

# Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

## MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

8:00 a.m

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

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In Attendance: Cindy Stevens, Susan Horne, Melinda Barnes, Deborah Osborne, Marie Smith, Carter Batey, Michael Commisso, Taryn Anthony,

Excused:

Unexcused:

City Staff: Whitney Harris, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria  
Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria  
Susan Hellman, staff, Historic Preservation Office

Guests:

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1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order 8:01 am

2. Reading of Virtual Meeting Notice - Harris read the notice language

3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of March meetings as amended – Batey motioned for approval, Smith seconded, Unanimous Approval

4. Advocacy Updates –HARC Report- Osborne did not attend March meeting

OHA Report –Lloyd House renovation is complete. Freedom House is almost done but is waiting for elevator replacement and end of COVID restrictions. Historic Preservation Month is in May.

City Updates – National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will host a virtual Commission Assistance and Mentoring Training for the Board of Architectural Review and Preservation staff. We will also include some OHA staff, as well as one representative from various commissions. AHRPC should provide me the name of whomever will be attending. The dates are 5/14 9am – 12:30 and 5/20 4pm – 7:30pm.

The appeal of the BAR denial of a cell facility located at 215 N. Patrick Street will go to City Council on May 15.

The City Attorneys Office has determined that BAR committees are now permitted to meet virtually. Three committees will be meeting: The By-Laws committee, the Design Guidelines committee, the Noticing committee. These will be advertised like all public hearings.

For Preservation month, Purvi Irwin, John Sprinkle, and Jaqueline Taylor will have a panel discussion on Equity in Preservation.

5. Special Presentation-The Commission played a 20 minute recorded presentation by Purvi Irwin, who was not attending. The presentation was originally given at the January HARC meeting. A reporter from ALXNow mistakenly thought that Ms. Irwin was giving the presentation live, and misrepresented both the presenter and some members of the commission in an online article that has been corrected.

6. Old Business-

7. New Business – Discussion about visiting Lowther house for indoor easement.

8. Updates/Issues-

9. Next meeting May12, 2021 at 8 a.m. (virtual)

10. Adjournment – Susan Horne adjourned meeting at 9:02 a.m.