

MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Batey, Commisso, Edouard, Froemming, Murphy, Osborne,
Excused: Yianilos
Unexcused: Sennewald
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo, Mrs. Reith, Michael Mayback, William Cromley and
Francois Duret (neighbor).

Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

Motioned was made by Melinda Barnes to approve the minutes of the January meeting and seconded by Deborah Osborne were approved unanimously.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Michael Commisso reported that a City intern at Planning & Zoning has completed 90% of the Alley Study in the Geographic Information System, so the project is largely completed.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

No Report.

WATERFRONT PLAN

No Report

RAMSEY HOUSES

Catherine Miliaras reported that about 25 mitigation measures have been proposed. About 10 letters in support have been received. OHA has agreed to implement some of the recommendations as part of its meeting.

EASEMENT 319 Queen Street

William Cromley provided a short presentation on the proposed addition to 319 Queen Street.

Mike Maybeck, representing 57 local homeowners, provided a statement opposing the project and suggested that it would send a precedent, allowing the adjacent homes to also construct additions to the rear of those residences. AHRPC has been asked to hold an easement covering certain features as part of the Board of Architectural Review approval. Mr. Mallamo reminded the members that currently AHRPC has no role in approving the construction of the new addition. If the commission declines to accept the easement, the property owners may approach another appropriate organization in the Commonwealth of Virginia to hold the easement.

A discussion ensued and it was decided to schedule an inspection of the property on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 4pm. No action will be taken on this request until after an appeal is heard by City Council on February 25.

HARC REPORT

The HARC retreat will be taking place on Saturday, March 4th from 8:30am-3pm @ Christ Church.

OHA REPORT

Mr. Mallamo reported that the Virginia Outdoors Foundation has awarded the City of Alexandria a grant of \$350,000 to acquire the Reeder House at 517 Prince Street. The City now has the full purchase costs assured and a closing is expected by the end of March. The 2018 budget will be announced shortly by the City Manager and OHA will meet its potential budget shortfall largely through increased fees. OHA and RPCA staff are currently reviewing responses for an RFP to develop a Ft. Ward Interpretive Plan, and a choice is to be announced in mid-March.

NEW BUSINESS

Easement inspections are to be conducted on February 25th at 9am.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 8 @ 8am.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Lance Mallamo, staff to the Commission

