

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:00 a.m

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

In Attendance: Susan Horne, Melinda Barnes, Marie Smith, Michael Commisso, Taryn Anthony,

Excused: Carter Batey, Deborah Osborne, Cindy Stevens

Unexcused:

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

Guests:

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 April meetings as amended – Anthony motioned for approval, Commisso seconded, Unanimous Approval

4. Advocacy Updates –HARC Report- Osborne was not in attendance

OHA Report –Discussion about ALXNow article on April Meeting. Historic Preservation Month events.

City Updates – NAPC CAMP will live-stream, so everyone may watch. This event is a training and not a public meeting. The public is welcome to view the training but cannot participate. Taryn is officially a registrant, so she may participate on behalf of AHRPC. Here are the links:

CAMP Alexandria Pt. 1 - May 14, 2021, 9am – 12:30pm: <https://youtu.be/nnKtehczJk>

CAMP Alexandria Pt. 2 - May 20, 2021, 4pm – 7:30pm: https://youtu.be/iCLGP_Q8xaI

And here’s general information on the program: <https://napcommissions.org/camp/>

One Hundred Year Old Buildings: This registry of officially designated buildings that are at least 100 years old, has recently attracted a lot of attention. The Director of Planning & Zoning has decided that we will now open up the process to the public. In the past, only staff recommended buildings to be added to the list. Now citizens may put buildings forward for listing. We will be putting the instructions

on the HP website shortly. To submit an application, the applicant must fill out an NR PIF and submit it to BAR staff who will review/evaluate it. If the application is complete and accurate, the application will go to the BAR. If the BAR approves, it will then go to Planning Commission, and then to City Council. If City Council approves, they will craft an ordinance designating the property. It's a pretty long and involved process. Currently, we have 34 100YOB. You can see them on the HP Preservation Viewer GIS map (use Chrome):

<https://geo.alexandriava.gov/Html5Viewer/Index.html?viewer=historicpreservationviewer>

215 N. Patrick cell facility appeal: This goes to Council this Saturday, May 15. Staff supported the application, but the BAR denied it. The applicant has appealed to Council.

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

6. Old Business- Horne and Commisso visited Lowther house for indoor easement, and recommended that they apply for another easement

7. New Business – Lee agreed to contact VDHR to find out how tax credits work for easements, Horne agreed to contact Chuck Trozzo for previous easement structures, Stevens has moved to Florida, and will require replacement. Waldron's replacement is still being worked on by the City Clerk. Stevens will need to be replaced as inspections coordinator, but Smith and Anthony wanted time to think about it, since they have not done an inspection themselves.

8. Updates/Issues-

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

10. Adjournment – Susan Horne adjourned meeting at 8:47 a.m.