

Alexandria Archaeological Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2016 - FINAL

Members Present:

Elizabeth (Indy) McCall, Member at Large
(Chair)
Mary Jane Nugent, Friends of Alexandria
Archaeology (Vice Chair)
Ann Davin, Alexandria Association
(Secretary)
Georgia (Katy) Cannady, Alexandria
Historical Society
Jacob Hoogland, Member at Large
Mark Ludlow, Member at Large
Janice Magnuson, Planning District III
S. Kathleen Pepper, Society for the
Preservation of Black Heritage

Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Member at Large
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large
Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria
Foundation

Members Excused:

Rebecca Siegel, Planning District II

City Staff:

Fran Bromberg, City Archaeologist
Lance Mallamo, Director, Historic
Alexandria

1. Call to order: The AAC's Chair, Indy McCall, called the meeting to order on the *Miss Christin* at 7:45 p.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes (postponed)

3. Membership: Ivy Whitlach is now the new member representing Planning District I. S. Kathleen Pepper was reappointed as a representative of the Society for the Preservation of Black History.

4. Chair Reports:

Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group

Indy reported on the Ad Hoc Combined Sewer System Plan Stakeholder Group. Implications need to be understood for the long term since the project will take approximately 20 years to complete. There has been good collaboration with Archaeology and other City staff in regards to getting Archaeology involved in the early stages of planning, particularly where surface disturbances will occur.

There is a green solutions pilot program with an approximate \$2 million budget for green mitigation approaches. Alleyways will be the recipient of some of the green solutions funding to help with storm water problems and they are part of overall review process for the project.

Threatened Sites Committee (with comments by Lance Mallamo)

Indy reported that there was an overall positive reception to the forum from participants and City Council. The forum provided a good record of sites that are of interest to the community. HARC members have questions about the process and some participants remain concerned about what actions will be taken in the future. The impacts to some of the discussed sites have occurred and cannot be re-opened or re-negotiated.

The big question is what happens next. Initially it was planned that identifying threatened sites and forming an action plan would be undertaken by, or in conjunction with, a non-profit group. AAC initiated the process when no other group or individual volunteered. Future discussions will focus on what will be instituted, how it will be done, and who will oversee it. Timing is an issue and the process should be refined and structured.

Lance Mallamo suggested getting City support next. OHA is preparing a strategic plan together with SWOP analysis. OHA is already working on how to protect and preserve alleyways. Archaeology staff can comment and say what already happens when threatened sites are brought to their attention. Lance also suggested that the inter-chair meetings resume in order to assist in implementing future strategies for threatened sites.

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

Indy reported that so far most of the meetings have been "open-mike" sessions with attendees voicing their opinions and concerns. Plan is to develop recommendations that the group believes City Council should review. Items on the recommendations list:

1. Flags policy - Certain flags are flown for different occasions. For example the Appomattox and Confederate flags as well as the Irish flag. Recommend what flags to fly and when.
2. Jefferson Davis Highway - named by state of Virginia so the City has little say in changing the name
3. Other Confederate named streets. How did they originate? There are other streets named after Confederates
4. Appomattox statute - land donated by the City but statute owned privately by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Group also held one or two public meetings to get input from the public.

5. Record Volunteer Hours

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.