

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 14, 2017

Attendees: Elliot Bell-Krasner, Stephen Damm, John Dumsick, Shawn Eyer, Jolanda E. Goldberg, Martha Harris, William Hendrickson, Laura Lieberman, Linda Lovell, Elizabeth McCall, Maddy McCoy, MacArthur Myers, Danny Smith, Steve Stuart, Margaret Wood

OHA: Lance Mallamo

Guests: Al Cox, (Jolande's husband)

Chairman Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm at the George Washington Masonic Temple.

Chairman Hendrickson introduced new member Maddy McCoy. Maddy represents Planning District II

Report of Torpedo Factory

He then introduced Diane Ruggerio, Director of the Office of the Arts for the City of Alexandria. Diane spoke on the future of the Torpedo Factory. She emphasized that the Torpedo Factory will remain an Art Center with artists at the core. A Task Force has been formed to gather input from Alexandria residents concerning governance of the Torpedo Factory. The task force will be gathering information with surveys conducted during Alexandria events beginning with the Birthday celebration continuing through to Arts on the Avenue. They hope to issue a report by April, 2018. How should HARC stay engaged? Take part in the surveys.

A final draft of the minutes from the May meeting had not been sent to the commission, thus ratification of those minutes was postponed.

Chairman Hendrickson thanked Shawn Eyer for arranging this meeting at the GW Masonic Temple and for the fantastic tour prior to our meeting.

Subcommittee for Funding Resources and Strategy

Danny Smith reported that the subcommittee had met. The main thrust of this subcommittee is not to raise money but to provide a single informational source of funds provided through federal, state, public and private grants. He appreciated the feedback he had received from the initial information he sent to commission members. The subcommittee hopes to meet through the summer to complete this list. Members noted that a Barrett Library computer has been set aside by the National Trust to search for grants. Particularly useful for family foundations that are not well known.

Report of the Grants and Awards Given by the Historic Alexandria Foundation.

HAF presented grants to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, Stabler-Leadbeater Museum and ????. They established an endowment for maintaining the Murray-Dick-Fawcett house. This will be presented to City Council in September. Bill Dickinson will be Chairman of this Endowment. A special award and commendation was given to Lance Mallamo for his work in acquiring this historic site for the City of Alexandria.

OHA Updates

Lance Mallamo reported on the recent departmental review for OHA. He was happy to report that all performance targets for fiscal year 2017-18 had been met. There were minor shortages in museum attendance and rental revenue, but the month of June had not yet been added to the totals. He announced the hiring of a Consultant group for Fort Ward. Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant's lease is up and a search is being conducted for new lessees. The Lyceum will open a new exhibit on WWI with an emphasis on Alexandria veterans. Consultants will be conducting an organizational review of OHA over the summer.

Election of HARC Officers

Laura Lieberman and Linda Lovell thanked the members for their input since the nominations were announced. The voting will be held by paper ballot. Prior to the vote for Chairman, Elizabeth McCall reported that she and Danny Smith had met and agreed to Co- Chair the Commission if the members agreed. The motion was made to accept this arrangement and a unanimous vote occurred. The commission proceeded with a paper ballot vote for Vice-Chairman between Elliot Bell-Krasner and Martha Harris. Martha Harris won by a vote of 11-4. The position of Secretary had no candidates. All new officers were congratulated.

William Hendrickson, Elizabeth McCall and Nancy Tingen were thanked and commended for their great work as officers over this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lovell