

**HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

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**PRESENT:**

Carol Black	Tom Soule	Shawn Eyer
Rosemarie Esber	Monica St. Dennis	Sam Hoffman
Martha Harris	Deborah Osborne	Steve Stuart
Michael Hobbs	Martha Raymond	Catherine Weinraub
Gail Rothrock	Ivy Whitlatch	Linda Lovell

**EXCUSED:**

Richard Klingenmaier  
Danny Smith  
Andrea Tracey

**ABSENT:**

Laura Lieberman

**GUESTS:**

Karl Moritz, Director of Planning and Zoning  
Catherine Miliaras, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning  
William Hendrickson (public)

**CITY STAFF:**

Gretchen Bulova, OHA  
Susan Helman, Planning and Zoning  
William Conkey, Planning and Zoning

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lovell at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom Webinar

**Reading of Virtual Meeting Notice**

Tonight's virtual meeting via Zoom is being recorded.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, the October 19, 2021 meeting of the Historic Alexandria Resource Commission is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Sections 4-0.00(g) in HB29 and HB30 to undertake essential business. All of the members of the Commission and staff are participating from remote locations through Zoom. This meeting is being held electronically, as a determination has been made that it is not safe to meet in person. The meeting can be accessed by the public through the link or phone number posted on the City calendar. Public comment WILL be received at the meeting by stating name

and comment. Questions can be submitted to the committee through the Q&A feature on Zoom. This meeting will be recorded and posted on the [alexandriava.gov/historic](http://alexandriava.gov/historic) webpage. Zoom is compatible with assistive technologies such as screen readers and keyboard shortcuts.

### **Presentation by the Department of Planning and Zoning**

- Discussion of how historic preservation is included in the planning process.
- Opening remarks by Karl Moritz, Director of Planning and Zoning
- Presentation by Catherine Miliaras, Principal Planner, Planning and Zoning

### **Approval of Minutes for September 21, 2021**

On a motion by Monica St. Dennis and seconded by Steve Stuart, HARC voted to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting.

### **Chairs Update**

- Welcome to new member, Catherine Weinraub (Representing the Alexandria Historical Society)
- Both Danny Smith and Ivy Whitlatch spoke before the Planning Commission at their last meeting concerning the care and mitigation of Prince Street.

### **Commissioner Updates**

#### **Rosemarie Esber – Planning District I**

- African American Heritage Park walkways are looking great!

#### **Deborah Osborne – AHRPC**

- Working on easement reviews
- Have questions about easements on private property and issues of open space. Talking with Planning and Zoning.
- Property owners with easements are required to open to the public once a year

#### **Monica St. Dennis – Public Records Advisory Commission**

- Two vacancies on the Commission.

#### **Catherine Weinraub – Alexandria Historical Society**

- Co-sponsoring a program with ACRP, panel discussion around the film “How the Monuments Came Down”

#### **Ivy Whitlatch – Alexandria Archaeological Commission**

- Filled three vacancies, one remaining
- Submitted budget letter to the City Manager
- Presented at the City Manager Survey Meeting, advocating for archaeology, preservation, and history.
- Ben Brenman Awards at next Tuesday’s 10/26/2021 Council meeting

#### **Gail Rothrock – HAF**

- HAF will not hold their annual fundraiser, but hope individuals will continue to contribute to support their grant program

### **Shawn Eyer – GW Memorial**

- Remain closed, open by appointment

### **Linda Lovell – Mortar and Pestle Society**

- Officers were elected for the upcoming year

### **New Business - none**

### **Old Business**

#### **Closure of King Street, Planning Commission Update (Ivy Whitlach)**

- No new updates.

#### **Torpedo Factory for All (Ivy Whitlach)**

- Reported on the Office of the Arts Plan for the Torpedo Factory presentation, given to the Waterfront Commission.
- Potential issues HARC should be aware of:
  - 1) Observation deck with exterior elevator
  - 2) Restaurant on east side of first floor with windows replacing the current façade
  - 3) Budget approval for maritime museum feasibility study

#### **New City Council Member Briefings (Steve Stuart)**

- Working on packets for December/January briefing

#### **Elks Lodge Update (Carol Black)**

- Tour for HARC members of Elks Lodge (227 N. Henry Street) this Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Masks required. Short meeting following the tour.

#### **Heritage Old Town Apartments (Linda Lovell)**

- Danny attended the October 6th BAR meeting
- Discussion about height of the building (five vs. seven stories.)

#### **December 21 meeting date (Linda Lovell)**

- Please email Linda individually to confirm attendance, to verify quorum.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Advocacy Committee – Martha Raymond, Co-Chair**

- Committee did not meet in October but will meet virtually on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. Topics include Jones Point Lighthouse preservation, Torpedo Factory, and 100 block of Prince Street

#### **OHA Support Committee – Steve Stuart, Chair**

- HARC'S updated manual should be complete within the next month.

**Ad Hoc, HARC Composition – Richard Kligenmaier, Chair**

- Deferred to November HARC meeting

**Bylaws – Sam Hoffman, Chair**

- Deferred to November HARC meeting
- Have received some Commission feedback

**Board of Architectural Review Update – Bill Conkey**

**Welcomed new BAR Member – Laurie Ossman**

**Heritage Apartments**

Currently in review by BAR for Certificate of Appropriateness. This will be heard on October 20<sup>th</sup>, a continuation of the October 6<sup>th</sup> hearing, with no public input.

**101 Duke Street Townhomes**

This will be heard October 20<sup>th</sup>, a continuation of the October 6<sup>th</sup> hearing, with no public input.

**805 North Columbus Multifamily Building (also referred to as Columbus Flats)**

Will be returning to the BAR for a Certificate of Appropriateness review in December.

**OHA Report – Gretchen Bulova**

1. Freedom House Museum
  - HSR results will be presented by SmithGroup on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. on zoom.
2. Douglass Cemetery
  - Friends group has formed to work on the maintenance of the historic cemetery
3. Alexandria Community Remembrance Project
  - Film Discussion on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., How the Monuments Came Down can be screened in advance of the panel.
  - The pilgrimage committee is seeking interest and input in the October 2022 trip to EJI, please complete the survey online.
  - Monthly newsletter highlights committee meetings and events
4. One night only – Poe in Alexandria at the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum

The Historic Alexandria Resources Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Apasrin Suvanasai, OHA staff to the commission