

MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION
8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Commisso, Froemming, Horne, Osborne
Excused: Anthony, Batey, Stevens
Unexcused:
City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria, Susan Hellman, staff, Office of
Historic Preservation
Guests: Trozzo

Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.
The Minutes of the August meeting were approved with amendments unanimously.
Susan Hellman was present representing the Historic Preservation Office.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

The survey is complete. The last meeting was August 22.

Freedom House

The Northern Virginia Urban League has put the building up for sale. Commisso would like to have the next AHRPC meeting there.

HARC REPORT

Osborne would like a definition of member's timed terms, and an updated website. HARC is discussing the Bank of Alexandria building, now owned by the Northern Virginia Park Authority. Christ Church is still considering selling or leasing the Ross building. Discussion about the City Hall Renovation.

OHA REPORT

OHA is holding two major events this month, the 5th Anniversary of the Contrabands and Freedmen’s Cemetery rededication, and the Equal Justice Initiative Public meeting.

City UPDATE

Susan Hellman represented the Office of Planning and Zoning. She reported on the research on the Bank of Alexandria building by the Archives and the Office of Historic Preservation. Her colleague Amirah Lane created a powerpoint presentation for “what it means if your home is in a Historic District.” The plan is to make it available to the public. The small cell 5G tower proposal is going to the BAR this month. 6 towers have already been approved.

Easements

Horne was acknowledged for her work inspecting 4 easement properties. She would like to alter the easement inspection checklist and thank you letters sent to all inspected properties, bringing up opportunities for new easements. Comisso agreed. She discussed an internal easement for 609 Oronoco, and one for 318 Prince St. Easement plaques were brought up again. Horne will draft the thank you letter.

ACTION ITEMS

Policy #8 was pushed. Barnes and Osborne volunteered to work on it.

The Commission has received a request from a lawyer representing one of the Lloyd House Neighbors asking for a submission of the property deed for the property. The Commission is dealing with the State Attorney General’s office, which has been very responsive in this matter.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Lee, OHA Staff to the Commission