

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

8:00 a.m

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

In Attendance: Susan Horne, Melinda Barnes, Marie Smith, Deborah Osborne, Taryn Anthony,

Excused: Carter Batey, Michael Commisso, \

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 8:12 am
2. Reading of Virtual Meeting Notice - Harris read the notice language
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of May meetings as amended – Smith motioned for approval, Anthony seconded, Unanimous Approval
4. Advocacy Updates – Anthony reported on NAPC CAMP training May 14 and May 21, Hellman and Lee also attended.

HARC Report- Osborne didn't attend May HARC Meeting. Read highlights of April meeting. HARC has a vote if a property is being decommissioned from Historic designation. River Farm property is still being discussed argument that the gifter did not authorize the Horticultural Society to have it divided by a developer. Some properties are going to be nominated from Del Ray. 100-year historic buildings need the consent of the owners.

OHA Report –Freedom House renovation is almost done. Lloyd House renovation is done. City will be closed on June 18th for the Juneteenth holiday.

City Updates – Cell tower was approved by City Council, overriding BAR. GW Middle School has been designated a national historic site. Historic Preservation is requesting an intern to help survey historic districts.

6. Old Business-

7. New Business – Stevens resigned from the commission. Dividing up the remaining easements. Needs three volunteers. Smith needs to shadow an inspection. Commission members will send

schedules to Dan to organize date in July or August. Anthony reported on conversation with Dan for meeting with Audrey Davis – open spaces related to African American history in Alexandria and opportunities for growth.

8. Updates/Issues- Legal training from City Attorney's Office at June 16th BAR Hearing at 7 pm

9. Next meeting July 14, 2021 at 8 a.m. in person at the Lloyd House

10. Adjournment – Susan Horne adjourned meeting at 8:56 a.m.