

Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC)
Minutes of March 20, 2019 Meeting

Members Present:

Elizabeth (Indy) McCall, Member at Large (Chair)
Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I (Vice Chair)
Dylan Colligan, Business Community
Mark Ludlow, Member at Large
Janice Magnuson, Planning District III
Richard Owens, Friends of Alexandria Archaeology
Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Member at Large
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large
Esther White, Planning District II (Acting Secretary)

Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I

Staff: Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

Absent:

Georgia (Katy) Cannady, Alexandria Historical Society
Ann Davin, Alexandria Association (Secretary)
Jacob Hoogland, Member at Large
Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria Foundation

Commented [EW1]: I am not sure about the Members Present / Members Absent

Call to Order:

Indy McCall called the meeting to order at 7: 05 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes

AAC members reviewed the January minutes and made edits to the minutes; there was no February meeting. - Ted Pulliam moved to accept the January minutes as amended and Dylan Colligan seconded the motion, all members agreed.

Membership

It is approved for Ted to represent the Alexandria Association and Ann Davin to be a Member at Large. A member representing the Preservation of Black History is still needed. Indy's position will expire in February 2020, and her position as Chair will be open in September.

Chair Reports: Elizabeth (Indy) McCall

Indy updated Commission members regarding recent activities. She met with Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist and also with Mayor Justin Wilson.

Indy said there is discussion over the future of the property at 2 Duke Street whether it will be torn down, dismantled and rebuilt elsewhere, or repurposed. It has been discussed as a possible spot for a City facility to welcome visitors and present some of the city's history.

Commented [TN2]: Noted that now called 10 Duke St

Archaeology will partner conducting oral histories for D-Day, Saturday, June 1 and with the Seaport Foundation for their festival in September.

Planning Updates and Reports (as needed)

Waterfront Updates – Grant Funded Trip to Texas

Eleanor presented a PowerPoint on the recent trip to Texas that she and Archaeologists Tatiana Niculescu and Benjamin Skolnik took to see La Belle, one of Robert de La Salle's ships recovered off the coast of Texas, and the Texas A & M laboratory conserving the Hotel Indigo ship. The group toured the Bullock Texas State History Museum, where La Belle is exhibited, and met with several state officials who were instrumental in the

excavation, fundraising, and conservation of the ship and associated artifacts. They also met with the team doing the conservation of the Hotel Indigo ship and toured the facilities at Texas A & M, learning more about the research and conservation methods being undertaken. She presented several points that the group learned during the trip: 1) there was a strong commitment to the work; 2) the project had clear goals; 3) there was a clear story; 4) there are strong public and private commitment to the project from the beginning; and 5) there is no end to a large project like La Belle. She said the group hopes to visit New York to learn more about the ship excavated from the World Trade Tower site.

Staff Reports/Reminders

Eleanor said the City received \$10,000 for African American burials at five cemeteries throughout Alexandria.

Commented [TN3]: Clarification that this money is for grave maintenance and upkeep

Eleanor will be absent for the April meeting and Tatiana will be the staff representative. The May meeting will be a joint meeting with FOAA.

A belated happy 44th anniversary to the AAC, Indy made a delicious cake.

Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, Spring2ACTion, Fire and Water Tour at Bus Barn.

Wednesday, April 10, Spring2ACTion Day of Giving and OHA happy hour at Lloyd House.

Record Volunteer Hours

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. made by Ivy Whitlatch, seconded by Ted and agreed to by all members.