

Alexandria Archaeological Commission Meeting
Minutes of November 20, 2019

Members Present:

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

Vacant (Member at Large)

Members Excused:

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

City Staff:

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

Call to Order: Ivy Whitlatch, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes: AAC members reviewed the October minutes. Ralph Rosenbaum moved to accept the minutes as amended. Ted Pulliam seconded the motion and all members approved.

Chair Reports:

Ivy requested volunteers to serve as chairs and members of three new committees:

- Museum Support – Chair Dick Owens
- Community Outreach – Chair Dylan Colligan
- Civic Engagement – Chair Jacob Hoogland, joined by Janice Magnuson, Mark Ludlow, Seth Tinkham.

Ivy announced that Indy McCall has resigned from AAC and Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC). She suggested asking HARC and FOAA if they wish to coordinate with AAC to recognize the important work Indy has done on behalf of Alexandria. Janice suggested a Council proclamation which could be presented at the Friday, January 17, 2020 Volunteer Appreciation Party. Jake will find out what is the process of obtaining a Council proclamation.

The AAC nominated Ivy to be the AAC representative to HARC, replacing Indy.

Waterfront Updates:

Eleanor Breen reported that 3D scanning of the ship timbers continues on track and will continue until early spring. She discussed the value of the ongoing dendrochronology to aid knowledge of the type of wood, age, and where the trees were felled. Samples from Ship 3 do not fit averages or anything in current data bases. Additional samples will be taken.

Ben Brenman pond is the preferred location for medium term future storage of the timbers due to ease of access, low likelihood of affecting the water quality, and it is easier to monitor. The timbers would be wrapped in a special fabric to retard mold and have will be securely stored in the pond. Selective conservation will ensure some timbers are stabilized so they can be exposed to the air and be put on

display safe from damage or decay.

Waterfront:

Saturday, March 21, 2020 is the scheduled date for the new art installation at Waterfront Park.

\$50.2 million dollars has been allocated for the waterfront implementation plan.

African Heritage Trail Committee: Krystyn Moon is the Chair. Thursday, December 12 is the deadline to identify stops on the trail.

River Renew: The next meeting is Wednesday, December 11. Ivy will report on it at the Wednesday, December 18 AAC meeting.

Cemeteries Update: Eleanor said the survey has been completed on Penny Hill and Douglass Cemeteries. The report will be available soon.

Meeting Location: In future, the Commission will meet at the Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street, with the exception of the Volunteer Appreciation Party and occasional offsite meetings. The party will be held Friday, January 17, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum.

2020 Calendar: The Commission discussed various offsite locations still to be finalized.

FOAA Report: The December meeting will focus on changes of By-Laws and a discussion of the annual gift to Alexandria Archaeology.

Staff Report: A Museum Tech has been hired for a 20 hour position to process code requests. Eleanor showed us the OHA Christmas Ornament representing the Hotel Indigo Ship.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m., moved and seconded by Janice and Dick. The next meeting is the AAC Holiday potluck, Wednesday, December 18 at Lloyd House.

Record Volunteer Hours