HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

PRESENT:

Melinda BarnesElliot Bell-KrasnerSeveriano OrtizJohn DumsickLaura LiebermanGail RothrockJolande GoldbergLinda LovellDanny SmithMartha HarrisElizabeth McCallMonica St. DennisWilliam HendricksonKrystyn MoonStephen Stuart

EXCUSED: Kelly Spradley-Kurowski

Maddy McCoy Tracey Tobin

ABSENT: Stephen Damm

Shawn Eyer Keith Moore Nancy Tingen

CITY STAFF: Gretchen Bulova, OHA

Tony Gammon, DPI Jack Browand, RPCA

Al Cox, BAR

Apasrin Suvanasai, OHA

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Indy McCall at 7:03 p.m. at Lloyd House.

Approval of Minutes for March 20, 2018 Meeting

Postponed until next meeting.

Tony Gammon, Director, Department of Project Implementation (DPI) and Jack Browand, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, Park Planning, Design & Capital Development

Presentation on the new King Street Park and phased implementation of Waterfront History Plan.

Topics Discussed:

- Implementation Timeline
- SLaFMD Olin Plan (June 2014)
- Art and History Waterfront Plans
- Art and History Opportunities
- Phasing and Funding Plans
- Flood Mitigation Priority
- King Street Park at the Waterfront
- Citywide Wayfinding Design Guidelines
- Waterfront Implementation

Next Steps:

- Prioritize opportunities identified for public art and historic expression.
- Explore opportunities for history interpretation at the interim park.
- Coordinate interpretation program with implementation phasing.

Tony Gammon reminded HARC that any historical structures created will be temporary installments (5-7 years.)

Gretchen Bulova stated the Waterfront Plan is still in its early stages and there is time to incorporate historic elements.

Waterfront Discoveries Update; Archaeology Update

Elizabeth McCall opened the discussion. Three more ships have been discovered; one is integrated into the wharf. All are from the same time period as the Indigo Hotel site ship. The ships were deliberately placed as landfill for banking out. On Saturday, April 14th, a public tour/viewing was held; approximately 3,200 visitors. The EYA was very accommodating. This is an educational process that requires continual outreach; hopefully an opportunity to bring HARC closer to the community. Further research is needed to create a solid historical analysis that places these ships into a global perspective in terms of their voyages.

Equal Justice Initiative (EJI)

Gretchen Bulova opened the discussion explaining that EJI will be creating six-foot, steel pillars that will represent the two individuals lynched in Alexandria. HARC should discuss possible locations for these pillars once they arrive. Students from Duke Ellington will be attending EJI's opening reception. They wish to represent Alexandria and accept the pillars on the city's behalf.

On a motion by Krystyn Moon, seconded by Laura Lieberman, HARC voted to write a letter to the City Manager in support of the Duke Ellington students representing the City of Alexandria at the EJI opening reception.

On a motion by Elliot Bell-Krasner, seconded by Krystyn Moon, HARC voted to write a letter to the Duke Ellington students thanking them for representing the City of Alexandria.

Spring2ACTion

Spring2ACTion is a 24-hour online event that provides a way to connect donors to charitable causes. OHA's annual Spring2Action Fundraising Happy Hour – Power Hour will be held at The Lyceum April 25th from 6-8:30 p.m. The Historic Alexandria Museums hope to collectively raise \$30,000 this year.

BAR Update

Al Cox opened the discussion. There are currently two separate Boards of Architectural Review: The Old and Historic Alexandria District and the Parker-Gray District. Al Cox gave a brief history behind the separation of the two boards and revealed that discussions are being had about consolidating the two.

Standing Sub-Committee Reports

It was decided that due to the late hour, the sub-committee reports would wait until the next month to report.

OHA Update

Gretchen Bulova reported on The Lyceum's stucco and wood renewal restoration, Historic Preservation Month events, and the April 23rd 6:30 to 8 p.m. City Volunteer Appreciation event on Market Square.

The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Apasrin Suvanasai, OHA Staff to the Commission