

MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan.13, 2016

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Commisso, Edouard, Murphy, Sennewald, Sprinkle, Yianilos
Excused: Batey
Unexcused: Heiden
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning
Department
Guest: Catherine Wallace

Chairman John Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

The amended Minutes of the Dec.9, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously, motioned by Michael Commisso and seconded by Robert Sennewald.

John Sprinkle presented the proposed Historic Preservation Easement Program Policy #1; Lance Mallamo will forward it to the City Attorney for review and to confirm citations. He also requested that all members shall review it over the next month. The policy will be reviewed at the February meeting.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

The committee is in the process of making its final recommendations.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

John Sprinkle reported that there is a small sign along the GW Parkway that appears to reference the new metro station. The engineers are now working on preliminary design concepts.

Catherine Miliaras reported that an adverse impact on three separate National Register listings related to the Parkway has been determined and the design will attempt to minimize the visual impact along the Parkway right-of-way.

WATERFRONT PLAN

Robert Sennewald reported that on implementation issues associated with the waterfront and the ongoing construction at the Indigo Hotel site.

Archaeology – Mr. Mallamo informed members of the archaeological finds discovered at the Indigo site over the past month, including the removal and conservation of the Carlyle Warehouse and the recent find of a 50' ship at the site.

RAMSEY HOUSES

John Sprinkle described that the lawsuit on this issue will consider whether the appropriate timeframes and legal issues were properly followed regarding the appeal to City Council in September. The BAR appeal appears to have been filed within the correct amount of time. ARHA indicates that it has begun the Sec. 106 historic preservation process for sites listed on the National Registers of Historic Places that are using federal resources for redevelopment, but no official notifications have yet been made.

There is a community meeting tonight on the new affordable housing development proposed for the site which will proceed to the Planning Commission and City Council in February.

EASEMENTS

420 South Lee Street: Mr. Mallamo thanked members for forwarding information regarding the FOIA request on this issue and informed members that a full package has been forwarded to the Alex. City Attorney's office.

HARC REPORT

Michael Commisso announced that a letter was sent to the City Council requesting that resources be identified to preserve and protect archaeological finds as they occur as part of the waterfront development process.

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported on the new PBS drama set in Alexandria during the Civil War, *Mercy Street* that will premier on Sunday, January 17, and informed members of the extensive programming OHA has developed to supplement the series over the next several months.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Catherine Miliaras announced that the demolition of Hunting Terrace apartments have been approved and will be coming down shortly. Planning & Zoning together with OHA are working on developing a Preservation Forum that will occur in May.

NEW BUSINESS

John Sprinkle suggested that he will be in contact with the new Mayor to inform her about the activities of the Commission.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Feb.10, 2016, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Lance Mallamo, Staff to the Commission