

**Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission**  
**MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 11, 2020

8:00 a.m

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

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In Attendance: Cindy Stevens, Michael Commisso, Deborah Osborne, Carter Batey,  
Excused: Melinda Barnes, Taryn Anthony, Susan Horne  
Unexcused:  
City Staff: Whitney Harris, staff, Office of Historic Alexandria  
Susan Hellman, staff, Planning and Zoning  
Guests:

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1. Call to Order - Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order 8:08 am.
2. Reading of Virtual Meeting Notice - Harris read the notice language
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of October meetings as amended – Stevens motioned for approval, Batey seconded, Unanimous Approval
4. Advocacy Updates – Commisso brings up concerns regarding seven-story Heritage apartment development. Hellman reported the development currently under concept review. Community meeting to be held by City. Development complying with small area plan with affordable housing component. Council reaffirmed BAR decision. Commisso states concerns regarding height and density of development.
5. Outreach Updates - None stated
  - a. HARC Report-No Update
  - b. OHA Report – Harris reported updates to OHA building repairs for Lloyd House, Alexandria Black History Museum, Lyceum, Fort Ward, and Freedom House. Archaeology, Apothecary, and Gadsby’s are open.
  - c. City Updates – Hellman will email details for Virtual Community Meeting on Heritage Redevelopment Project
7. New Business - Elections – Commisso stepping down as chair. Susan Horne as potential nominee. Commisso to follow up with email.
8. Updates/Issues

Osborne states that development in historic district should have quality materials. Hellman clarifies that strict regulations for developments required but that some of these building are outside of the historic district.

9. Next meeting December 9, 2020 at 8 a.m. (virtual)

10. Adjournment - Michael Commisso adjourned meeting at 8:45 a.m.