

LAP Business Items

- Motion to amend the Standard Operating Procedures
 - Insert sentence in Paragraph F after "...be allowed.:

The Chair will permit questions by the LAP and or the public at the conclusion of each agenda segment for questions related to that agenda item or presenter.

Minutes Approval

- Minutes of the October 19, 2006 were posted on the CARES website after approval from the chair.
- Motion to approve the minutes as posted.

Administrative Session Summary

- Reviewed minutes, SOP proposed changes,
- CARES activities since October 19, 2006.
 - Continued communications with Elected Officials (Mayors Office and Congressman Meeks)
 - Attended meetings with Community Taskforce
 - Facility reviews and assessments with VACO offices and related contractors
 - Briefings for New York City Council Committee on Veterans Affairs

Administrative Session Summary

- Mr. Zalewski (Ellerbe-Becket) presented a conceptual design of a new Saint Albans Facility.
- Ms. Williams and Mr. Rosenfeld presented an overview of the Enhanced Use Leasing Program.

Administrative Session Summary

- Public Notices were reviewed for the LAP
 - Appreciation was expressed to the Congressional Office of Congressman Meeks for their active support in public awareness of this meeting.
- Comment Form is available in a paper format or via the CARES website.

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- Secretary of VA formed the LAP as means to gather public input into the CARES study process.
- At most, LAP meetings would be held for four sessions, if needed.

Secretary's Decision August 2006

- Secretary Selected Option Number 4 shown in next slide
- Required that the development of the option, specifically the reuse and capital plan, consider the feasibility of retaining the chapel and auditorium
- However, it is subject to their impact upon the re use and capital plan
- Further refined with additional information to ensure the option continues to meet all the selection criteria



BPO4. ST.ALBANS: NEW NEAR LINDEN AVENUE

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- As part of the August, 2006 decision by Secretary Nicholson, he wanted the LAP process to continue for Saint Albans.
- He understood the importance of the community's concerns, especially the height buildings and the concern for keeping the auditorium and chapel.

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- Additionally he directed that the LAP have the full four meetings to seek community input into the recommendations for redesign and reuse plans.
- Today's meeting brings to completion the LAP process as directed by the Secretary.

Further Planning Issues

- Capital Planning Cycle
- Submission for consideration in the FY 2009 budget cycle is desired
- This project competes with other CARES related projects for capital funding.
- Reuse will play the next major planning role.
- Input from an informal Community Taskforce will be continued