

City of Alexandria, Virginia
BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Wednesday – February 13, 2019
7 p.m.
Alexandria City Hall
Sister Cities Conference Room #1102
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Summary Minutes

Commission Members:

Ben Klein (Chair), Kathy Stenzel (Vice Chair), Janet Blair-Fleetwood, Nicholas Lee, Skip Maginniss, Jesse O’Connell, Greg Parks, Robert Rapanut, Deb Roepke, Joe Valenti,

Absent: Paul Igasaki (unexcused), Kirk McPike (unexcused),

Vacant: Representative for Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

OMB Staff:

Morgan Routt, Arthur Wicks

Others in Attendance (Guests/Staff/Public):

Sharon Grant (member of the public), Oliver Grant (member of the public)

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order:** Chair **Klein** called the meeting to order at 7:01 with a quorum present.
- II. Approval of Minutes:** **O’Connell** moved to approve the January 29, 2019 meeting minutes as written. **Valenti** seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- III. Commission Business**
 - a. **Klein** asks all members to introduce themselves, for the benefit of new members on the commission
 - b. Discussion of affordable housing deliverable:
 - i. **Valenti** shared out from the recent subcommittee meeting; attendance was light due to member scheduling conflicts
 - ii. Members reviewed the draft set of stakeholder interview questions developed by the subcommittee and discussed an engagement plan
 1. **Routt** suggests staff will respond better to in-person interviews/calls rather than a written submission
 2. **Valenti** proposes prioritizing stakeholders that the commission has not heard from as recently (i.e. we heard from Office of Housing as recently as May 2018)

- iii. **Maginniss** asks for confirmation that the Housing Masterplan is still the guiding document in this policy area
 - 1. **Routt** confirms and adds that there will be money in the FY20 budget for housing studies
 - 2. **Roepke** notes that given the execution of those studies being still some time away, we have an opportunity to comment on the scope and assess priorities of different agencies
- iv. **Klein** encourages the subcommittee to divide up the stakeholder list and work on interviews, with the goal of a detailed outline and/or draft of the memo by the March meeting
- c. Update on Monitoring of Joint City/Schools Facilities Investment task force
 - i. **Stenzel** says BFAAC and BAC still trying to schedule a meeting
- d. Other business
 - i. **Klein** says they are working schedule a BFAAC 101 for new members; likely part of the next meeting agenda
 - ii. Presentation of the City Manager's budget – next Tuesday (2/19)
 - iii. **Valenti** asks if staff could provide a master calendar of budget hearings/meetings
 - iv. **Klein** notes the need to likely add BFAAC meetings in late Feb and early March to execute our workplan, a scheduling poll will be sent around
 - v. Commission officer elections will be held during the next meeting

IV. **OMB Report**

- a. Staff has been meeting with members of council to prep them for the budget hearings
- b. Real estate assessments are out, 2.7% growth overall, commercial outpaced residential (driven primarily by multi-family housing)
- c. Council has asked staff to begin to compile options for possible new sources of revenue, to prepare for possible new opportunities with the General Assembly
- d. Staff is still working on the assessment of the fiscal impact of the summer Metro shutdown

V. **Adjournment:** **O'Connell** moved that the meeting be adjourned, **Valenti** seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

VI. **Next Meeting:** TBD, special working meeting late February