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Laura Trieschmann, Vermont
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Margaret Grubiak
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Jackie Henderson

From: fmm6e@virginia.edu
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2014 4:56 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #53515: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Hello,I am writing in reference to K

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Frances McMillen
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 202-276-5001
- Email: fmm6e@virginia.edu
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Hello,

I am writing in reference to Kelly Finnigan's application to serve on Alexandria's Board of Architectural Review. I recommend her without hesitation.

I first met Kelly when she was an intern with the National Park Service in 2011. Her thorough research on Fort Drive and the Civil War Defenses of Washington (CWDW) uncovered valuable information on the Civilian Conservation Corps work on the largely unrealized drive. Kelly's inventory of CWDW sites greatly contributed to the ongoing documentation of the defenses.

Since working with Kelly at the park service, I served on a panel with her at the 2013 Latrobe Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians' Campuses and Complexes symposium. The paper she co-presented on the Armed Forces Retirement Home was one of the highlights of the day-long event. The paper received an enthusiastic response from the attendees for the high quality of the project and for Kelly's sense of humor and ease with which she gave her talk.

Ms. Finnegin's broad preservation background, from materials conservation to documentation and project management, along with her lengthy residence in Alexandria and familiarity with the architecture and cultural resources in the city, provides her with the necessary experience and expertise to evaluate the proposals reviewed by the BAR. She would be an asset to the board.

Sincerely,
Frances M. McMillen

- Expected Response Date: Monday, June 30

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From: sandymurphy@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 5:54 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #53409: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Sandy Murphy
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: No Phone
- Email: sandymurphy@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor and Members of City Council: I am writing to support Margaret Miller's application to be a member of the BAR/Old & Historic District. Margaret's long residency in Alexandria and her background in real estate and historic preservation uniquely qualify her for a position on this important Board. I encourage you vote for Margaret for this appointment. Thank you for your consideration.
Sandy Murphy
- Expected Response Date: Thursday, June 26

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From: abbey.l.oklak@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 11:05 AM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Community Relations
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #53440: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Membe

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Abbey Oklak
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 317-478-2484
- Email: abbey.l.oklak@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille and City Council Members,

I am writing to bring your attention to my application for the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) - Old and Historic District. I am a young resident of The Henry in the Braddock Metro area, and I also work in the territory of the BAR on Washington Street. As I said in my application, I am currently helping start the new Braddock Metro Citizens Coalition with neighbors in my building, the Braddock Lofts and others to seek change in our community. Because I am enjoying immensely getting to know my neighbors and my resultant involvement, I feel it is a great time to expand my investment in the Alexandria as a whole.

Recently at a convention in Chicago on Millennial community activity (MCon14), Jean Case (co-founder of the Case Foundation and a local Washington, DC resident) noted that all boards should have a member of this younger generation to spread their message and outreach to their peers. The conversation in which she said this was one in which mostly Millennial were in the room, but this message needs to be heard far and wide. The City of Alexandria should use this opportunity to begin to implement this initiative across the city. I am a young, thirty-year-old, who is passionate about communities and city building. I am an architect by trade, with a background in traditional architecture and historic preservation, but my main passion lies in public realm and community improvements for walkable neighborhoods. I currently work mainly on urban design, preliminary planning and entitlement projects at my architectural firm in Alexandria. I would love to apply my talents and passions to my own community by serving as a Millennial community representative on the BAR - Old and Historic Districts.

In the two and a half years that I have lived at the Henry and the multiple years I have worked in Old Town, I have come to know the streets and the feel of our historic neighborhood well. I traverse the area daily for exercise, commuting and daily errands. I recognize that I am applying for a citizen position, and that my architectural background may seem like a hindrance to ensure that the board is fair minded. However, my view point is also as a female and a Millennial who is interested in keeping this area affordable, historic and relevant in the Washington, DC metro area. My architectural background merely gives me an understanding of what is a necessary modernization and what is too large of a redevelopment change in a historic neighborhood. I also see myself as someone who will help bring the conversation of development and neighborhood preservation to the younger populations who live in our area.

I believe that the BAR plays an important role in maintaining the vision and history of Old Town, and I would enjoy helping to steward this process through the coming years. I hope that you can see that I add value and younger view point to the development process in Alexandria. I am happy to speak to any of you, and I look forward to our future interactions through either the BAR or the Braddock Metro Citizens Coalition or both.

Thank you so much for your time.

Best,
Abbey Oklak

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- Expected Response Date: Friday, June 27

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