

MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Commisso, Edouard, Osborne, Yianilos, Froemming
Excused: Batey, Murphy, Sennewald,
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner and AL Cox, Historic Preservation,
Planning & Zoning Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo, Gebe Martinez-Johnson, Michael Maybeck, Judy Lo, Ben Skolnik
(Archaeology) and John Sprinkle

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

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January meeting by Melinda Barnes, seconded by Adam Froemming and approved unanimously.

EASEMENT OPPORTUNITY AT 319 QUEEN ST.

William Cromley made a presentation regarding an addition to the property and rehabilitation of the "EL" section at the rear of the property and wrapping the EL with a new structure. Windows would be removed and turned into doors to provide interior access between rooms.

Staff has recommended that the early interior features be covered by an easement.

Gebe Martinez-Johnson who lives adjacent to the property, represented that 57 neighbors have signed a petition against the project and have appealed to City Council which will hear the case on Feb. 25. She requested that consideration of the matter be deferred until after that date.

Another neighbor, Michael Maybeck, indicated that BAR did not take the impact of the project on scenic views into consideration.

Mr. Cromley questioned the Commission's role in deciding on the appropriateness of the addition and should be concerned with the question of whether it will accept the easement.

Motion was made by Michael Commisso to defer this item until the March meeting with a presentation to update excused members. Seconded by Melinda Barnes, approved unanimously.

FREEDMEN CEMETERY

Judy Lo of RPCA made a presentation on plans to install an automatic irrigation system at the site to lower weekly watering costs now done by manual labor. The system would be installed on the perimeter of the site with only 2 lines penetrating the interior of the site to avoid disturbing grave areas. The plan will be developed by RPCA and Alexandria Archaeology, and presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY:

Planning and Zoning staff will be completing the alley survey and putting data into the GIS system of the City.

POTOMAC YARD:

Al Cox informed members that the theater at Potomac Yard will be demolished and the site redeveloped in conjunction with the new Metro station. The Potomac Yard Shopping Center will be replaced with a mixed-use "town center" development in about 15 years.

RAMSEY HOUSES:

Mitigation processes required under the Sec. 106 review have been discussed and are now under consideration.

AHRPC POLICY #5 review:

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

OUTREACH UPDATES

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported on the status of OHA's proposed FY 2018 operating budget and the acquisition of the Murray-Fawcett-Dick House at 517 Prince Street.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:

Mr. Cox reviewed the BAR status of 319 Queen Street and another appeal to City Council in January on 317 S. Lee Street concerning a one-story addition to a 1996 dwelling. Planning & Zoning will also be working on a survey of the "Town of Potomac" and upgrading the 30 year old NR nomination.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Feb.8, 2017, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

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