MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9 Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Edouard, Froemming, Batey Excused: Osborne, Stevens, Horne, Commisso

Unexcused:

City Staff: Dan Lee, City Historian, Office of Historic Alexandria

Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning & Zoning

Department

Guests: Charles Trozzo

Quorum was not reached. Chairman Commisso was absent due to prior engagement.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

The next meeting is May 31.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

Edouard provided update, including the city approving an additional \$52 million to cover the rise in price of steel and concrete. Instead of two entrances, the plan is for only one, facing the Target.

WATERFRONT PLAN

Ms. Miliaras pointed out that the Boat Club is now demolished and the view is now opened up. She also noted the repurposing of the foundation stones. Dr. Lee noted that the ships had been written up in the New York Times. One of the ships has been moved out of the ground and another will be soon.

AHRPC POLICY #7

No Vote was taken

EASEMENTS

No updates on 213 Fairfax, The city attorney is going to appeal a ruling on 420 Lee St

HARC REPORT

Ms. Barnes reported that the majority of the meeting was about the Waterfront Plan. Ms. Miliaris reported that the Roundtable held about easements went on for more than two hours. Attendance was less than hoped for, but attendees were very engaged.

OHA REPORT

Dr. Lee reported on Preservation Month events, especially the Open House at 517 Prince on Thursday, the Rosenwald Film Screening on the 16th, and the Painting and Brick workshop on the 19th. The Freedom House operating hours have been scaled back to Saturdays and Sundays until further notice. OHA has made it to round 2 of the National Trust Grant in its application for maintenance funding. FY 19 budget is approved, and OHA received a supplemental to add historical programming at the waterfront. Mr. Batey asked what the size of the supplemental was.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT

Ms. Miliaras said that the Northern Virginia Trust holds a variety of open space easements in Alexandria, including at 517 Prince. She noted that several of the attendees at the Round Table were interested in tax credits for their easements. The commission would like Chairman Commisso to invite a representative of the Northern Virginia Trust to a future meeting to find where easements overlap. Trozzo said that the memorandum of understanding between the City and the Northern Virginia Trust was still valid.

NEW BUSINESS

Easement inspection letters are to go out to Wales Alley, 108 S. St. Asaph, 307 S. St. Asaph, 211 S. Royal, and Gadsby's Tavern Museum, with a suggested inspection of June 9.

Ms. Miliaras updated the Commission on the Route 1 South Affordable Housing Strategy. The plan is going for public comment next week. The plan at the moment is limited to affordable housing units.

Mr. Batey commented on the commission's utility to the governor. Dr. Trozzo pointed out that the two state appointments serve to counterweigh the six appointed by the City Council, should the Council attempt to exert influence on the commission.

Mr. Froemming said that he really liked the new wayfinding signs. Lee and Miliaris recommended that he call Call.Click.Connect to express his approval.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Dan Lee, OHA Staff to the Commission