

Dorothea Dix Park

A park for everyone,
built by everyone.



September 11, 2018

Dear Conservancy Board Members,

I am pleased to share this report from the Legacy group led by Dr. Meymandi. The Legacy group meets monthly, and is combination of:

- Sixty-one (61) community members with diverse backgrounds and interests, and a dedication to embracing and forwarding the legacy of the property
- The formal four-person Legacy Committee of the Conservancy (Assad Meymandi, Anne Franklin, Myrick Howard, and Bill Padgett)

The City and MVVA have been looking at this broad Legacy group similarly to how they interact with the “Workgroups” in the Master Planning process (Transportation, Buildings, Program, Site, etc.).

In the fall of 2017, the Legacy group articulated what it saw as the legacy of Dorothea Dix and the hospital. It shared that assessment with the City and MVVA to incorporate into their thinking and design process, and Dr. Meymandi shared it with the Conservancy Board.

This year, the City and MVVA asked for a follow-up report of some kind from the group, articulating any recommendations it has for effectively harnessing and communicating the legacy of the property – so that these recommendations can also be incorporated into MVVA’s thinking and design process.

The Conservancy Board is not being asked to formally “Approve” this report or endorse every recommendation or assessment. Like the 2017 articulation of legacy, this is a document coming from the broader Legacy group, and not formally from the Conservancy or Conservancy Board.

That said, Conservancy staff and Board leadership wanted the full board to see and have an opportunity to ask any questions about the report before it is shared with MVVA. Dr. Meymandi will field any questions during the Committee discussions at the upcoming September 11 Board meeting, and we will ask the board to “accept” the report (much like we “accept” other reports from both within and outside the organization.

With gratitude to Dr. Meymandi and this entire group,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Malone".