

# MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

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**PRESENT:**

Elliot Bell-Krasner  
Melinda Barnes  
Michael Commisso  
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

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**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 Commisso 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