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MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD

**Wednesday, August 16, 2017
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Lobby Rooms Cherry and Dogwood**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Craig
Robert Dudka
Sarah Garner
Gerry Laporte
Joan Lawrence, Chairman
John Peck
Tova Solo
Sara Steinberger
Andrew Wenchel
Mitchell Zink

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Carmela Hamm
Mark Turnbull
Richard Woodruff, Vice Chairman

STAFF:

Rebecca Ballo, Historic Preservation Planner
John Liebertz, Historic Preservation Planner
Kyle Fisher, Historic Preservation Management Intern

ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Ms. Ballo called the roll and determined there was a quorum. The Chairman welcomed John Vihstadt, County Board member and liaison to the HALRB.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 19, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

The Chairman called for a motion on the draft July minutes. Ms. Solo moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Craig seconded. The motion passed 10-0-0.

STUDENT PRESENTATION: ARLINGTON INDEPENDENT MEDIA

The Chairman introduced Nathan Bynum, film producer at Arlington Independent Media (AIM), who explained his involvement with the World War I Task Force and the documentary "Arlington's Untold Heroes," produced by local high school students.

Mr. Bynum showed the film. The Chairman asked where else the film can be seen. Ms. Steinberger responded that the Arlington Public Library will show the film on November 20, 2017, along with other World War I films. Mr. Bynum and Mr. Liebertz commented on the enthusiasm and professionalism of the students who produced this film.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS (CoAs)

The Chairman stated there was one item on the consent agenda, a request to amend a CoA for the Broadview Historic District.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Ginger Brown
CoA 16-16D (HP1700033)
Broadview Historic District
5151 14th Street North
Request to amend CoA 16-16.

Mr. Liebertz provided an update on the project. The DRC recommended the applicant use permeable pavers instead of granite pavers as originally proposed. The stormwater planters would be out of view from the public rights-of-way. The applicant proposed to replace the stamped tin roof in-kind. The HPP staff recommended approval and the project meet the requirements outlined in the *Broadview Historic District Design Guidelines*.

Mr. Wenchel moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Laporte seconded the motion and it passed 10-0-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE CoA

1. Cambridge Courts Condominium Owners Association
ACoA 17-09 (HP1700031)
Cambridge Courts Historic District
2401-2811 Arlington Boulevard
Request to replace all of the windows in the stairwells and select units.
2. Dilyana Dimova
ACoA 17-10 (HP1700034)
Colonial Village Historic District
1736 North Rhodes Street #290
Request to replace the windows.

Mr. Liebertz updated the board on the two ACoAs processed by HPP staff. The Cambridge Courts Condominium Owners Association proposed to replace all of the public stairwell windows. The approved replacements follow the *Cambridge Courts Design Guidelines*. Several individual property owners purchased the windows in coordination with the condominium association and will replace their unit's windows.

At Colonial Village, an individual property owner received approval to install the Paradigm single-hung hybrid windows that HALRB has permitted for the past two years.

The Chairman reviewed the public speaking requirements and noted there were no public speakers.

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

1. Barry Seymour
CoA 15-01A (HP1500001)
Maywood Historic District
2322 North Fillmore Street
Request to construct a new dwelling.

The Chairman introduced the above request and noted that it was in its last phase before the board.

Mr. Liebertz provided an overview of the project. He stated that in April 2017, the HALRB approved conceptual designs with conditions to review the subsequent building permit set. The applicant discussed mostly minor design alterations to the plan at the last DRC meeting. Elements of the design that staff and the DRC had reviewed included, but were not limited to, storm water mitigation, the stair tower window, profiles of the windows, and details of the dormers and lattice gate. HPP staff recommended approval of the request as it adheres to the *Maywood Design Guidelines*.

The Chairman called for any comments.

Mr. Dudka affirmed that the DRC reviewed the drawings and found they were appropriate and recommended the application be approved by the full board.

Mr. Seymour stated that he had collaborated with the DRC and HPP staff to ensure everything was rectified and the process had been effective.

Mr. Liebertz notified the board of one phone call he had received about saving a tree on the property from removal; the tree does not in fact have to be removed.

The Chairman commented that Mr. Seymour's request constituted the first that the board had received for a house demolition in Maywood. She added that Mr. Seymour's request had been considered for approval based upon his meeting the board's requirements and that he has consistently worked with the board at each phase of the CoA process. The Chairman noted that the lot at 2322 North Fillmore Street does have some constraints that led to the design of this dwelling.

Ms. Steinberger asked if there was a visual of the latticework on the gates at the property. Mr. Liebertz direct the board's attention to the plan on page A200. Ms. Steinberger asked if this detail had changed since the last review. Mr. Liebertz commented that the handles had been removed from the doors.

The Chairman requested a motion on CoA 15-01A. Mr. Craig moved to approve the request as submitted. Mr. Wenchel seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-1-0 (Ms. Solo voted against the motion).

REPORTS OF THE CHAIRMAN, STANDING COMMITTEES AND STAFF

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Chairman called for reports on upcoming projects.

Ms. Ballo gave information on the Public Open Spaces (POPS) Master Plan that will come forward at the next HALRB meeting. Also under consideration will be updates to architectural guidelines to the Columbia Pike Form-Based Code. Staff will provide a short review about the Washington Boulevard/Kirkwood Road Special GLUP+ study in September or October.

The Chairman requested updates from members of the World War I Task Force.

Ms. Steinberger discussed the Task Force’s plans to develop more media content, including for the website. The new AIM documentary film could be a part of this. The film will be shown as part of Arlington Public Library’s November film series on World War I. The Task Force will have a table at the upcoming Arlington County Fair (August 17-20). The Task Force will be active until November 2018 to raise awareness of the importance of the War and connect the public through partnership with other organizations like Arlington County Library.

The Chairman asked for an update on the Washington-Lee High School historic marker.

Mr. Peck mentioned that he had spoken with Facilities staff at Arlington Public Schools about the installation of the marker. The marker should be installed as soon as the parts for the sign are received (likely in September).

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

The Chairman noted that in light of the previous month’s HALRB meeting and discussion about the Greene’s after-the-fact request to install a plastic shed, the Maywood Design Guidelines need “tweaking.” She stated that the last update to the Design Guidelines was spearheaded by the HALRB. She proposed a subcommittee that would meet for 30 minutes before each monthly HALRB meeting and asked for people to consider volunteering. One amendment to the guidelines could be to make more cases submittable to staff as ACoAs, rather than put them through the HALRB as CoAs. Committee members can also think about particular areas of the guidelines with which they have experience and could contribute editorial revisions.

The Chairman also noted there have been more cases of after-the-fact requests in Maywood. Perhaps new residents are not as aware of the Design Guidelines as they should be. She proposed, after consultation with Ms. Ballo, sending a letter to all Maywood residents reminding them of the basics of the Design Guidelines, as well as publicizing the guidelines better.

The Chairman asked guest John Vihstadt, County Board member and liaison to the HALRB, for his comments.

Mr. Vihstadt reintroduced himself to the board and reminded them of his role as liaison. He thanked the board for all of their commitment and hard work. As a member of the World War I Task Force, he asked members of the HALRB to consider serving at the Task Force table at the County Fair.

He reminded the board that there are currently two vacancies on the HALRB, so any information on possible nominees for those positions would be welcomed.

Mr. Vihstadt mentioned he received the Chairman's letter about funds for removal of a heavy concrete tank in the attic of the milk shed at Reevesland. What the County Board's response will be is uncertain, but they are considering it.

Mr. Vihstadt noted that Mr. David Greene had contacted the County Board and expressed interest in appealing the HALRB's decision to deny CoA 17-17 (HP1700028).

Mr. Vihstadt had received an invitation for a tour of abandoned or inactive cemeteries in the County, led by HPP staff. He will take a tour sometime within the next couple of months and invited the HALRB to attend.

Mr. Vihstadt introduced Gerry Laporte's role as Arlington's representative to serve on the Jefferson Davis Highway renaming committee with the Alexandria City Council. Mr. Laporte will be a non-voting member, along with Elmer Lowe, former president of the Arlington branch of the NAACP.

Mr. Laporte explained that the renaming of Jefferson Davis Highway has been under consideration for some time. The Alexandria City Council had initiated a formal effort to rename the highway. A survey was sent to Alexandria City and Arlington County residents soliciting their suggestions for new names for the highway. There will be a public hearing on September 25th to consider new names. Another public meeting will be held on October 25, 2017, where they make a tentative decision based on the survey and September 25, 2017, meeting. The committee plans to make a final decision in November.

Mr. Vihstadt mentioned the County has received at least a couple dozen requests in recent days to change the names of other roads, places, and schools (e.g., Washington-Lee). These may be considered formally in the future.

The Chairman notified the board that VDOT installed large signs to notify drivers of tolls on Rt. 66. Many have advocated removing the signs for smaller ones, especially near historic districts. Ones near Cherrydale and Maywood are still large. A public meeting with the neighborhood and VDOT will be held on August 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36PM.