

MINUTES
ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday,
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Commisso, Edouard, Osborne, Stevens
Excused: Batey, Froemming, Horne, Barnes
Unexcused:
City Staff: Nicole Quinn, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning & Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo

Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
The Minutes of the June meeting were tabled until the next meeting due to no quorum.

EASEMENT DISCUSSION/REVIEWS

A project at 409 E. Custis Ave was presented, but with the lack of a quorum, it had to be tabled until the next meeting.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Alley meeting will be held on July 26th. At the meeting, individuals were assigned to identify category types for each alley. Also, the proposed treatment category document will be revised in advance of the meeting.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

Lisa Eduard reported on the progress of the metro station and that the southern entrance was removed, which caused quite a bit of public discussion. Catherine Miliaras clarified, that there has been a major misunderstanding because of the procurement process and re-assured that there will be no change in historic resources and that the entrance can be added again after the construction.

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WATERFRONT UPDATE

Catherine Miliaras reported that there has been a lot of discussion about the Interim Park and Waterfront interpretation. The BAR will meet this month and the Strand project is moving forward.

HARC AND OHA REPORTS

No update

EASEMENTS

Mike Commisso reported on 619 S. Lee Street and that a member had suggested a letter to DHR about violation of the easement. He also pointed out, that an amendment occurred in the 1970s, which added a lot of flexibility. He cautioned about getting involved in a potential contradiction to a DHR decision and that more information was needed, which would be the case after the next BAR meeting, therefore the decision about a letter was tabled until the next meeting.

520 N. Queen Street:

The inspection date for this new easement needs to be changed to a Tuesday or Wednesday, due to limited availability of the property owners and Mike Commisso asked for volunteers for this task, since he will not be available on those days; Lisa Edouard volunteered.

POLICY #7

Discussion of the policy items occurred and suggestions for edits were made.

More updates at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of policy #7

Decision on project at 409 E. Custis Street

Approval of June minutes

Consideration of a letter to the owners of 420 S. Lee Street indicating a parking violation

Email to Commission members about the easement inspection of 520 Queen Street to support Lisa Eduard in this task

Invitation to the upcoming new Mayor

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Aug.8 at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Quinn, OHA Staff to the Commission

