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Dear PDA board members and staff,

I want to take this opportunity to thank Joan Rutkowski and David Timmons for getting the ball rolling, and Aislinn, and Natalie for meeting with Friends of Fort Worden and Park Ranger John Whittet about workforce housing possibilities for Americorps. It really showed your willingness to work on solutions that were urgently needed so that good candidates could be attracted to the positions that were being offered. While the options presented were not accepted at this point, it was heartening to know that you cared enough to put forth the effort into creating these options. Working with the community and Parks as you have, and nurturing relationships that are mutually beneficial will certainly go a long way as you move forward with your redevelopment plan. I have a great deal of confidence in the collective wisdom and experience of the new board to move this transition along in a productive and sustainable fashion. Thank you for your leadership and stepping up to this huge task.

Kind regards,

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