

# MINUTES

## ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

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In Attendance: Commisso, Edouard, Murphy, Sennewald, Yianilos  
Excused: Batey, Barnes, Osborne  
City Staff: J.Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria  
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Dept. of Planning & Zoning

Guests: Charles (Chuck) Trozzo

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Chairman Michael (Mike) Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The Minutes of the June and July minutes were tabled until the September meeting.

### 1. EASEMENT PROJECT REVIEW

The commission discussed the July BAR review of the proposed improvements at 420 South Lee Street as well as the continued issues related to the easement that the commission holds for the property. In particular, the commission discussed the applicant's more recent argument that the commission does not have the legal authority to enforce the easement based on its enabling legislation and the fence is not covered within the easement. The commission continues to disagree with this stance, stating that the fence is contained within the survey, metes and bounds description recorded with the easement and is also depicted in the photographs. Thus, the easement applies to the proposed work to the fence. It was concluded that a letter be sent to the applicant addressing the numerous concerns that were raised during the June site inspection of the property and the necessary corrective actions that are required to resolve these issues. The letter will reiterate the commission's stance that the fence is within the purview of the easement. Finally, the Commission expects that the applicant will bring any changes to the approved scope of work to its attention prior to any future applications to the Old and Historic District Board of Architectural Review.

### 2. AHRPC VACANCIES/RECRUITMENT

Chairman Commisso questioned the process for obtaining new members noting that the commission currently has two vacancies. Lance Mallamo stated that the city will automatically advertise the positions in the ensuing months.

### 3. ADVOCACY UPDATES

**Alexandria Alleys Survey:** Mike Commisso reported that the alley group met on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Lloyd House to discuss progress on the inventory of the alleys and to develop an excel spreadsheet that can be used in the creation of spatial data. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lloyd House.

**Potomac Yard Metro Station:** Lisa reported that the Final EIS for the Potomac Yard Metro Station is currently available for public review. Concurrent with the completion of the EIS process, the City, in cooperation with the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA), has developed a conceptual design for the station. This conceptual design will be included in the Request for Proposals that will invite design-build teams to bid on the project. It is anticipated that the RFP will be released by the end of the summer 2016.

**Waterfront Plan:** The waterfront plan implementation has been largely centered on the flood mitigation plan and the hotel development along the waterfront.

**Ramsey Homes:** Lance reported that the Section 106 process has been initiated for the Ramsey House. AHRPC has been identified as a consulting party. An archeological assessment was submitted in April. ARHA anticipates that the Section 106 process will be completed by December 2016 with the completion of a Memorandum of Agreement.

**517 Prince Street (Support letter for VLCF Grant):** Mike Commisso reported that a letter was prepared in support of the Virginia Land Conservation grant request for \$1,250,000 by the City of Alexandria for the acquisition of the Historic Murray-Dick-Fawcett House. This house is within the Old and Historic Alexandria District and is individually designated as a National Historic Landmark.

### 4. OUTREACH UPDATES

**HARC Report:** The commission did not meet in July. The commission will reconvene in September.

**OHA Report:** Mr. Mallamo reported that there was nothing new to report.

### 5. AHRPC POLICIES

AHRPC POLICY #2- to be approved next meeting and AHRPC POLICY #3 will be distributed for review.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS—GOALS FOR AHRPC FOR JULY 2016-JUNE 2017

As stated in the annual report for July 2016 through June 2017, the Commission intends to continue the main lines of the programs that it has been following to implement its general mission to promote historic preservation throughout the City of Alexandria. Chris Yianilos suggested that the commission routinely review the 30 easements that the commission holds so that all members are well-versed and knowledgeable on the easements. Lance Mallamo suggested that the review of the easements be carried out in conjunction with the annual inspections. Chairman Commisso suggested that at the next meeting,

a list of the 30 easements be provided so that the commission members can obtain a better understanding of the easements and begin the process of review.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was set for September, 14, 2016, at 8 a.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Lance Mallamo, Staff to the Commission