

**HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019

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**PRESENT:**

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| Shawn Eyer          | Laura Lieberman | Gail Rothrock     |
| Martha Harris       | Linda Lovell    | Danny Smith       |
| Bill Hendrickson    | Maddy McCoy     | Monica St. Dennis |
| Michael Hobbs       | Deborah Osborne | Stephen Stuart    |
| Richard Kligenmaier |                 |                   |

**EXCUSED:**

John Dumsick????  
Jolande Goldberg  
Paul Mazzuca  
Elizabeth McCall

**ABSENT:**

Keith Moore???  
Severiano Ortiz

**CITY STAFF:**

Gretchen Bulova, OHA  
Al Cox, BAR  
Aparin Suvanasai, OHA

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith at 7:10 p.m. at Lloyd House.

**Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2019 Meeting**

On a motion by, Stephen Stuart seconded by Maddy McCoy, HARC voted to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting with edits.

**Chairs Update**

Letter to the National Register of Historic Places regarding their proposed changes was written and submitted.

**Board of Architectural Review Update - Al Cox**

Next BAR Meeting:

- Small Cell Facilities/Antennas:  
Presentations have begun. Will be a phase approach. First phase will fill in weak areas of 4G. Antennas will be installed on top of existing wood power poles. Must be raised 6 ft. above existing pole height. First antennas will be located at the 100 block of North Wythe Street and the 100 or 200 block of South Payne Street. Next phase involves 5G antennas. Hopefully existing poles will be used to mount the small cell equipment. Wireless carriers can each mount their own antennas. BAR may be able to assist with the design of new poles if needed.
- Gas Stations:

Consultants have proposed that three gas stations on Washington Street should install canopies with LED lights. BAR opposes additional LED lights.

- 10 Duke Street Project – Historic Warehouse in Robinson Landing Site:  
BAR approved restoration of building. The grade is being raised 3.5 feet around the building. Current and 4<sup>th</sup> design/proposal includes: Carefully documenting the building, dismantling the building, saving original reusable materials, setting a new foundation at appropriate grade, reconstructing the building with original materials, and repairing windows. Roof monitor may be installed – will help with ventilation and natural lighting.

### **Update on 619 South Lee – City Council Hearing Results**

Unanimous vote in favor to additions. In retrospect, perhaps efforts should have been continued with and concentrated on the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, asking them to reconsider their decision.

### **Christ Church Update – Letter to Christ Church**

The over height request has been reduced to an acceptable level. Al Cox stated design plans will be submitted soon.

### **Freedom House Museum Update – Gretchen Bulova**

Joshua Rothman visited on May 16 & 17 to give a lecture, “What Happened in That House on Duke Street: The Story of the Men Who Transformed the Domestic Slave Industry” and lead a staff workshop regarding Freedom House Museum. The lecture was sold out and the workshop was a success. The lecture was recorded, Gretchen Bulova will send a link to the video once it is made available.

### **HARC Committee Reports**

Education & Outreach – Martha Harris reported the subcommittee has been mostly focused on preparing for the 619 South Lee Street - City Council Hearing.

OHA Subcommittee – Linda Lovell reported on two issues.

1. Orientation packets have been distributed to new City Council members. Will be distributed to new HARC members as well.
2. Has been talking with individuals who are interested in leaving behind legacy gifts to 501(c) organizations. OHA needs a 501(c) foundation for such individuals to contribute towards.

African American Heritage Trail – Maddy McCoy reported the subcommittee is almost finished with the 1 ½ year project. First phase involved creating an African American map of the entire Waterfront. Tours will start at Waterfront and lead into various neighborhoods.

### **OHA Report – Gretchen Bulova**

#### **Museums**

1. May is Historic Preservation month! We enjoyed great attendance at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House Open House on Thursday May, 2<sup>nd</sup> – despite the rain deluge! We had a sold-out audience for Josh Rothman’s talk on 1315 Duke Street. This week, we will wrap up Historic Preservation month with a lecture by Tom Mayes with the National Trust.
2. Visiting Scholar: May 22

Grab a sandwich on May 22 and head over to the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum from Noon until 1pm as you learn from Christopher Booth, visiting scholar from the University of Nottingham, UK. Combining evidence from excavations and museums across Britain, Ireland, and the British Colonial Atlantic together with contemporary writings. Christopher is examining several topics around the work and place of early modern apothecaries. His talk will focus on one of them: how apothecaries used material culture to create trust in their patients through highly constructed retail spaces as well as use of the display of specimens, decorated drug jars, and instruments of pharmacy.

3. 75<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of D-Day

Commemoration event is planned for Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 11 to 4 at Waterfront Park. Festivities will include community booths, a French Market, a wine garden, reenactors, and children's activities, a meet the veteran's tent, and a special program. We will be hosting the Deputy Mayor of Caen, France and sending a delegation to Caen for the June 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**OHA Projects**

1. An information meeting on the Equal Justice Initiative will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Durant Center. (Same night as HARC, sorry!)
2. City Council ADOPTED the FY20 budget. We received an additional FTE – division chief of Administration – as well as funding for the digital documentation of the excavated ships, funding for a Master Plan for the MDF Fawcett House, funds to address maintenance at Fort Ward, and more.
3. Planning to install an interpretive panel and graphics of historic trains at Union Station in the next month.
4. OHA has four temporary hires to work on specific projects for the next 6 months: Research on the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, cataloging the Carlton Funn Collection, cataloging the Moss Kendrix Collection, and updating the research for Freedmen's Cemetery.
5. Plans are forming for the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Freedmen's Cemetery. Events are being planned for the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

To Do:

Danny Smith proposed the next HARC meeting be shortened and held at the Durant Center on June 18 at 6 p.m. in order for HARC members to attend the EJI meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Reminders will be sent out.

**Commissioner Updates (as needed)**

Shawn Eyer – George Washington Masonic Memorial

- Restoration Project – top to bottom exterior restoration. Interior restorations as well. Hope to finish in time for the Centennial Celebration in 2023.

Deborah Osborne – AHRPC

- Would like to hear of any updates on the Campagna Center
- There have been rumors about VA Tech. moving

Maddy McCoy for John Dumsick – Carlyle House

- Blue Star Museums Military Program – 5/18 to Labor Day
- Pillars to Pavers: Preservation in Alexandria. Last tour May 25 at 10 a.m.
- Trivia Night – every other Friday, 7pm June – August at Lee-Fendall House.

- Summer Yoga on Tuesdays & Saturdays on the Magnolia Terrace.
- June 15 - Juneteenth Civil War Hands-On History Tent children's programming with Civil War reenactors.
- June 22 – NOVA Parks Open House from 12 - 4 p.m.

Michael Hobbs – Old Town Civic Association

- Main topic of discussion has been Hugo Black House Issue

Gail Rothrock – HAF

- Annual Meeting Garden Party – June 9<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m.

Laura Lieberman – Lee-Fendall House

- Annual Fundraiser on September 14. Prohibition themed. Tickets are available.

Linda Lovell – Mortar & Pestle Society

- Annual Meeting – June 24 at 7 p.m. at Lloyd House. The Director of DEA Museum will give talk about effects of the 1904 & 1906 FDA.
- Apothecary floor mats postponed to July.
- MARS Chocolate Grant research

Danny Smith – Business Representative

- A small piece of wood from George Washington's first burial casket is on display at the GW Memorial.

HARC elections will be held in September.

The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Apasrin Suvanasai, OHA Staff to the Commission