

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:00 a.m

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

In Attendance: Cindy Stevens, Susan Horne, Carter Batey, Melinda Barnes, Deborah Osborne, Marie Smith
Excused: Michael Commisso, Taryn Anthony
Unexcused:
City Staff: Whitney Harris, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria
Susan Hellman, staff, Office of Historic Preservation
Guests:

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order 8:05 am. Introduction of new member Smith
2. Reading of Virtual Meeting Notice - Harris read the notice language
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of December meetings as amended – Stevens motioned for approval, Barnes seconded, Unanimous Approval
4. Advocacy Updates – Question about Virginia Bill 1760, Batey will check for us with the proposer, who is from Loudon County
 - a. HARC Report- Del Pepper will not run for reelection in City Council, Annual Christmas party,
There will be another meeting on the Heritage Apartments on February 20th, Friends of OHA will seek Tax deductible donations,
Old Hotel on Washington Street will be integrated into new structure, Liberty gas station Is still not in compliance
 - b. OHA Report – Lee reported updates to OHA building repairs for Lloyd House, Alexandria Black History Museum, Lyceum, Fort Ward, and Freedom House. All Museums closed on Dec. 22
 - c. City Updates – Pirvi Irwin giving a talk on diversity in Historic Preservation, Bank of Alexandria building has been sold into private ownership, as of last week, Liberty Gas, meeting with the owner’s attorney, problem is with painting the masonry. Old Town Hotel was picked up and moved back as a basement is installed, Plan is at the Barrett Branch, Heritage Project is 4 blocks large, but only 2 are in the Old and Historic District.
7. New Business – Easement Inspections-Stevens has done 4, Batey has done 2, Horne wants to

Propose that Easements be inspected every 2 years, but not until it is safe to resume inspections, update to inspection form, Letter for future inspections

8. Updates/Issues-Creation of a Zoom Presentation introducing easements to home owners, Horne asks about how to make the Commission more relevant to homeowners

9. Next meeting February 10, 2021 at 8 a.m. (virtual)

10. Adjournment – Susan Horne adjourned meeting at 8.59 a.m.