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MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD

**Wednesday, March 16, 2016
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Lobby Rooms Cherry and Dogwood**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carmela Hamm
Greg Holcomb
Gerry Laporte
Joan Lawrence, Chairman
Charles Matta, Vice Chairman
John Peck
Tova Solo
Andrew Wenchel
Mitchell Zink

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Charles Craig
Robert Dudka
Mark Turnbull
Kevin Vincent
Richard Woodruff

STAFF:

Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Historic Preservation Coordinator
John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Mr. Liebertz called the roll and determined there was a quorum.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HALRB MEMBERS

The Chairman welcomed three new members (Carmela Hamm, John Peck, and Mitchell Zink) to the HALRB. The members introduced themselves and discussed their background related to Arlington County and Historic Preservation.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman noted that there were two sets of meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Holcomb moved to approve the February 3, 2016, meeting minutes. Ms. Solo seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-4 (Ms. Lawrence, Mr. Zink, Mr. Peck, and Ms. Hamm abstained).

Mr. Holcomb moved to approve the February 17, 2016, meeting minutes. Ms. Solo seconded the motion and it passed 5-0-4 (Mr. Zink, Mr. Peck, Ms. Hamm, and Mr. Matta abstained).

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS (CoAs)

The Chairman reviewed the public hearing procedures regarding speaker slips. She stated there was one item on the consent agenda and called for a motion. Mr. Laporte moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Woodruff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously (9-0).

- CONSENT AGENDA:**
- 1) Colonial Village III and part of Colonial Village II
CVII and CVIII Board of Directors
Colonial Village Historic District
HALRB Case 16-03 (HP1600005)
Request to replace the existing asphalt shingles on the gable roofs.

- ADMINISTRATIVE COA:**
- 1) 3550 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington County Board
Clarendon (Maury) School
A-CoA 16-04 (HP1600010)
Request to install a temporary art exhibit on the grounds.

For the benefit of the new board members, the Chairman asked staff to provide additional background information regarding Colonial Village and the details of the particular application.

The Chairman asked staff to explain the purpose of an Administrative CoA (for the benefit of the new members) and for details on the Clarendon School application. Mr. Liebertz discussed the expedited review process of an ACoA. He stated that the new temporary art exhibit will not negatively impact the landscape or building of the Clarendon School Historic District and that the proposal adheres to the established guidelines.

REPORTS OF CHAIRMAN, STAFF AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chairman stated that the HALRB will be reinstating a number of standing committees that have not been meeting such as the Survey Committee, Education/Outreach Committee, and Guidelines Committee. She discussed the purpose of the active Design Review Committee. Mr. Matta invited Mr. Peck (design professional) to join the DRC.

The Chairman stated that the preservation staff and representative of the HALRB went to the County Board Recessed Meeting last evening to participate/hear the proposed Amendments to Sections 11.3, 15.7, and 18.2 of the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance. Discussed at the HALRB last month, the amendments make considerations for the future local historic district designation of Stratford School. Ms. Lawrence also discussed other ongoing meetings with the School Board, Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC), and Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) relating to the school project. Ms. Liccese-Torres updated the HALRB on the timeline for the historic designation. The request to advertise the local historic district is scheduled for the May 2016 County Board hearing, with County Board action on the local historic district

anticipated in June 2016. The Chairman clarified the role of the HALRB in future historic district designations for school properties for the new board members.

The Chairman discussed the Lee Highway Visioning process and directed HALRB members to review and comment on the *Lee Highway Community Vision* draft completed by the consultant and now available online. The Lee Highway Alliance will continue communication and development of the process with the County's Planning Division staff. Ms. Liccese-Torres noted that historic preservation concerns are mentioned in the report, but are not a priority. She added that comments from the community will be accepted until the end of March. The Chairman discussed the importance of identifying areas as requiring preservation in County planning documents (such as the Clarendon Sector Plan).

Mr. Liebertz provided a brief update on each of the three pending local historic district designations now in progress. He added that the Historic Preservation Program will be advertising for an internship to assist with the documentation of Mount Salvation Baptist Cemetery in Hall's Hill.

Ms. Liccese-Torres updated the HALRB on the Public Shoe Store in Clarendon. She stated that the shoe store is now closed and that a 7-11 will be moving into the space. Preservation staff has reviewed new signage, awnings, and alterations to the front of the building. This is a by-right project, but the applicant is open to preservation-minded comments. Mr. Liebertz discussed the building and its architectural evolution. Mr. Peck stated that the Public Shoe Store has the last terrazzo entrance in Clarendon and advocated for its retention.

Ms. Liccese-Torres discussed upcoming historic marker projects for the: Blue Goose site plan, Arlington's Sit-In Movement, the wall in Hall's Hill, Calloway Cemetery, and Jennie Dean Park (one about the park itself and another for the importance of the individual).

Ms. Liccese-Torres reminded the HALRB that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) is offering certified training for members of local historic district review boards at a number of nearby locations. The next closest training will be offered in Alexandria on June 15, 2016, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.