

MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Batey, Commisso, Edouard, Murphy, Sennewald, Sprinkle, Yianilos
Excused: Barnes
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Dept. of Planning
and Zoning
Guests: Diana Bridger

Chairman John Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

The Minutes of the Jan.13 meeting were approved as amended. Motioned by Patrick Murphy and seconded by Michael Commisso.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

There was no alley meeting last month, the next one is scheduled for April 7.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

There is a Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) meeting tomorrow evening to go over design issues.

WATERFRONT PLAN

Robert Sennewald reported that the Ad Hoc Waterfront Monitoring Group members are working hard, and he distributed an agenda from their meeting of February 1. The chair asked Catherine Miliaras to thank the Planning & Zoning department for their efforts in this regard.

Lance Mallamo reported on the ship and proposed budget for archaeological emergencies that was recommended by the Livable, Green and Prospering City Focus Area Team for FY 2017.

ROBINSON TERMINAL SOUTH:

Charles Trozzo reported that there is litigation concerning the BAR “4 to 3” decision on this issue.

Robert Sennewald asked Catherine Miliaras about a proposal to expand the Alfred Street Baptist Church into a “megachurch.” Catherine stated that this subject is the focus of early conceptual plans and that the City is concerned about parking. She will provide an update at the next meeting.

RAMSEY HOMES:

Catherine Miliaras explained that P&Z approved the rezoning and Master Plan amendment but denied the DSUP for the project, so it will move forward to City Council on February 20. The commission has received a letter regarding the Section 106 process, inviting it to be a consulting party. Mr. Sprinkle will accept the invitation and indicate that all correspondence go through OHA.

Catherine Miliaras explained that the open space will be limited to the rooftop and will be open to residents only. ARHA has approved an expense of \$50,000 for historical and archaeological interpretation.

AHRPC POLICY #1:

Is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

EASEMENTS

420 South Lee Street:

Nothing new to report.

418 South Lee Street:

Lance Mallamo will distribute a copy of the easement to all members. A potential buyer has expressed interest in what the easement covers.

HARC REPORT

Michael Commisso reported that an extended conversation concerning the Ramsay Homes has been ongoing and the process that has been followed is of great concern to HARC. Another major issue of concern is funding for the art and history components of the Waterfront Plan.

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported that there was nothing new to report.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

The Office of Historic Alexandria and department of Planning and Zoning are working on a Preservation Forum, to be held in May in recognition of National Historic Preservation Month. The Forum will feature three weeknight lectures, and three Saturday workshops on timely issues, including a panel discussion on the emerging issue of Cultural Significance, as well as workshops on Masonry and Window restoration and an Energy retrofit workshop.

The Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources will do a one day Certified Local Government (CLG) training program at Lloyd House on Wednesday, June 15. The City of Alexandria is recognized as a designated CLG.

Old Town North Small Area Plan- A subcommittee has been formed to study parks, historic preservation and open space in the area under consideration.

There is a BAR application for a house at 401 Wolfe Street (South Building) lots (NW-corner of Royal Street).

Oct. 15, 1965 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. The commission will consider ways to commemorate its passage and how Alexandria has prospered since the law was passed.

NEW BUSINESS

AHRPC POLICY #2- to be reviewed next meeting.

No further new business was noted.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 9, 2015, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

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