

Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission
MINUTES

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

8:00 a.m

Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St.

In Attendance: Susan Horne, Marie Smith, Deborah Osborne, Taryn Anthony, Michael Commisso

Excused: Carter Batey, Melinda Barnes

Unexcused:

City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria

Guests:

1. Call to Order – Chairwoman Horne called the meeting to order 8:12 am

2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of June meeting–
Commisso motioned for approval, Anthony seconded, Unanimous Approval

4. Advocacy Updates –

HARC Report- Osborne was unable to attend the June meeting.

OHA Report –City plans to have all commission meetings in person going forward. Commission is missing two members. OHA is trying to get appropriate resignations so new members can apply.

City Updates-Due to the ability to meet in person now, the BAR Design Guidelines committee will meet on Thursday July 15 at 9am in the Sister Cities Room in City Hall. The committee will initially focus on the Parker Gray district, then move on to the Old and Historic District once Parker Gray (PG) is completed. The entire process will take several months. At this week’s meeting we expect them to outline their future steps and prioritize which categories to address first.

Due to the lengthy regular docket for the BAR 7/21 hearing and the expected length of the Heritage case, the Heritage case has been moved to its own hearing, 7/29 at 7pm.

The July BAR hearings are a hybrid format with people able to participate either in person or via Zoom. There must be at least a quorum of BAR staff in the Council Chambers; staff is also in Council Chambers. The 7/7 hearing went quite well using this format. It will probably continue in the fall.

Unfortunately, the Preservation division will not get an intern to work on the OHAD survey as we had hoped.

Finally, and most fun, the historic house at 802 N. Washington, part of the Towne Motel project, was moved to its final location on July 7.

6. Old Business-

7. New Business – Commisso and Anthony agreed to inspect 5 properties next week. Horne and Smith agreed to do one inspection together.

8. Updates/Issues-

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.