

# MINUTES

## ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

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In Attendance: Commisso, Froemming, Osborne, Horne  
Excused: Batey, Froemming, Barnes, Anthony  
Unexcused:  
City Staff: Dan Lee, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria

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Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m.

The Minutes of the December and February meeting were tabled until the next meeting due to no quorum.

### Freedom House UPDATE

Lee Reported that the City is planning to close on the building at the end of the month. The name will stay for 5 years, and the NVUL will stay for 3 years. The exhibit will be brought upstairs and new exhibits will eventually be installed as well. Commisso asked what the division of labor will be between the Freedom House and the ABHM, and Lee explained that there will be more of a chronological focus, with 20th century history at ABHM.

### HARC REPORT

Osborne reported from the Feb. meeting

- Al Cox presented on solar panel installation and historic preservation
- Bill Conkey was hired by the Department of Planning and Zoning and was in attendance

- Cox went over design guidelines, one example was 211 S. Asaph St.
- There was a discussion about the Liberty gas station on N. Washington, which
- Changed its aesthetic overnight and without permission
- The Open Space initiative is being run by Martha Harris
- Equal Justice Initiative is holding an event on April 23 to remember the lynching Of Joseph McCoy
- Torpedo Factory lease ends on Sept. 1
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## **OHA REPORT**

Historic Preservation Month is still coming up in May. May 15 is the Ramsey Homes Symposium. It's unclear if there is any room for an AHRPC presentation this year at the panel.

## **EASEMENTS**

One of the two properties that received the registered letter responded and requested an inspection. Comisso needs to check on what to do if the owner never responds.

## **POLICY #8**

Barnes wasn't in attendance

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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## **NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE**

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 8 at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Lee, OHA Staff to the Commission