

Alexandria Archaeological Commission  
Minutes of July 17, 2019 Meeting

**Members Present:**

Elizabeth (Indy) McCall, Member at Large  
(Chair)  
Ivy Whitlatch, Planning District I (Vice Chair)  
Ann Davin, Member at Large (Secretary)  
Jacob Hoogland, Member at Large  
Mark Ludlow, Member at Large, Waterfront  
Commission  
Richard (Dick) Owens, Friends of Alexandria  
Archaeology  
Edward (Ted) Pulliam, Alexandria Association  
Ralph Rosenbaum, Member at Large

Seth Tinkham, Historic Alexandria Foundation  
Esther White, Planning District II

**Excused:**

Georgia (Cathy) Cannady, Alexandria Historical  
Society  
Dylan Colligan, Business Community  
Janice Magnusson, Planning District III

**City Staff:**

Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist

**Call to Order**

Elizabeth (Indy) McCall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

AAC members reviewed the May Minutes (there were no June minutes because the June meeting was the Walkabout) and a motion was made by Dick Owens to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ralph Rosenbaum. All members agreed.

**Membership and Nominations**

Indy McCall stated that a nominating committee was needed to draft a new slate of officers for the Commission. Indy's term expires February 10, 2020 and she also will not be a representative to the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC). Ted Pulliam and Janice Magnusson formed last year's committee and have been nominated as this year's search committee.

**Strategic Plan**

Indy discussed the need to advocate for the AAC and build relationships with the new members on the City Council. How do we educate City Council to the importance of preserving a sense of neighborhood, like Warwick Village?

- Revamp the packet that the AAC distributes to Council members. Discussed circulating materials we have with HARC and AAC and expand from there.
- Schedule a work session with City Council. Discuss how history needs to be a part of Alexandria's planning and development.
- Schedule a panel discussion with Agenda: Alexandria with a possible target topic of preserving the sense of neighborhood.

**Chair Reports – N/A**

**Planning Updates and Reports (as needed)**

Waterfront Commission – Mark Ludlow reported that, at the June meeting, a letter was sent to support the revised Robinson Terminal North development on slabs, so there would be no underground impacts. Interpretation plan needs to be completed as part of the development process.

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Ship Committee – Esther White reported that the Committee met last week and is hoping to present recommendations to AAC in September.

RiverRenew - Ivy Whitlatch reported that RiverRenew came out with proposed recommendations for several locations. Will meet again on Monday, July 29 for feedback on the listening sessions regarding the Combined Sewer Outfall. Expect a backlash on Thursday, August 1 when rate increases hit, before construction starts.

African American Heritage Trail Committee – No meeting since walk-about.

### **Annual Report Preparation**

Indy had nothing to report.

### **Ben Brenman Awards**

Commission members discussed nominating the individuals listed below, with further discussions and potential additional nominees at the September meeting.

- Nichole Doub – Conservationist – Head Conservator at Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory – Alexandria ships conservation
- Macarthur Meyers - Interpretive history of Alexandria – African American Heritage Trail, Parker Grey Historic District, Fort Ward Monitoring Group, HARC

### **Staff Reports**

Summer Camp – In progress

July 20 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Archaeology

July 27 – Summer of Ships Programming

July 31 – FOAA Happy Hour at Daniel O'Connell's restaurant

August 10 – Summer of Ships Programming

August 21 – Next AAC Meeting, Fort Ward, Potluck and Interpretive Plan Tour

### **Record Volunteer Hours**

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., made by Ralph and seconded by Mark Ludlow and all members agreed.