

MINUTES

HARC ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE

MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

PRESENT: Martha Harris, Linda Lovell, Michael Hobbs, Gail Rothrock, Martha Raymond (chair)

GUESTS: Linda Couture and Lisa Schumaier

LOCATION: La Madeleine, 500 King Street, Alexandria, VA

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Martha Raymond at 10:03 AM

WELCOME TO MEMBERS: Martha Raymond welcomed all members and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

REVIEW OF RECENT PROJECTS:

The first item for discussion was the Torpedo Factory, specifically the HARC letter to the Chair of the Board of Architectural Review regarding nomination of the property for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Danny Smith (HARC Chair) plans to talk with James Spencer (BAR Chair) prior to sending the letter. Linda Lovell will ask Danny about the status of his conversation and the status of the letter.

Discussed status of stakeholder consultations about changes to the building, the status of the vibrancy project for the building and the importance of HARC participation in stakeholder meetings and communications with City Council. The Advocacy committee will coordinate with Steve Stuart and the committee preparing for meetings with new City Council members to ensure that consideration of the significance of the Torpedo Factory is included in discussions and that HARC letters on the topic are included for such discussions.

Linda Lovell described the process and length of time required for listing the Apothecary Shop as a National Historic Landmark (a higher level of designation than the National Register of Historic Places).

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed participating in the April 12, 2022 meeting about proposed zoning change to increase height limits in Alexandria. Michael Hobbs distributed reference materials pertaining to the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Couture mentioned her goal to connect the Torpedo Factory to the community.
Lisa Schumaier mentioned governance and goals from her perspective as an artist in the TF.

ITEMS FOR NEXT HARC MEETING:

Coordinate with Steve Stuart regarding meetings with new City Council members.

Martha R. adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am

The next meeting: May 3, 2022 at 10:00am, location - La Madeleine

