

AAC Subcommittee - Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex
Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

September 30, 2025 – 7 p.m.

Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington Street

Minutes

AAC Participants In-Person: Kim Abraham, Cindy Boren, Chip Harrison, Michael Johnson, Seth Tinkham, Scott Vierck, Ivy Whitlatch (Chair)

Cemetery Owners/Custodians: In-Person: John Burns (Christ Church), Gilah Goldsmith (Home of Peace), Dave Heiby (Presbyterian Meeting House), Michael Johnson (Douglass Cemetery), Jerry Krueger (Alexandria National Cemetery Veterans), Corinne Marasco (St. Paul's Episcopal), Harvey Stoler (Agudas Achim), Liz Williams (Trinity UMC)

Cemetery Owners/Custodians Online: Damion Jacobs (Alexandria National Cemetery)

Public Guests In-Person: Jim Gabbert, Catherine Weinraub

Start of meeting: 7:02 p.m.

- Ivy welcomed the group and introductions were made by those in attendance and online. She then provided the background of how this nomination initiative came to be and why the AAC considers this important.
- The body discussed the process of preparing the first step towards a full nomination – a Preliminary Information Form (PIF) – which will be sent to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Emphasis was placed on why this collection of historic cemeteries is important in the history and development of Alexandria, as well as what are the specific historic stories that are important to each section.
- Discussion about the context of a National Register designation was outlined, as this will not overrun the cemeteries with visitors, but can be used as a planning tool and opportunity for potential grants. Owner objection procedures were also discussed.
- Roles of the AAC, Cemetery Stewards and City were outlined as well as next steps and timeline for work. The goal is to have the PIF presented at the DHR June 18, 2026 board meeting.
- Ivy made some closing remarks and outlined next steps.

End of meeting: 8:22 p.m.