



Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Public

FROM: Bruce Steadman
Executive Director

DATE: January 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Status Report

Summary

The following are brief descriptions of items for informational purposes only. These items include the first meeting of the Environmental, Veterans and Housing Staff Advisory Committees; Meeting with Matrix Design Group; Meeting with the Army; Update on Meetings/Tours on the Post and Update on Outreach to Stakeholders.

Status of Advisory Committees

The Environmental, Veterans and Housing Staff Advisory Committees each convened their first meeting. The committee meetings were introductory in nature and included an overview of the role and mission of the committee, as well as a discussion of key issues needing to be addressed moving forward. Each Committee will establish its own meeting schedule and the Committee Chairs will provide regular reports to the FMERA Board.

Meeting with Matrix Design Group

On January 10, 2011 FMERA Staff, the two principals of Matrix Design Group, Dan Schnepf and Jon Blanchard and Matrix's lead environmental consultant, Julie Carver met at the FMERA Office. The Meeting with the Matrix Design Group was comprehensive. The Business and Operations Contract, which was approved by the FMERA Board in November, was signed. Matrix updated FMERA on the status of the ongoing infrastructure analysis project. A draft study has been completed and is being incorporated into the GIS database which is currently under construction. On the environmental consulting project, Matrix is updating their documents with the progress of various reports on the status of Installation Restoration Program (IRP) sites and pending No Further Action (NFA) requests. Matrix is also working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on environmental issues on Fort Monmouth. They are also starting to overlay the environmental issues onto the reuse plan, focusing on the parcels with the potential to be conveyed first. As part of the transition from infrastructure analysis to the Business and Operations Plan they would like to have a workshop in early February to overlay the results of their studies on the Plan to determine if there are any issues or potential changes required.

Meeting with the Army

A meeting with the Army BRAC Office was held on January 11, 2011 at the FMERA Office. The meeting was centered on property disposition methodologies, a timeline, a transition of operating services and the continued operation of the Commissary, Golf Course, Bowling Alley and Marina. Discussions were productive on all topics and it was agreed to utilize conference calls on a scheduled basis to keep progress moving forward.

Update on Meeting/Tours on the Post

FMERA Staff continues to meet with prospective tenants and investors. Tours of the Commissary, Clinic and Fitness Center have been given to parties with a strong, credible interest in the facilities. FMERA Staff also continues to meet with Army and civilian personnel at Fort Monmouth to tour facilities in an effort to obtain a better working knowledge of the buildings and their potential future use.

Outreach to Local Stakeholders

FMERA staff continues to meet with stakeholders who will be essential partners in the redevelopment process. Staff meets with these individuals often to share ideas, concerns, and suggestions for moving forward. Several meetings have been held with elected officials, Army and civilian personnel at Fort Monmouth, prospective tenants and investors, and other important stakeholders. Frequent meetings of this type will continue into the future, and will be a key part of our understanding and addressing important issues.