

**ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES: December 14, 2022**  
**LLOYD HOUSE, 7 P.M.**  
**220 N. WASHINGTON STREET**

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**Members Present:**

Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I (Chair)  
Esther White, Planning District II (Vice  
Chair)  
Elizabeth Vehmeyer, Member at Large  
(Secretary)  
Dylan Colligan, Area Business Community  
Representative  
Nicholas (Nick) Dienna, Member at Large  
Rebecca Doser, Visit Alexandria  
Representative  
John Oldfield, Member at Large  
Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Alexandria  
Association Representative  
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large  
Scott Vierick, Alexandria Historical Society  
Representative

**Members Excused:**

Ann Greer, Member at Large  
Michael Johnson, Society for the Preservation  
of Black Heritage or equivalent  
organization  
Richard (Dick) Owens, Friends of Alexandria  
Archaeology (FOAA) Representative  
Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria  
Foundation Representative  
Paula Whitacre, Planning District III

**Visitors/Public:**

None

**City Staff:**

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

**Call to Order**

Ivy Whitlatch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

AAC members reviewed the Wednesday, November 16 meeting minutes. Ralph Rosenbaum moved to accept the minutes, as amended. Ted Pulliam seconded. Motion passed and minutes approved, as amended.

**Chair Report – Ivy Whitlatch**

- Tonight is the Commission's Holiday Potluck!
- Distribute 2023 Meeting Calendar
  - The Commission members reviewed key dates for 2023. Ivy noted that she will not be in attendance at the January or February AAC meetings due to conflict with the Torpedo Factory Stakeholders Committee meetings being held at the same time.
  - AAC will hold two off site meetings in 2023: April's meeting will be at the City Archives and June's will be at Douglass Cemetery.

**AAC Representation Reports**

- HARC Update - Ivy Whitlatch - Ivy attended HARC's Advocacy Committee meeting last week where a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Torpedo Factory was discussed. Ivy expressed the opportunity to include more info on the significance of the Alexandria Archaeology program and its presence in the building. There is an existing 2016

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Virginia Department of Historic Resources' Preliminary Information Form (PIF) for the Torpedo Factory, but that mainly focuses on the building's association with WWII and architecture.

- Waterfront Updates
  - Waterfront Commission – Esther White - no report
  - African American Heritage Trail Committee – Ted Pulliam - Ted shared that the story map for the southern part of the Trail will be finalized by the end of December. The Committee is planning a public launch/open house for Saturday, February 4, 2023, at the Lyceum. The next phase will be to install actual signs along the southern part of the Trail. Rebecca Doser added that Visit Alexandria plans on noting the opening of the southern part of the trail for their "What's New" info going out in January.
- Samuel Madden Redevelopment – Eleanor Breen – Eleanor noted that there will be a Section 106 Consulting Party meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023. Seth Tinkham forwarded that meeting notice to the Alfred Street Baptist Church for its awareness/option to join.
- Torpedo Factory Stakeholders Committee Representation – Ivy Whitlatch – Ivy shared that the Wednesday, December 7 meeting was about Marketing and Branding. The Stakeholders discussed how a National Register of Historic Places nomination/ listing can aid in marketing and branding. The Archaeology Museum's location within the Torpedo Factory is only on one sign (near the back elevator), so the museum could use some more branding/signage. The idea that Visit Alexandria could assist with marketing aspects of the Torpedo Factory was brought up. Next month's meeting topic is Governance and Finance.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- FOAA Update - Richard Owens – no report
- Visit Alexandria - Rebecca Doser – Alexandria hosted the 51st Annual Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk and annual boat parade on Saturday, December 3. Both were a success!
- Alexandria Association – Ted Pulliam – no report
- Alexandria Historical Society – Scott Vierick – Applications will open tomorrow for its annual award to recognize public history in Alexandria. Scott will send notice with Eleanor to share with the rest of the AAC.
- Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage or Equivalent Organization – Michael Johnson - no report
- Historic Alexandria Foundation - Seth Tinkham – no report
- Business Community – Dylan Colligan - no report
- Planning District Updates – Ivy Whitlatch, Esther White, Paula Whitacre) – no reports

### **Staff Reports – Eleanor Breen**

- Archaeology Updates – no report
- Social Media and Events Update – Eleanor will be traveling to Lisbon, Portugal in January to attend the Society of Historical Archaeology's annual conference.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next AAC Meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the Lloyd House.

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