

# Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

## MINUTES

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:15 a.m

Lloyd House

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In Attendance: Susan Horne, Nancy Perkins, Joe McCoy, David Rossell, Deborah Osborne  
Excused: Troy Lyons  
Unexcused: Penny Nance  
City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria  
Susan Hellman, Office of Planning and Zoning  
Guests:

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1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order at 8:22 am, Quorum was reached at 8:25

2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of Oct. 11 meeting–  
Minutes were approved unanimously.

3. HARC Report-

Will report on September and October meetings at November AHRPC meeting

4. City Report –

- In response to a request from a local citizen that the Town of Potomac be created as a local historic district, with policies and guidelines like those of Old and Historic Alexandria District and Parker Gray District, the Land Use Services Division Chief provided a document with Preservation Options for consideration.
- The BAR approved the proposed changes to the Roberdeau house at 418 South Lee at the 11/2/2023 hearing. They approved the design for the addition to the north elevation of the house as submitted, with the amendment that that the shutter size be changed to be more proportional with the window size.
- The BAR approved final updates to 5 chapters of the *Design Guidelines* at the 11/2/2023 hearing. Those 5 chapters are: Fences, Gates + Walls; Chimneys + Flues; Skylights; Solar Energy Systems; Stoops, Steps, + Railings.
- We are still finalizing this, but we expect to have a masonry workshop at the 11/15/2023 BAR hearing. Experts will present information on the differences between painting and staining and limewashing and the benefits of each. Experts will also discuss how best to remove paint from masonry.
- The Zoning for Housing/Housing For All initiative went to Planning Commission on 11/01/2023. Sixty citizens signed up to voice their opinions, which were pretty evenly divided between pro

and con. The Planning Commission passed the initiative; it will now go to City Council in December.

- The Department of Project Implementation has begun planning for the renovation of City Hall. Work will probably begin in 2026 and all employees will be relocated for the duration of the work. An RFP (Request for Proposals) has already gone out.

5. OHA Report- New Public Information Officer is Jeanene Harris, starting at end of November, Repair of Lloyd House window is completed, Historic Alexandria Building Manager Melanie Gonzalez is available to speak to the Commission.

6. Old Business-

- a) Inspections: Reports
- b) 418 S. Lee BAR hearing-designs were approved other than blinds
- c) Update on Swann-Daingerfield

7. New Business

- a. Inquiries about interior easements: 319 Prince St and 1117 Prince St. Site visits assigned to Rossell, Perkins, McCoy and Horne
- b. Send letter to current easement holders in Early January
- c. Architectural presentation and tour by Al Cox

8. Public Comment-

9. Date for next Meeting- December 13 at Lloyd House, 8:15 a.m.

10. Adjournment at 9:30 a.m.