

MINUTES

ALEXANDRIA HISTORICAL RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Lloyd House, 220 North Washington Street

In Attendance: Barnes, Commisso, Edouard, Froemming, Horne, Murphy, Osborne,
Excused: Batey, Stevens
City Staff: Dan Lee, City Historian, Office of Historic Alexandria
Catherine K. Miliaras, Urban Planner, Historic Preservation, Planning&Zoning
Department
Guests: Charles Trozzo

Chairman Commisso called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

The Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were approved as amended. Motioned by Commisso and seconded by Murphy.

ALEXANDRIA ALLEYS SURVEY

No updates.

POTOMAC YARD METRO STATION

No updates.

WATERFRONT PLAN

No updates.

AHRPC POLICY #5: Project Review Process

Multiple members asked if the Commission should have its own email address. It was concluded that if it did, it should be a state government or independent address, rather than a city one. Mr. Murphy asked if there was a way to have a Commission website and online form for applicants. Mr. Froemming asked if there would be a way to submit documents online. Ms. Osborne pointed out that a new website would have to be prescriptive about the format of the documents, particularly since there wouldn't be a staff member on the back end of the website able to answer questions for the applicant. Ms. Miliaras noted that the city is in the midst of a 2-year process to upgrade its electronic submissions, and that should the Commission choose to make its own website, it would want it as simple as possible. Mr. Commisso said that he wanted to print out the DHR and BAR forms as a template.

The Commission approved paragraphs A-D in the section marked Project Review Process.

Amendments were made to paragraphs E-J in the same section. Mr. Commisso will send out the amendments that were agreed upon.

EASEMENTS

213 N. Fairfax St.

Mr. Commisso stated that the Commission's letter was approved by the Board of Architectural Review and the easement is moving forward.

420 S. Lee St.

The owner is appealing the BAR judgement, and has a hearing with the BAR on February 24th. Mr. Commisso reiterated that AHRPC will not take a position at the advice of the City Lawyer. The owner now agrees to a walkway and a gate, which would be similar to an earlier time period, but not the one agreed to in the easement. Mr. Trozzo noted that the assessed real estate value of the property has dropped since 2011 from \$797,000 to \$365,000, and that the Commission has a financial interest in the property.

HARC REPORT

Ms. Barnes reported that she attended the last HARC meeting and that there wasn't a name tag for her there. She was recognized and seated, but requested that HARC records be updated to recognize her as the AHRPC representative.

OHA REPORT

Dr. Lee highlighted the voting campaign for the Alexandria Archaeology ship at <http://www.vatop10artifacts.org/>.

New Business

Mr. Murphy suggested updates on the condition of the sewer system renovation.

Spring Inspections-Mr. Commisso suggested making inspections when the weather was better instead of some meetings. The question was raised as to how many commission members were necessary per inspection, and the number was agreed to be two. Mr. Murphy requested that both the original easement and the report from the previos inspection or a checklist be made available to the inspectors prior to the inspection. Ms. Barnes asked if inspectors could report back to the commission at the next meeting to increase efficiency. Ms. Horne asked how often easement inspections should be inspected.

NEXT AHRPC MEETING DATE

The date of the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at 8 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Dan Lee, OHA Staff to the Commission