MINUTES
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

PRESENT:
Elliot Bell-Krasner
Melinda Barnes
Michael Commissio
Jolande Goldberg
Susan Hellman
William Hendrickson
Laura Lieberman
Linda Lovell
Elizabeth McCall
Carolyn Meza
McArthur Myers
Gail Rothrock
John Dumsick
Danny Smith
Tobin Tracey
Patricia Washington
Richard Webber
Margaret Wood
Thomas Soule

EXCUSED: Martha Harris, Nancy Tingen

UNEXCUSED:

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

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hendrickson at 7:30 p.m.,

Ramsey Homes, Torpedo Factory Updates
Elliot Bell-Krasner suggested, that the issue of the Ramsey Homes and the issue with the Torpedo Factory are related. He suggested that every effort be made to promote Torpedo Factory events.

Northern Virginia Urban League
McArthur Myers met with NOVA UL staff as a citizen, not as a HARC Representative. They are considering the sale of 1315 Duke Street as a 5000 square foot building but are not in crisis or desperate to sell. A suggestion was made to contact/send a letter to the Laverne Chapman, who has returned as the director after a five year absence, to express HARC’s concern about the Freedom House Museum.

Easements
Michael Commissio reported the latest issues with preservation easements in Virginia, specifically the problem with 420 S. Lee Street.

**Member Reports**

Old Town North Small Area Plan will go to City Council in June.

Linda Lovell and Laura Lieberman will collect names for the three open positions on HARC; Chair, Vice-Chair and secretary. This will be presented at the upcoming meeting.

Friends of Black Heritage donated $5,000 to the Alexandria Black History Museum.

Carlyle House has an Herb and Craft Show coming up.

Lee Fendall House will have a “Beyond the Battlefield” tour on May 13.

New Waterfront excavation has unearthed privies and a warehouse.

Java Jolt

Old Town Shop

**OHA UPDATES / STRATEGIC PLAN**

Lance Mallamo reported on ‘Spring2Action which raised almost $35,000 in same day donations for museum partners. This sum, does not include annual pledges which will be recorded monthly..

OHA Budget- OHA has emerged from the 2018 budget process with an increase, resulting from the addition of a FT Curator II position at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. OHA reductions were not necessary due to increased revenues and a new admission fee at GTM for self-guided tours.

The reduction of the PT Volunteer Copordinator was also avoided.

**NEXT MEETING**

- The next meeting will be on May 16 at 7:30, Lloyd House

**ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Lance Mallamo, Director, OHA