

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

8:15 a.m

Freedom House Museum

In Attendance: Susan Horne, Tiffany Pache, David Rossell, Dan Clifford, Melinda Barnes, Deborah Osborne, Barbara Hayes

Excused:

Unexcused:

City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Susan Hellman, Office of Planning and Zoning

Guests: Ralf Booker, LaTonya Johnson, Pamela

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order 8:21 am

2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of May and June meetings–
Minutes were approved unanimously

3.. City Updates- The BAR has two new Board members due to the resignations of Purvi Irwin, who moved, and Christine Roberts, whose term has expired. Theresa Del Ninno, an architect, served on the Parker Gray board in the past and was its chair for some years. Margaret Miller previously served on OHAD. We are lucky to have two experienced individuals join the Board. Their first hearing was 7/6.

The demolition of the Samuel Madden Homes was approved at the 6/15 BAR hearing. The 7/20 hearing will include a pre-hearing work session to discuss the Concept Review for the new proposed development. The meeting will start at 6pm and run until 7pm, when the full hearing begins.

City Council approved the Hilco development of the Potomac River Generating Station at the 7/5 public hearing.

Due to some inaccurate maps and misinformation on the subject, the proposed bonus height text amendment has been deferred. The historic districts' 50' height limits are mostly exempt from this EXCEPT for areas within the districts that are part of a Small Area Plan. For example, Samuel Madden is within the Braddock East Small Area Plan, the Heritage development on South Patrick is within the South Patrick Street Housing Affordability Plan, and parts of the Old and Historic Alexandria District are within the Old Town North Small Area Plan.

At the last meeting, AHRPC expressed interest in highlighting sites of importance to the Black communities. The "Snowden School for Colored Boys," sometimes referred to as the Seaton School, stood in the 600 block of South Pitt. Char Bah wrote an article about it in *The Connection* on 7/01/2020, pg. 6: <http://connectionarchives.com/PDF/2020/070120/Alexandria.pdf> It has a couple of inaccuracies but is of interest. She interviewed James Henson, who was selling his house at 607 and very interested in the history of the school. He was hoping to get a historic marker there.

GWHS historic marker dedication will take place Saturday 7/23 at 11am.

4. HARC Report- Bonus heights issue

5. OHA Report –

6. Old Business-
Committee Reports

a. Remaining Inspections- New forms and two scheduled-short glossary of terms with inspection forms

b. Committee Reports

- 3 home photos done, one to go
- Zebra will publish an article in September
- Alexandria Times in process

d. African American sites

- Meet at Freedom House

7. New Business

-Lloyd House Lease and garden plans

8. Date for next Meeting- Sept. 14 at Lloyd House, 8:15 a.m.

9. Adjournment at 9:01 a.m.