

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:15 a.m

Lloyd House

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

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order at 8:15 am
2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of March 8 meeting–
Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. HARC Report
 - a. City Planning and Zoning staff gave a preservation speech to the Board of Architectural Review (BAR).
 - Emphasized preserving original fabric was the goal.
 - One question surfaced over storm screens, which are okay.
 - Presenter clarified that the BAR reviews pre-1932 structures and after 1932 there is much more leniency on the preservation requirements
 - HARC was informed that the curb cut case at 322-324 Lee Street will be heard by the BAR on April 5.
 - b. HARC members asked about new news on height adjustments in the City and a member aired that a March 30 meeting on varying heights of structures was paused.
 - c. Samuel Madden Development
 - the BAR review was to occur next. City Council had approved the Samuel Madden Development.
 - d. A bus from Alexandria was organized by OHA and would depart for Charlottesville that Saturday to take part in a session at the John Paul Jones Arena to honor the significance of the Remembrance Project, which received a prestigious Virginia preservation award.

- e. A HARC member, a point of contact on zoning sessions regarding Del Ray's future development gave a brief update.
- f. An ongoing HARC project on the composition of HARC continues. A sub-committee gave an update at the meeting.

4. City Report –

- a. The BAR approved a new administrative approval policy for EV charging stations, which are getting more and more popular. If anyone asks, here are the rules for administrative, i.e. staff, approval. Anything different must go to the full Board:

“• Minimally visible and located in the side or rear yard. • Cannot exceed 48 inches to operable handle. • All conduits should be painted to match the adjacent structure. • The number of charging stations cannot exceed the number of allowed parking spaces. All EV charging stations must be located completely on the subject property and comply with zoning setback requirements. A scaled survey plat with the location of the proposed charging station must be submitted with the application.”
- b. The Permit Center is now located on the 2nd floor of the Redella S. “Dell” Pepper Community Center at 4850 Mark Center Drive. Those of us in Planning & Zoning are all taking turns working the Permit Center in case anyone comes in with a P&Z question. One of us is there each day, so we work out there once every 5-6 weeks.
- c. On March 14 City Council appointed a new BAR member representing the Parker Gray district. Nastaran Zandian began her role with the April 4 hearing. She lives in the Parker Gray district and is an architect with Cooper Carry.
- d. The next public meeting for the Zoning for Housing/Housing for All initiative is April 18 at 6pm at the Charles Beatley Library. There is also a Zoom component.

5. OHA Report-

- a. FY24 Budget is being considered by City Council

There are public input sessions as well as City Council work sessions with staff.

All meetings are recorded and available on the City website.

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Budget>

For OHA, our budget has been reduced by a small amount. No supplemental requests. We have been the recipients of a lot of special project funding for the past 3 years and our focus will be on completing those initiatives (Master Plans for FH and MDF, Historic Structures for FH, Waterfront Museum Feasibility Study, Fort Ward Interpretive Plan Implementation, waterfront signage, Duke Street and Civil Rights interpretive trails, and more!)

The focus of the FY24 budget is really about implementing council priorities around climate change, affordable housing, flooding, and staff compensation.

OHA is directly benefitting from the work on employee classification and compensation.

Commissions are encouraged and welcome to email City Council and the City Manager with specific requests or comments.

- b. March 16 OHA was informed that its accreditation was renewed by the Alliance of American Museums. It lasts for 10 years.

6. Old Business-

- a. Easement Seminar April 19th Lyceum- Structure and Division of Tasks
Announcements at Old Town Civic Association/Alexandria Association
Outreach to potential attendees
- b. Report on easement inspections
- c. Report on Sub Committees

7. New Business

- a. Renewal of Lloyd House Lease-approved unanimously

8. Public Comment-

9. Date for next Meeting- May 10 at Lloyd House, 8:15 a.m.

10. Adjournment at 9:19 a.m.