# **MINUTES**

# ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION 8:00 a.m.

# Wednesday, March 9, 2016 Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Batey, Commisso, Edouard, Murphy, Sprinkle

Excused: Sennewald, Yianilos

City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria

Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning

Department

Guests: Charles Trozzo

Chairman John Sprinkle called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

The Minutes of the Feb. 10 meeting were approved as amended. Motioned by Carter Batey and seconded by Lisa Edouard.

## **ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY**

Nothing new to report.

## POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

Lisa Edouard attended the recent design meeting and reported, that the station is to be pedestrian- & community-friendly. There will be no "Park and Ride", but plazas and spaces for public events are proposed. The meeting was very well attended and a video is available on the website.

#### WATERFRONT PLAN

Catherine Miliaras reported that Robinson Terminal South (RTS) site plan is under review and will take about one year.

Nothing new to report about Robinson Terminal North (RTN).

Windmill Hill Park is seeing minor improvements. Selection of new lighting will begin shortly. Olin will hold a public meeting in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall where materials will be on view.

#### **RAMSEY HOUSES**

The AHRPC is now a consulting party to the 'Section 106' historic preservation process. The project has been delayed to allow ARHA more time to review proposals that may help preserve parts of the property while still allowing new construction to take place.

#### **EASEMENTS**

#### 420 South Lee Street:

In the light of the commissions experience with this easement, John Sprinkle recommends AHRPC adopt written policies concerning easements. The proposed easement policies were prepared by VDHR specifically for use in Virginia.

POLICY #1 was motioned by Patrick Murphy and seconded by Lisa Edouard, was approved unanimously. The policy is now in effect.

POLICY #2 has been revised by Charles Trozzo. It will be reviewed by members and voted on at the next meeting.

#### HARC REPORT

Michael Commisso reported on the status of the Ramsey Homes and archaeological presentation.

### **OHA REPORT**

Mr. Mallamo reported on the upcoming Preservation Forum where there will be several weekday evening lectures two workshops on historic preservation topics that will take place "in the field" at the following locations:

- 226 The Strand- Masonry and Pointing; "What's the Point" May 14.
- Restoration of Leland Ness House in Del Ray June 11,

Also, the City Manager has proposed an FY 2017 budget for OHA that includes funding for a new clerk in the Archives & Records, conversion of the part-time Research Historian to fulltime and a new allocation of \$50,000 for emergency funding associated with archaeological discoveries that occur unexpectedly during the year.

#### PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Catherine Miliaras reported that the Old Town North Small Area Plan now being developed by Planning& Zoning has funding for a history plan.

Catherine Miliaras stated that design for the new Potomac Yard Metro Rail station is going to BAR shortly. The design concept is to relate to the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Catherine Miliaras reported that Vernacular Architecture Conference will be held in Alexandria in 2018

#### REEDER HOUSE-

Lance Mallamo reported that a proposal for Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority to acquire the early dwelling at the northeast corner of Prince and St .Asaph Streets for preservation purposes is now being pursued.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The City Strategic Plan is to begin shortly, OHA will be involved in the process..

#### NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 13, 2015, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Lance Mallamo, Staff to the Commission