

Summary Minutes

Alexandria Waterfront Committee Meeting February 23, 2010

Members: Engin Artemel
Henry Brooks
Mel Fortney
Mike Geissinger
Linda Hafer
Nathan Macek
Peter Pennington
John Renner
Paul Smedberg
Robert Taylor
Van Van Fleet

City Staff: Roger Blakeley, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA)
Lt. Len Fouch, Police Department
Jim Hixon, RPCA
John North, Fire Department
Karl Moritz, Department of Planning and Zoning (P&Z)
Laura Seidler, RPCA
Nancy Williamson, P&Z

Guests: Mark Carter
Susan Cohen
Harry Harrington
Poul Hertel
David Miskimens
Sarita Schotta
Joanne Platt

Welcome and Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Brooks suggested a grammatical correction to the January meeting minutes. Moved by Brooks, second by Renner to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Committee Organization

Minutes. The committee discussed alternate formats for recording the minutes of the meeting. Without a volunteer to serve as secretary of the Committee, the minutes would be a summary document. An audio recording of the meeting may be placed online.

Meeting protocol. Macek urged speakers to keep their comments brief, on topic, and to the point, and noted that he would reserve the option to implement a speaker list if discussion occurred out of turn.

Meeting acoustics. Beginning in March, the meeting room would be reconfigured in a boardroom-style format to improve acoustics and better engage members.

Waterfront Planning

Williams reported on the January Marina Night Waterfront Plan meeting, a summary of which had been posted on the City's Waterfront Plan website. She stated that Art Night had been rescheduled for March 8, 2010.

Review of City Strategic Plan

Moritz provided an update on the development of the City's Strategic Plan.

Pennington commented that historic preservation needed to be defined. Brooks stated that the plan needed to include options for preserving and applying historic structures. Van Fleet noted that Alexandria's history reflects more than one era. Artemel suggested sending a letter to the City detailing the Committee's concerns. The Chair volunteered to draft a letter for member's consideration.

Pennington moved to draft a letter commenting on the Strategic Plan draft. Second by Hafer. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Review of Waterfront Committee Annual Report

Brooks moved to accept the FY 2009 Waterfront Committee Annual Report. Second by Fortney. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Review of City Marina Allocation of Transient and Leased Slips

This topic was referred to the Marina Subcommittee for discussion at a meeting on March 11, 2010.

Report from Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities

Seidler presented a summary of the 2009 Alexandria Marina users survey, and reported that the RPCA budget would be discussed at an upcoming City Council work session. She said that cameras seemed to have improved security at the marina. She provided a brief report on the City's response to the snow emergency, including the prioritization of snow removal at the Marina.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Pennington moved to adjourn, Brooks seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.