

MINUTES

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016

PRESENT:

Elliot Bell-Krasner
Melinda Barnes
Michael Commisso
Jolande Goldberg
Martha Harris
Susan Hellman
William Hendrickson

Laura Lieberman
Linda Lovell
Elizabeth McCall
Carolyn Meza
McArthur Myers
Gail Rothrock
John Dumsick

Danny Smith
Nancy Tingen
Tobin Tracey
Patricia Washington
Richard Webber
Margaret Wood
Thomas Soule

EXCUSED: Allan Schirmer

UNEXCUSED:

CITY STAFF: Al Cox, J. Lance Mallamo, Director, Office of Historic Alexandria

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Due to the lack of a quorum at the October meeting, both the September and October minutes were approved with amendments. The motion was made by Eliot Bell-Krasner and seconded by Danny Smith.

Chairman Hendrickson noted that Councilman John Chapman had formed a tourism company that will focus on Black History in Alexandria. He also brought the Commission attention to a Washington Post article about the Virginia State Library's recent request for individuals to send Civil War letters held in their estate. The response was overwhelming. Lance noted that OHA participated in this collection.

NOMINATION of George Washington Middle School to the National Register

A motion was made to support the nomination with the suggestion that Lance and Al Cox meet with School administrators to explain all the implications of being placed on the register. Motion made by Elizabeth McCall and seconded by Susan Hellman.

Ramsey Homes

Both Martha Harris and Elizabeth felt that OHA should be in charge of the historical interpretation. The Commission feels that ARHA should contribute more than the current amount of \$50,000 for onsite historical interpretation. Tobin Tracey offered several suggestions for onsite interpretation of the unique architecture and the history of the original inhabitants. These suggestions were favorably received by many members. A subcommittee will meet on Monday, November 21 to prepare a presentation for the meeting with DHR on November 29.

Chairman Hendrickson reported that Del Ray is conducting a study of their Historic Plan

Eliot and Martha spoke about the items to be discussed at the HARC retreat. Also how the structure of the retreat may be handled.

Lance presented the budget and accomplishments of OHA

Many members mentioned their upcoming holiday events.

Meeting ended at 9:40pm

Next meeting will take place Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 7:30 pm @ Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lovell, member of HARC
J. Lance Mallamo, Director, OHA

