it took this kind of a meeting for you to realize that you had overlooked that part of your proffer? Why was the Commission not contacted initially as your proffer says you were going to do to monitor the archeological monitoring?
- Freyvogel It's my understanding, plain and simple, that that was a breakdown in communication on our side. Nothing more complicated than that. It was not a purposeful attempt to avoid scrutiny. It was a failure to communicate to the right people that they needed to contact the Historical Commission to issue the invitations to come out and monitor the monitoring.

Harris Well, may I follow it with another question? How are you going to make sure, and I'm not being petty or silly, but just how would you make sure that this doesn't happen again from the developers to the community relationship? It gets sour. The residents get upset. We get upset. The County gets upset. The developers get the bad rap. How are you going to make sure that it doesn't happen again?

Ostrander Well, all I can say to address that is that it's at my level now and I will make sure that it happens because I'm the President of the company.

Harris So you will take some measure?

Ostrander My main purpose here tonight is to, of course, restate what Bill's already said that we're committed to fulfilling all the proffers and to open a line of communication between our company and the Historical Commission. That's why I'm here. John Mersiovsky is my head of the land development department and he is involved in this daily. Ken Griffin is here representing Washington Homes the other partner in the project. So, all of us are here tonight and our main purpose is to establish that line of communication and dialogue.

Harris I have another question.

Burgess Go ahead.

Harris I want to ask Mr. Patrick, do you have any comments, would you like to share something with us in regards to the process or what's going on? Just give us your wisdom and your knowledge.

Sherman Patrick Well, I'm not sure if I can offer any wisdom in this situation. I do have a kind of a question and a suggestion for an elaboration on where we're going from this point forward. It sounded a little bit to me like we were going to decide later what the communication line was going to be in the process. We would ask, as staff, that this evening we come to some sort of understanding about what the communication process is going to be. We received word very, very, late in the time frame that we weren't able to respond that some grading activity was going to go on on the property which caused a great deal of alarm because people are very sensitive to the issues on this property. So, if it's possible this evening to come to some understanding about what the next grading activity is going to be on the property and how that's going to be communicated

*inaudible*. Staff would very much appreciate that.

John Mersiovsky Sure, I think that, since our last meeting with the County, Kim has set up a line of communication with Bob Bainbridge so whenever we have a grading operation going on, or about to go on, Kim is notified, Kim or Christine is notified then you notify Bob Bainbridge who then notifies the Commission and then the Commission *inaudible*.

Commissioner  
Hawkins We either appear or someone designated by us.

Mersiovsky Right. So that line of communication is already set up and in place.

Bainbridge I'm going to need more time though than a voice mail on a Friday afternoon that the grading will take place early on Monday morning. I didn't get the voice mail until Monday morning.

Thunderbird Sometimes we don't have very much time. Sometimes we only have 24 hours or 48 hours. As soon as we knew that we were going out I called you.

Bainbridge Is there someway that Richmond American can notify you sooner than that, give you more time?

Ostrander The contractor is William A. Hazel *inaudible* and what we can do is establish *inaudible* with William A. Hazel so we could have Butch contact John directly and make sure that there isn't any activity started within a certain time frame so that you all have an opportunity to come and see. What's left to be done is primarily on the north side of the Bel Air *inaudible*.

Thunderbird This area here is not going to be developed. The part that's left to be monitored is here. It's a very steeply sloped area and just these pink areas here are on the ridge tops. So, it's a relatively small area.

Hawkins So, that's all that's left?

Thunderbird That's all that's left. Everything else has been developed and monitored.

MacDonald Would you point out the pond *inaudible*?

Thunderbird A co-worker of mine was there for that monitoring and I'm not

exactly sure

Various conversations.

Harris I want to go back to Mr. Patrick again. Is there anything else you'd like for us to consider?

Patrick With regard to the notice that there's going to be activity there, I would like to propose that there be human contact that there not be a voice mail or an e-mail because those systems fail and with short turnarounds those systems don't particularly work. So, I would also propose that we're human and sometimes away from the office so there be a chain of contact that would include Bob Bainbridge first, myself second and Steve Griffin after neither of us are available and then that way be sure and get a human voice and someone will know what's going to happen. And my preference would be that we would get that notice 3 days ahead of time. 24 hours is simply not *inaudible*.

Harris Well, for the simple fact that we all have our businesses; being a Commissioner is not our first job and we do need notice if we're going to show up. We do volunteer.

Burgess Anyone else on the Commission have any questions?

Commissioner Farmer I have a question. When you notify us can you get a list of things, are you providing Bob or another point of contact with a list of things that you guys plan to do at that particular time or do you just say I'm going to go out here and dig up some soil? How do you do that? What do you tell them?

Thunderbird Well, Butch calls me and tells me where to meet him and the track hoe operator and I stand there and watch the track hoe operator and that's *inaudible*.

Farmer But when our people are notified, what do you tell them?

Mersiovsky I think what we'll tell them is the time to meet out there and the location.

Farmer Do you tell them what you're going to do? Do you tell them that we're going to do X, Y, and Z or do you just say meet me out here we're going to dig up some soil? I mean, what exactly do you tell them?

- Mersiovsky I think we tell Bob that on this particular day we plan to remove topsoil and please come out and Thunderbird will be here monitoring and you're invited to monitor also.
- Freyvogel I think what I hear her asking is can we be more specific about the type of specific activity that's going to be occurring, that is, what we're going to be grading so that they can determine how significant that is *inaudible*.
- Ostrander We'll send you a fax delineating the area that's going to be disturbed. Will that suffice?
- Burgess A fax is good, but we still probably prefer voice contact.
- Ostrander This is in addition. It shows you where we're going to strip topsoil.
- Hawkins And this will be done on about a 3 day notice?
- Ostrander Yeah, we should be able to that. As soon as we contact Bob we'll send the fax.
- Bainbridge What does the Commission want me to do at that point?
- Burgess You probably need to notify us either by e-mail or other means so we can make arrangements to have somebody out there.
- Ask for volunteers.
- Commissioner Cumins I did run into a problem with something similar to this when I was monitoring out in Bristoe and I told them I needed to do it on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I have a full time job and those are my days off and it turned out that they never did it Tuesday and Wednesday. They did it while I was working. So there's going to have to be a little give and take. We have a little flexibility. I think all of us here do have full time jobs.
- Burgess We can also find somebody else.
- Cumins Right. We need that notice.
- Talking
- Bainbridge The question was could we designate an individual to represent the

Commission. We can also do that.

Burgess I understand the County has an archeologist on contract, if necessary.

MacDonald I live near by and could do it.

Harris I will try my best but I'm not sure of my schedule.

Talking

Burgess All we're asking basically is just the opportunity to come out *inaudible*.

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Freyvogel In addition to that do you think it would be useful to have a couple of members of the Commission at a mutually convenient time walk the site with representatives of Richmond American and Thunderbird just to see what's been done up to this point, see what is going to be done in the future so that you've got a frame of reference when you get this phone call that says 72 hours from now we're going to be doing some additional clearing and grading.

Burgess Certainly. I confess I don't know the site at all and that means I have very little knowledge as to what resources were there to begin with and what resources might be impacted and that also limits my ability to know what we can do to mitigate any possible damage that has been done or could be done in the future. So, I certainly would enjoy that opportunity. I can't say that I have the time off from work to do that. On the week-ends possibly.

Ostrander We can have that walk scheduled on a Saturday if you want.

Burgess I appreciate the invitation and there may be several of us might take you up on that. We'll just have to find a mutually convenient day to do that.

Freyvogel If you decide that that's something you want to do just have Bob contact any of the Richmond American people. Let us know when you'd like to try to arrange it and we'll make every effort to accommodate your schedule.

Burgess Alright. We'll need to discuss that among ourselves first. Sherman,

did you have a comment?

Patrick

Dr. Harris asked for some words of wisdom and if I have any it would just be that this is urgent both for the County and the property owner. At the present time work on the property is stopped until we sort through some of these issues. On portions of the property the work is stopped. Let me be careful about that. I don't want to miscommunicate. On other portions of the property work continues. But, in any case, we're at a point where we need to bring all of these issues to quick closure as much as possible. The fence, for example, if we can take the fence and run with it that would be one less thing on the list of things that need to be accomplished. If we get this on-site walk done and then begin allowing for grading to begin again with monitoring that would be great. We would like to accomplish that. So, to the extent that you all can make some of those kinds of decisions tonight that would be very helpful.

Burgess

Alright. Let me first find out who might be available and interested in taking such a tour, maybe set up for this coming Saturday.

Harris

If it's from 2:00 to 4:00 I can do it.

Burgess

Any other day better?

Harris

During the week I can schedule it. Not, Friday maybe Wednesday or Thursday.

Talking. Discussion of schedules.

Burgess

Consensus is for the following Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's tentatively schedule it for the 31<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00. Dr. Harris, Darlene, Janie MacDonald, Elaine Yankey, Mr. Hawkins, and possibly myself attending.

Freyvogel

Maybe what you can do is sometime next week just communicate through Bob who's going to be there so that we know how many people we need to move around the site and we'll be there.

Harris

I also really have just a final note that once the site is developed we will see the grave yards in a good position. I'm concerned. I'm concerned about it and that they are tastefully done and you know whatever the fencing that needs to be around them and that the pond would look, you know, to bring pride to the community. It's our community and I would hope that it would look good and add assets

to us and Prince William County, to all of us and to you the builders. It has your name on it. I would hope it would look, an upscale *inaudible* it brings what we need in Neabsco. That would be much appreciated.

- Ostrander Not that this is relevant but this is a picture of our model on lot 2 that demonstrates the type of architecture we're using.
- Freyvogel Could you hold it this way, Bill?
- Ostrander I'm sorry. We have a site address that's designed using the stone materials as well. *Inaudible* an extremely well presented subdivision *inaudible*.
- Harris I'm talking about the vegetation around the pond and the fences around the graveyard. I'd really like to see it done well and bring pride to all of us.
- Burgess How soon can you present plans for the fencing for the cemetery?
- Ostrander Well, we would ask maybe your guidance in what materials you think are appropriate.
- Hawkins May I make a suggestion of a chain link fence? I believe that's been done before.
- Burgess That's not very esthetic.
- Hawkins I agree. A nice cast iron fence would be very fine.
- Harris What do you think, Bob? He's the expert in that.
- Bainbridge If we look at the one that was used at The Cloisters it's a metal, square tube type fence.
- Talking.
- Burgess Well, we appreciate you coming out here this evening and again we appreciate your input. Our purpose here tonight was basically to gather facts and we'll probably still need to discuss among ourselves any recommendations to the Board of Supervisors so at this time I'd like to discuss that subject with the other members of the board, or Commission. We can either discuss this now or we can discuss this at a later date. It's up to basically the members of the Commission.

Hawkins Have we met all requirements that you feel you need right now?

Angela Horan Yes, sir. Mr. Griffin's going to address you on that if he could.

Steve Griffin Mr. Chairman, I don't mean to interrupt your meeting.

Burgess No, that's fine. You have the floor.

Griffin I'm Steve Griffin. I haven't met everybody. I'm the Planning Director for the County. What I thought is the most practical matter you've started a good dialogue with them. You all are going to see first hand the site and the conditions of the site. They are scheduled to come in with this remediation and site plan revision towards the end of this week so not putting it off but my main suggestion would be let us digest that plan for about a week and then when you're out on site maybe then you can see the storm management pond that you were talking about, the cemetery first hand, the extent of grading and clearing and then that would be a great opportunity to see it in your own minds and then make a recommendation for certain features. That would be my suggestion. Because to me, that's the kind of guy I am I like to see it out in the field and then I've got a great picture of it and then *inaudible*.

Burgess That sounds like a plan. Does anyone else have any other business to discuss this evening they want to bring up? I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Hawkins So moved.

Harris I'll second that.

**Adjournment**

**8:42 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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