

HARC Advocacy Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023, 10:00am
La Madeleine, King Street

Attendees: Donna DeBlasio, Michael Hobbs, Martha Raymond

Member of the public: at the end of the meeting a member of the public saw our "public welcome" sign, asked about HARC, and voiced support for maintaining and preserving Alexandria's heritage.

Agenda:

1. No news yet about the City Manager's opinion re: sending the Torpedo Factory preliminary into form (PIF) to the VA State Historic Preservation to start the National Register (NR) listing process.

No word back yet from Heather McMahon (author of the PIF) about estimated cost of developing a NR nomination.

2. Heritage project. Current masonry buildings are sitting empty and open to the weather with no recent construction activity. A neighbor to the project wrote to the Alexandria Times about how difficult it is to live next to this deteriorating construction site with no end in sight.

We discussed monitoring projects that we have engaged with in the past, such as the Heritage, to learn from how they progress.

3. The Advocacy group is interested in the views and knowledge of Alexandria's climate change officer (Ryan Freed) about sustainability and historic building conservation, such as preserving embodied energy rather than demolishing re-usable resources. We will coordinate with Bill Conkey about this interest.

Next HARC Advocacy Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 6th, 2023

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