

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

8:15 a.m

Virtual Meeting

In Attendance: Susan Horne, Tiffany Pache, David Rossell, Dan Clifford, Melinda Barnes,
Excused: Barbara Hayes, Deborah Osborne,
Unexcused:
City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Susan Hellman, Office of Planning and Zoning
Guests: Al Cox

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order 8:23 am

2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of April meeting–
Minutes were approved unanimously

3.. City Updates- Apex system was just updated, it had been down the previous Thursday and Friday, P and Z is in the process of hiring two new staff, including administrative executive, Redevelopment of the Samuel Maddon Homes, includes Section 106, HABS report, Public meeting on May 19, Includes Bonus Height discussion

4. HARC Report- Osborne was excused, but wrote the following report on the April 19 Meeting:

- Apothecary Celebration, May 20, 10 a.m. — I believe Mayor will be there. (Linda Lovell reported)
- Lloyd House: Brief historical overview of Lloyds' house was given.
- Building Heights in Old Town: Raising the height of buildings in Old Town is a concern.
- Torpedo Factory: Interest continues with the Torpedo Factory: 1) HARC may send a participant to a group the City is/has put together to air concerns/interests about it. 2) Interest also remains on NRHP nomination for it. Undecided.
- Holiday Inn: City Council approved the paint color despite concerns HARC raised about it (there may be some texture changes I believe but not color)
- Elks Lodge on Henry Street: The lodge did not progress for funding by the National Trust for Historic Places, however it's #48 in Spring to Action. See link for some background: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2019/oct/28/elks-goal-save-piece-alexandria-history/>
- Curb Cut proposal, Avalon LLC owners?, is delayed until a June Meeting.
- Cobblestone block(s): Concerns continue with vehicular traffic including Postal and Delivery trucks. That's the best I can decipher from the notes.

5. OHA Report –Freedom House Museum update, 3 new full-time positions

6. Old Business-
Committee Reports

- a. Interior Easements-
- b. Article in the Alexandria Times
- c. Follow up on other houses on Royal and Cameron
- d. Audrey Davis had to cancel her presentation on African American sites

7. New Business

- a. Clifford asked if the streetscape is in the Commission's purview,
- b. Clifford and Horne agreed to write letter as Friend of the City to express opposition to the increase of building heights regardless of district.
- c. Special guest Al Cox gave suggestions on revising the Easement Inspection Checklist, there should be
Separate lists for interior and exterior easements. Rossell said inspectors need to know what the baseline condition is on each easement, Hellman and Cox noted that there is an app from Planning and Zoning that can be easily adapted to record the condition of interior easements
- d. Barnes was tasked with coming up with a one-page explanation of what's eligible for an easement

8. Date for next Meeting- June 8, 8:15 a.m.

9. Adjournment at 9:27 a.m.