

**HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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**PRESENT:**

Carol Black	Sam Hoffman	
Shawn Eyer	Martha Harris	
Michael Hobbs	Laura Lieberman	
Deborah Osborne	Martha Raymond	Gail Rothrock
Steve Stuart	Tom Soule	Danny Smith
Andrea Tracey	Ivy Whitlatch	Catherine Weinraub

**EXCUSED:**

Linda Lovell  
Rosemarie Esber  
Mark Farkus  
Richard Klingenmaier

**ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:**

Robert Vierick  
Linda Couture  
Al Cox

**CITY STAFF:**

Gretchen Bulova, OHA  
Bill Conkey, Planning

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Danny Smith at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.

**Approval of Minutes for February 15, 2022:**

On a motion by Gail Rothrock and seconded by Sam Hoffman, HARC voted to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes.

**Chairs Update:**

- Virtual meetings will be discontinued at the end of March. The next HARC meeting will be in person. It has been suggested that meetings be held at

- Met candidate for the Torpedo Factory Artists position on HARC. She curated a gallery show at the TFAC, “Goodnight Moon.”

### **Commissioner Updates:**

Carol Black – Old Presbyterian Meeting House (no update at this time)

Rosemarie Esber – Planning District 1 (excused absence)

Shawn Eyer – George Washington Masonic National Memorial

- Working to reopen in April. Closed since August 1.

Mark Farkus – Planning District 2 (excused absence)

Martha Harris – Volunteer at Historic Property

- Ivy Hill Cemetery will be hosting a public open house on April 14, 5 to 7 p.m., commemorating dating to 1856. Suggest visiting the newly restored house as well.

Michael Hobbs – Old Town Civic Association (no update at this time)

Sam Hoffman – Planning District 1 (no update at this time)

Richard Klingensmaier – Alexandria Association (excused absence)

Laura Lieberman – Lee-Fendall House

- Special tours for spring ranging from Civil War to Architecture
- Easter Egg Hunt tickets are on sale
- Holding annual fundraiser May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sips and Secrets (in person!)

Linda Lovell – Mortar & Pestle Society (excused absence)

Deborah Osborne – Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

- Three new members to commission, including an architect and a member with an interior easement.
- Working to understand tax credits for interior easements.
- Focusing on easements for African American sites.
- Wrapping up inspections for the year.

Martha Raymond – Planning District 2 (no update at this time)

Gail Rothrock – Historic Alexandria Foundation (no update at this time)

Tom Soule – Planning District 3 (no update at this time)

Steven Stuart – Planning District 3 (no update at this time)

Andrea Tracey – Carlyle House

- Excited to be bringing back regular programming and adding new ones! [See events](#)
- New program, Poetry and Pinwheels, is in partnership with child abuse prevention organizations
- Offering outdoor Spring Break activities
- Bringing back two popular May events - the Mother’s Day Tea and the Chocolate and Wine Tasting
- Updating the museum’s fire detection and suppression system

Catherine Weinraub – Alexandria Historical Society

- March 30<sup>th</sup> lecture, Ebonee Davis will be providing an update on the reparations project by the Virginia Theological Seminary

- April meeting, High School student awards with guest speaker Tim Winkle
- May is annual meeting, seeking a guest speaker
- June guest speaker is Charlie Clark, discussing new book on George Washington Parke Custis

Ivy Whitlatch – Alexandria Archaeological Commission

- Packets to City Council members have resulted in conversations and meetings with Council members, including Councilman Aguirre and Councilwoman Bagley
- Models of three ships will be exhibited in the TFAC at the end of March
- Volunteer party/exhibit opening scheduled for April 8
- AAC/HARC ordinance change will go to City Council on April 5

Danny Smith – Business Representative (no update at this time)

**New Business:** No new business at this time

**Old Business:**

Torpedo Factory National Register Nomination (Martha Raymond)

- Reviewed the letter drafted by the Advocacy Committee to the BAR
- Plan to attach the Preliminary Information Form (PIF) on the TFAC with the letter to the BAR
- Motion by Martha Harris to send the letter to the BAR Chairman, seconded by Gail Rothrock. Motion passed.

Hotel AKA Status (former Holiday Inn Express)

- Thanks to Gail Rothrock for speaking before the BAR at the last meeting
- Mockup of the new hotel design is available for viewing in the hotel courtyard
- BAR discussing proposed building color scheme

Elks Lodge Update (Carol Black)

- National Trust African American Cultural Action Fund Grant, have not heard about the application status. Full grant due May 2.
- Met with a kitchen designer. Donated stove is not appropriate for the building.
- Encouraging Elks to participate in this year's Spring2Action program to fund a cooking/warming cabinet.
- Hoping for grant funds to supported much-needed kitchen items as well as new roof.
- Confirmed that tax-exempt status and paperwork to raise funds is up to date.

Curb Cut at 322-324 South Lee (Danny Smith)

- April 11, issue going to the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Motion by Michael Hobbs that Danny Smith speak in opposition to the curb cut at the April 11 meeting, seconded by Gail Rothrock. Motion passed.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Advocacy Committee – Martha Raymond, Co-Chair

- 615 and 621 King Street (former Burke and Herbert and Walgreens Building) up for concept review.

- Next meeting April 5 at 10 a.m. at La Madeine

OHA Support – Steve Stuart, Chair

- Almost finished with new councilmember packets

Ad Hoc, HARC Composition – Richard Klingenmaier, Chair (deferred to next meeting)

### **Board of Architectural Review Update: Bill Conkey**

- BAR meeting March 16, lengthy docket
- 615 and 621 King Street Development Project (applying for permit to demolish/capsulate and concept review). Building façade of 615 dates to 1929 and has been heavily modified. 621 façade dates to 1909, the storefront of this property has been modified multiple times but the portions above the first floor remain as originally designed. The project will include ground floor retail with multi-family above. A new fourth floor will be recessed 14' from the King Street facade.
- 912/920 King Street received approvals in place, returning to board for certificate of appropriateness
- 116 Henry Street has received approvals from Council and returns for a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- 10 Duke Street returns to the Board due to an expired approval of a certificate of appropriateness. No changes to the approved design have been made.

### **OHA Report: Gretchen Bulova**

- Visitor Survey
  - Asking your support in completing a national visitor survey for museums.
  - Link is on our web page and will be emailed to you following the meeting.
- Freedom House Museum
  - Shifted our formal opening to May 24, though we hope to have the exhibit installed by late April for a series of soft openings.
  - Spring2Action is April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be seeking donations for Freedom House.
- Murray-Dick-Fawcett House
  - Roofing work is finished. Added information to the webpage about the restoration work.
  - Will begin phase 2, exterior siding restoration and wood renewal, once receive easement alteration approval from VDHR.
  - 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original portion of the structure and are planning Historic Preservation Month programming.
- FY23 budget in progress
  - FY23 budget is in the public comment phase. Information is on the city's website <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Budget>
  - State budget is still in the negotiation process and our funding for Douglass Cemetery is not certain at this time.
- Alexandria Community Remembrance Project
  - Planning for the April 23 Remembrance of Joseph McCoy
  - Visited EJI to assist with the October 2022 Pilgrimage and Soil Ceremony
- VDHR Marker for Earl Lloyd

- Dedication ceremony planned for Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. near 1020 Montgomery Street. All are welcome
- National Historic Landmark plaque at the Apothecary Museum
  - Dedication ceremony planned for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- Alexandria Archaeology ship ponding
  - Exhibit at the TFAC open April 8<sup>th</sup>, gallery with models of the 3 excavated ships
  - Ship ponding will begin in April with public hours planned in May

**Chair follow up:**

- Would like to see some new leadership for HARC, so please consider a leadership role

**Public Comment:**

- No comment at this time

The next meeting will be held April 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lloyd House.

The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Bulova, Director, OHA