

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

In Attendance: Batey, Commisso, Murphy, Osborne, Stevens
Excused: Froemming
Unexcused: Barnes, Eduard
City Staff: Nicole Quinn, Admin. Staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo

Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

The Minutes of the November meeting couldn't be approved at the time because there wasn't a Quorum.

They were motioned to be approved at ca. 8:20 by Carter Batey, seconded by Deborah Osborne and approved unanimously.

New member Cindy Stevens introduced herself and gave a brief intro about her work at Loitte and her being a resident of Alexandria for ca. 35 years.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

Michael Commisso reported that the last meeting went well and that it is currently in the media.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

No update.

AHRPC POLICY #5

Michael Commisso discussed with the group the outline of the description and asked for input. Patrick Murphy agreed, that the outlining description was fine. Charles Trozzo pointed out, that the position of OHA should be 'record-keeper' rather than 'administor'. Carter Batey asked about the sun-set clause and Catherine Miliaras suggested to add the 'option to extend'. In regards to 'prior written approval', Catherine suggested that that this needs to stay pertinent to the easement of the property. Further discussion will happen at the next meeting in January.

EASEMENTS: 213 N. Fairfax Street

Catherine Miliaras pointed out the BAR decision to protect the interior and for the applicant to enter into an agreement w. the Commission before any work or demolition.

Update on 420 N. Lee Street

The owner will go before the BAR at their meeting tonight for the enforcement of the previous denial and violation in regards to the design and size of the opening of the gate and fence at the property. Michael Commisso made clear, that AHRPC will not be represented at this meeting and stressed, that the Commission cannot take a position/stand after the letter of recommendation from the City Lawyer to challenge the owner on the open space part of the easement rather than the fence.

Deborah Osborne brought up the issue that the historic character of the neighborhood is/will be compromised with what the owner wants to do (change the entry-way).

Catherine explained the content of the BAR meeting about the property more in detail, namely that the owner is currently in violation (the size of the entry was previously denied). If the owner doesn't meet the staff recommendations, then legal procedures will ensue.

HARC REPORT

Nothing new to report

OHA REPORT

Nicole reported that there was nothing new to report.

EASEMENT INSPECTIONS

Will be completed soon, according to Michael Commisso. He also stressed that the Commission should take more ownership and pointed out that appointments will be made in coordination with OHA in the near future. Charles Trozzo cautioned not to overwhelm the owners with multiple people at these appointments. Michael Commisso asked for a list of the current easements held by AHRPC from OHA staff.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Jan. 10, 8 a.m. at Lloyd House

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Quinn, OHA Staff to the Commission