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**MINUTES OF THE  
HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 6:30 PM**

*This was a virtual public meeting held through electronic communication means.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Aiken  
Omari Davis, Vice Chair  
Sarah Garner  
Jennie Gwin  
Robert Meden  
Rebecca Meyer  
Andrew Wenchel  
Richard Woodruff, Chair

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**  
Robert Dudka  
Carmela Hamm  
Gerald Laporte  
Joan Lawrence  
Mark Turnbull

**STAFF:** Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Historic Preservation Program Manager  
Serena Bolliger, Historic Preservation Planner  
Mical Tawney, Historic Preservation Specialist

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The Chair called the meeting to order. Ms. Liccese-Torres read the roll and determined there was a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2021 AND JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

The Chair asked for comments or amendments for the draft minutes. Ms. Garner noted she had been erroneously listed as the Vice Chair in January's minutes whereas, after the December election in 2021, it was now Mr. Davis. Ms. Bolliger agreed to make that change. Mr. Meden made a motion to approve both sets of minutes and Ms. Garner seconded. Ms. Liccese-Torres called the roll for the December minutes which were approved 7-0-1, with Mr. Davis abstaining. Ms. Liccese-Torres then called the roll for the January minutes which were approved unanimously 8-0.

**EXPLANATION OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES**

The Chair explained the virtual Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) public hearing procedures and stated that the virtual meeting format was necessitated as a precaution to protect the Board, staff, and community members from the spread of COVID-19. He communicated the legal authority under which the County was able to hold virtual public hearings, citing the Governor's Executive Orders, legislation adopted by the Virginia General Assembly, and the County Board's

Continuity of Operations Ordinance adopted in March 2020. The Chair then described the logistics of how the virtual meeting would proceed via the Microsoft Teams platform and/or the call-in number.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS (CoAs)  
CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair asked for any concerns or questions on the consent agenda. Upon hearing none, he made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Aiken seconded the motion. The Chair asked for final questions. Upon hearing none, he asked Ms. Liccese-Torres to call the roll. The motion passed unanimously 8-0.

**REPORTS OF THE CHAIR AND STAFF**

**Chair's Report**

The Chair informed the board about some proposed legislation that the Virginia General Assembly was currently considering that had been introduced by Representative Patrick Hope and Senator Chap Peterson. Their identical bills proposed to block demolition of historic buildings once a request for local designation had been filed until at least 30 days after the elected body decided upon the designation request. The legislation also would have allowed stakeholders beyond the property owner to sue the locality based on their decision about designation. The Chair explained that both bills had received some attention, but both have been carried over to the next legislative session in 2023.

**Staff and Other Reports**

Ms. Liccese-Torres informed the commission on the progress toward updating the *Historic Preservation Master Plan* and invited members to contribute to the outreach effort at the planned open houses and farmers market events later in the year.

Ms. Liccese-Torres presented site plan and sector plan updates from staff planner Lorin Farris in her absence. Mr. Aiken and Ms. Garner (as backup) are serving as HALRB representatives for the Pen Place Site Plan. Ms. Liccese-Torres noted that Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) meetings were held on January 24 and February 10. She also stated that staff continues to communicate with JBG about archaeological concerns with the property and the Alexandria Canal.

Ms. Liccese-Torres updated the group on the site plan for the Marbella apartment complex, listed as Notable on the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI), and that is being redeveloped for new affordable housing. She said the site plan conditions include the standard language when demolition of historic resources is proposed, including photographic documentation and the salvage of materials. The Chair thanked staff for making sure such conditions were included.

Ms. Liccese-Torres stated that Ms. Garner and Mr. Aiken also were representing the HALRB for the Ballston Macy's Site Plan. Ms. Garner noted she soon would be submitting comments about the project. Ms. Liccese-Torres explained that for additional density at the Macy's site, unused density from the Haven Apartments near Columbia Pike would be transferred. She stated the Haven Apartments also would be added to the Neighborhoods Form Base Code (FBC) as a Conservation District and receive a historic preservation easement. Ms. Liccese-Torres stated the SPRC meetings were not scheduled yet, but the project team might come to the HALRB in March or April to introduce the commission to the project as part of the FBC requirements.

For the Clarendon Sector Plan Update, Ms. Liccese-Torres explained that the Long Range Planning Committee had concluded, and the sector plan was moving through the required commission reviews. She stated Historic Preservation staff continued to work with the County planners to refine the historic preservation section. The Update will next go to the Housing Commission, then to the Planning Commission and the County Board.

Finally, Ms. Liccese-Torres discussed Plan Langston Boulevard. She said Historic Preservation staff continues to work with the project team to create recommendations for preservation treatments for the most significant historic properties (about 40) within the study corridor. She promised to keep the commission informed of any upcoming meetings.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.