

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

8:15 a.m

Lloyd House

In Attendance: Susan Horne, Tiffany Pache, Dan Clifford, Barbara Hayes, Troy Lyons, David Rossell
Excused: Penny Nance, Deborah Osborne
Unexcused:
City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Susan Hellman, staff, Historic Preservation Office

Guests: Michelle Chapman

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order at 8:19 am
2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of February 8 meeting–
Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. HARC Report
 - a. Historic Alexandria Foundation is planning a retreat sometime in the spring of 2023.
 - b. Alexandria Historical Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary and some events were being planned for March.
 - c. Samuel Development Center-concerns were aired at a meeting regarding scale of the project, parking, particularly with a school nearby and open space concerns. HARC had also issued a letter on the development.
 - d. Torpedo Factory:
 - a Torpedo Factory subcommittee formed by the City on which HARC had a representative concluded on February 15.
 - separately, HARC had written a nomination for the Torpedo Factory to the National Register of Historic Places and is awaiting approval of the nomination by the designated City official.
 - e. Open Space Committee (HARC has a representative on it):
 - -meeting forthcoming will evaluate existing and future Open Space in the city.
 - -what is criteria for open space.
 - -as new development goes up can Open Space be included in the construction or if Open Space is addressed later, what is done regarding the deed, etc.
 - f. Street Renaming
 - -a HARC member was tasked by City Council regarding conducting research on re-naming streets and so a HARC subcommittee has been formed on this task.

4. City Report –

1. The Planning Commission approved the Samuel Madden development project on 2/7. City Council approved it on 2/25. It will need to go to the BAR for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the final design approval. The project went to several BAR concept reviews and the developers did a good job listening to the BAR suggestions and tweaking the design accordingly. It's possible that it may need more than one BAR hearing for final approval.
2. The West End Permit Center at Mark Center is now open. Everyone in Planning & Zoning will take turns working there. It is located in the Redella S. "Del" Pepper Community Resource Center at 4850 Mark Center Drive. Other various City services are located here now as well. For more information: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/MarkCenterMove>
3. The BAR Design Guidelines committee has been working to update the Design Guidelines, which were written in 1996. They are taking new materials and construction methods into consideration, while also hopefully streamlining the guidelines. This is a long-term process that will take at least a year, if not longer.
4. The City is hosting a Zoning for Housing/Housing for All public meeting at the Holiday Inn on Eisenhower Ave on 3/20 from 5-9p and 3/21 from 8-5p. Pre-registration is required. For more information: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/planning-and-zoning/zoning-for-housinghousing-for-all>

5. OHA Report- Interviewing for new deputy director

6. Old Business-

- a. Inspections- completed, 115/117 S. Alfred St.
- b. Draft of information on easements-process and tax implications
- c. Easement seminar-April 19, 7 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. Seminar, Ask Alexandria Times about publicity notice

7. New Business

- a. Sub-committee on African American Alexandria

8. Public Comment-Ms. Chapman asked, "Do you want to have easement owners who have had a negative experience on the seminar panel?"

9. Date for next Meeting- April 12 at Lloyd House, 8:15 a.m.

10. Adjournment at 9:22 a.m.