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FMC adopts Fort George

Renovations are underway at Ft. George as a result of the generosity of Financial Management & Investment Corp (FMC).

FMC, a 60-year-old company, purchased the neighboring Knights of Columbus building at 519 North Palafox Street. After a recent city meeting, Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward connected with FMC CEO Tag Purvis and discussed the renovations of their current property.

"We dropped by to see the renovations of FMC and to thank them for their investment. We then started talking about Ft. George, the park and the Battle of Pensacola," said Pensacola Mayor Ashton Hayward. "Purvis expressed his interest in adopting the park and after connecting with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Purvis and the rest of his team dove straight into restoring the Fort."

"Fort George is a very significant piece of American history, that has the potential to be a showplace for the city," said Tag Purvis. "We are thrilled to be a part of such a beautiful community. All of us here at FMC have fallen in love with Pensacola and greatly appreciate the warm hospitality that we have received in abundance since arriving into town."

Built by the British during their occupation of the city from 1763-1781, the fort was a major target during the Battle of Pensacola, one of the least known yet most significant battles of the American Revolution. The project site is a reconstructed part of the Fort George Memorial Park located in the North Hill Preservation District.

"This is not a project that will ever be truly completed but a growing work in progress that we hope to better over the years." Purvis said.

The azaleas and grass have been removed in order for the installation of a new irrigation system. FMC will then replace the grass with fresh sod and restore the landscape which is expected to be completed this week.

FMC is also part of a joint effort with local historians to add a plexiglass viewing spot on the top deck of the Fort so that visitors can look into the old soldiers' quarters where period-appropriate exhibits will be on display.

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