

Alexandria Archaeological Commission Meeting
Minutes of January 15, 2025

Members Present:

Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I (Chair)
John Oldfield, Member at Large (Secretary)
Dylan Colligan, Area Business Community Representative
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
Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Alexandria Association Representative
Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria Foundation Representative

Robert (Scott) Vierick, Alexandria Historical Society Representative

Members Excused:

Paula Whitacre, Planning District III
Esther White, Planning District II (Vice Chair)
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large

Members Unexcused:

Jason Roberts, Member at Large

City Staff:

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

At 7:10 p.m., at the Lloyd House, Ivy Whitlatch, Chair, called the meeting to order.

AAC members reviewed the Wednesday, December 18 meeting minutes. Scott Vierick moved to accept the minutes as modified; Ann Greer seconded. Motion passed and minutes were approved.

Chair Report:

- Membership update: The AAC thanked Ralph Rosenbaum for his service. A new At-Large Member has been appointed, and efforts are underway to fill the remaining open seat on the AAC (Visit Alexandria Representative).
- AAC welcome packets have been distributed to newly elected City Council Members.
- John Oldfield will chair the Ben Brenman Award Committee for 2025.

AAC Membership Reports:

- **Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC):** AAC members were encouraged to attend the next meeting of HARC on Tuesday, January 21, at City Hall, at 7 p.m. There will be a presentation on Waterfront Implementation Project.

Committee Reports:

50th AAC Anniversary Committee and Advocacy Committee

- Plans are well underway for the joint Friends of Alexandria Archaeology volunteer appreciation party and 50th anniversary celebration of the AAC, scheduled for Friday, January 31. Plans include a proclamation by Mayor Alyia Gaskins to recognize the AAC's 50th anniversary.

Commissioner Reports:

- Friends of Alexandria Archaeology: No report
- Visit Alexandria (position vacant):
- Alexandria Association: Ted Pulliam noted the upcoming presentation of Shawn Eyer – “*Lee Fendall House Structural Survey: A Lesson in Historic Preservation*” scheduled for Monday,

January 20.

- Alexandria Historical Society (AHS): Scott Vierick noted the upcoming event featuring David Alff: *“How the Northeast Became an Acela Corridor.”* The event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22. Scott also noted that nominations are open (through Saturday, February 1) for the Alexandria History Awards.
- Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage or Equivalent Organization: No report.
- Historic Alexandria Foundation: No report.
- Business Community: No report.
- Planning District Updates: No report.
- Members at Large: No report.

Staff report: - Eleanor Breen

- Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist, appeared on Good Morning Washington to discuss the rediscovery of sections of the Alexandria Canal. A viewing of the newly rediscovered sections of the Alexandria Canal will take place on Sunday, January 19.
- Conserved timbers from the Carlyle Warehouse are coming back to the city in early 2025, and efforts are underway to arrange for proper storage.
- New signage has been prepared and installed for the Alexandria Glass Works. More historic interpretation signage is coming soon.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next AAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 19, at 7 p.m., at the Lloyd House.