

MINUTES
ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Batey, Commisso, Edouard, Murphy, Osborne, Yianilos
Excused: Edouard, Sennewald
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Al Cox, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo

Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.
The Minutes of the Sept. meeting were approved.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Next alley meeting will be Oct. 20.

EASEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

Mr. Mallamo reviewed the status of the ongoing issues concerning 420 S. Lee Street, Alexandria City Attorney representation of the Commission and Virginia Attorney General representation to confirm the legal status as a City or State Commission. The Commission members requested that Chairman Commisso send two letters, one to Deputy City Attorney Joanna Anderson and the other to Katheryn Surface Burks of the Virginia Attorney General's office to confirm which office should assist the Enforcement of easements in the City of Alexandria.

Al Cox informed members that Mr. Byrne has asked if Potomac Court is officially designated as a “court” which would possibly allow consideration of his application for parking access underneath the rear yard of 420 S. Lee Street. Planning & Zoning staff supports the interpretation that the street is officially a court. A discussion about that followed and Commission members were inclined to support consideration of such an application in the future to resolve the current issue of using open space for a driveway/parking in the front yard.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

No update.

WATERFRONT PLAN

No update.

RAMSEY HOUSES

No update.

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported that a grant of \$ 900,000 has been approved for the City’s acquisition of the Property at 517 Prince Street, known as the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, which will be operated by the Office of Historic Alexandria as a future historic house museum. OHA will coordinate an effort to raise \$ 350,000 to complete the acquisition cost over the next few months. The current owner will have lifetime tenancy in return for the “bargain sale” donation of his real estate equity in the property.

HARC REPORT

Mr. Mallamo updated members on the new Preservation Strategies Committee of HARC and the Upcoming HARC retreat in January 2017.

POLICY #2

The Commission reviewed the proposed Policy #2 and a motion to approve was made by Carter Batey, seconded by Melinda Barnes and approved unanimously.

POLICY #3

The Commission members were requested by Mr. Commisso to review Policy #3 over the next month for consideration at the next meeting in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mallamo stated that easement inspections will be scheduled over three weekends later in the fall.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Nov.9, 2016, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

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