

Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC)
Ad-Hoc Research Street Name Committee
Meeting Notes – May 5, 2023
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Attending:

Linda Lovell – Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Co-chair
Mark Farkas – Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Co-Chair
Shawn Eyer – Ad-Hoc Subcommittee member; HARC Chairman
Chris Brownlove- Ad-Hoc Subcommittee member
Thomas Soule- Ad-Hoc Subcommittee member

City of Alexandria:

Mary Bramley –Development Officer, Office of Historic Alexandria
Dana Wedeles - City Manager’s Office

Public:

Amy Burch- present and submitted a letter.

1. Meeting Called to order
 - Mark Called to order at noon
 - Read purpose from Mayor’s office
2. Discussion of street names
 - Sheet passed out of proposed names that will be submitted to HARC to vote yes or no.
 - Tom will give report at HARC meeting as Linda and Mark will not be in attendance
 - Have until end of August to submit names
 - Three changes a year
 - Note that Ladrays name is misspelled on the sheet
 - Note- Spengler is misspelled- brother works for the City Of Alexandria
 - Parker-Gray honorary street, so naming after Gray/Parker might be an issue
 - Street names that are also in Fairfax County, city council has spoken about it, no decision as of yet
 - Will increase amount of names shared with HARC since there is a deadline
 - Suggestions
 - Margaret Brent- but there is a court named for her
 - Linda read the tribes that do have street names and those that do not have street names
 - Chickahominy, Mattaponi, Nansemond, Pamunkey- very active in Alexandria
 - There are streets that have indigenous flower and fauna names
 - James Lewis- from Lee/Fendell House
 - Canarie Quander- worked in household of John Lewis
 - Scyphax- descendants of George Park Lee Custis
3. Public comment-

- Amy Burch- works for COA but here as member of public, wanted to suggest Durr in honor of Clifford and Virginia Durr very involved in improving conditions in the South. Virginia oversaw abolishing poll tax. Cliff work for feds and resigned when he felt pressure to take oath of loyalty of red scare
 - Born and raised in Alabama
 - Came active in Civil Rights Movement
 - 4018 Seminary Road- still exists
 - She would like to see Donaldson Street renamed
 - House is located across the street from Frost Street
- 4. Committee suggestions continued
 - Loving lawyers- Cohen and Hirschkop
 - Benjamin Halloway
- 5. COA announcements
 - Scope of work will be going to City Council on May 23
 - Naming committee on Monday and they are okay with scope of work going forward
 - It will become more public at that time
 - Map of confederate streets will be released at that time, including ordinances from the 1950's name changes
 - FAQ will also be released- such as new licenses/passport/tax issues
- 6. Next meeting: June 9, 2023 Lloyd House at noon in preparation for June 20, 2023 HARC meeting
- 7. Adjourned at 12:37