

Alexandria Archaeological Commission Meeting
Minutes of December 18, 2024

Members Present:

Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I (Chair)
Esther White, Planning District II (Vice Chair)
John Oldfield, Member at Large (Secretary)
Dylan Colligan, Area Business Community Representative
Richard (Dick) Owens, Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA) Representative
Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Alexandria Association Representative
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large
Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria Foundation Representative
Robert (Scott) Vierick, Alexandria Historical Society Representative
Paula Whitacre, Planning District III

Members Excused:

Ann Greer, Member at Large

Members Unexcused:

Michael Johnson, Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage or equivalent organization
Jason Roberts, Member at Large

City Staff:

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

At 8:07 p.m., at the Lloyd House, Ivy Whitlatch, Chair, called the meeting to order after the potluck dinner.

AAC members reviewed the Wednesday, November 20, meeting minutes. Ralph Rosenbaum moved to accept the minutes as modified; Scott Vierick seconded. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Chair Report:

- Membership update: Efforts are underway to fill the two open seats on the AAC (Member at Large and Visit Alexandria Representative).

AAC Membership Reports:

- **Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC):**
 - o AAC congratulates the new officers of HARC.
 - o HARC continues to be interested in restoring Jones Point Lighthouse and will continue its outreach efforts.
 - o Matt Landes (Portfolio Manager/Division Chief, Project Implementation, City of Alexandria) will present at HARC on Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. at City Hall regarding the Waterfront Commission. AAC members are invited to attend.
- **Waterfront Updates:** Esther White reported that there was a recent meeting of the Waterfront Commission to discuss the alternative locations for the pumphouse (part of the ongoing flood mitigation effort). AAC is well represented in this process; the Archaeological Code is serving its intended purpose.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery Committee (Seth Tinkham leads; members are Ralph Rosenbaum, Michael Johnson, Dick Owens, Paula Whitacre, Jason Roberts, and Eleanor Breen)

- Outreach to the City continues, to build support for the National Register nomination process.

50th AAC Anniversary Committee and Advocacy Committee (Scott Vierick leads the 50th Anniversary Committee; members are Dylan Colligan, John Oldfield, Ivy Whitlatch, Ann Greer, Ted Pulliam, and Esther White. Advocacy Committee members include Ann Greer, Ted Pulliam, Ralph Rosenbaum, Scott Vierick, Esther White, and Ivy Whitlatch.)

- Outreach continues to Senator Mark Warner and Representative Don Beyer for joint recognition of AAC on its 50th anniversary.
- Outreach also continues to the City Manager regarding AAC's 50th anniversary. The anticipated discussion with the City Manager will also address the ongoing concerns of the AAC regarding the return of the ship hull remnant from the conservators, and the efforts of the AAC Cemetery Committee (see above).
- Plans are underway for the AAC 50th anniversary party on Friday, January 31, 2025.

Staff Reports: – Eleanor Breen

- Alexandria Archaeology continues to monitor the development of 901 North Pitt Street. Remnants of the north wall and south wall of the canal lock are preserved, as are wooden boards at the bottom of the lock. Next steps are to fully expose and digitally document the feature.
- The FOAA Annual Volunteer Party and AAC 50th Celebration will be held jointly on Friday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next AAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd House.