

MINUTES
ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Commisso, Murphy, Osborne, Sprinkle
Excused: Sennewald, Yianilos
Unexcused: Batey, Edouard
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 8:10 a.m.

The Minutes of the March 9 meeting were adopted as drafted. Motioned by Michael Commisso and seconded by Patrick Murphy.

A new member, Deborah Osborne, introduced herself and described her extensive background in Cultural Resource Management and historic preservation. She is a mediator in alternative dispute resolution as it pertains to historic preservation.

An easement list will be sent out.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Michael Commisso described the inventory of all alleys in Old Town. Over 100 alleys and their Character defining features are now complete and a bound report will be presented by December. Last week Linda Lovell presented the issue of Alley Presentation to the “Threatened & Endangered” Nominations panel discussion.

The next meeting will take place on April 21.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

The Design review concept is working its way through the BAR and the impact of the pedestrian bridge visibility is a main issue of concern.

WATERFRONT PLAN

Catherine Miliaras reported that there is not much new to report. The Carr Hotel Project and Robinson Terminal South are going through the site-plan review process and Robinson Terminal North has just submitted a site-plan. Also, there will be tours conducted to see the excavated, historic ship this coming weekend.

RAMSEY HOMES

John Sprinkle described the ongoing issue on the Ramsey Homes and the current status of the 53 unit project; the 'Section 106' process is just beginning.

Catherine Miliaras detailed the approval of the Master Plan amendment by City Council, but not the DSUP.

Deborah Osborne described the benefits of mediation rather than litigation in resolving preservation conflicts.

EASEMENTS

John Sprinkle requested that review of Policy 1 & 2 be deferred until the next meeting.

HARC REPORT

Mr. Commisso reported that the meeting was largely concerned with the OHA Strategic Plan development and an update on the Ramsay Homes.

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported that the City FY 2017 budget process is nearing completion and it appears OHA will be resources with a FT Research Historian, PT Records Clerk, and \$50K fund for archaeological emergencies.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Catherine Miliaras reported on the upcoming plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

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