

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
Ad-Hoc Proposed Street Naming Committee
Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314
10 March 2023 at 12:00 pm

Committee Members: Mark Farkus, Linda Lovell, Chris Brownlowe, Thomas Soule, Shawn Eyer, Danny Smith

1. Meeting called to order by co-chair Linda Lovell
 - a) Mayor's request for HARC read and reviewed, noting that there are 41 streets under consideration by the City Council
 - b) Co-chairs noted that the renaming process is being spearheaded by the City Council and the Mayor's office; HARC has only been asked to submit potential names for consideration.
2. Discussion of street names:
 - a) Names brought forward for discussion:
 - Ferdinand T. Day. Educator, First African American elected chair of school board in Virginia. Born in Alexandria. Civil-rights advocate. Has school named for him.
 - Julia Johns. Led the effort to establish a hospital system in the City of Alexandria following the Civil War. Headed the Board of Lady Managers who established the Alexandria Hospital
 - George W. Ford. Member of the 10th Calvary last surviving member of the USCT
 - George Seaton. Local minister; 1st African American in Virginia Assembly
 - Ona Judge. Escaped slavery from Mount Vernon
 - Members of the Syphax family
 - Harriett Williams. Former Alexandria slave
 - Lillian Finklea. Alexandrian who led the effort to save and rededicate the Contraband and Freedman Cemetery.
 - Patsy Ticer. Former Mayor/ Delegate to the Virginia State House.
 - b) Committee agreed that further research on these names will be needed before recommendations can be made, possibly in consultation with the City Historian
3. Public Comment
 - a) Name proposed
 - James E. Henson. Civil rights attorney.
 - b) Public comment regarding street renaming project in general
 - concerns were raised about the process, how City Council will proceed, purpose of renaming streets
 - Co-chairs noted that concerns should be directed to Alexandria 311 and Mayor's Office
 - Co-chairs reiterated that HARC and subcommittee are tasked with suggesting names only.
4. Recommended report for full HARC meeting
 - a) committee agreed that any list of proposed names would need to be voted upon by the full HARC before submission to the City Council and/or Mayor
 - b) Next meeting date: 14 April, 2023 at the Lloyd House
5. Meeting adjourned at 1pm.