

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 2021

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

FROM: HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF

SUBJECT: OTHER BUSINESS: INFORMATION SESSION ON PERMANENT ECONOMIC RECOVERY INITIATIVES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE 100 BLOCK OF KING STREET TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND COMMERCIAL PARKLETS

Since April 2020, the City's Business and Public Space Re-opening Team, composed of staff from several City departments, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership and Visit Alexandria, developed temporary programs and initiatives to support Alexandria's businesses during the pandemic. Given the economic success and community support for the continuation of some programs, City Council and the Traffic and Parking Board recently approved the permanent closure of the 100 block of King Street and the installation of public-access and commercial parklets in on-street parking spaces. Staff from the Departments of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) and Planning and Zoning (P&Z) will present an informational overview to the Board on the parklet program and current plans for the closure of the 100 block of King Street as these feature new permanent activities within the Old and Historic Alexandria District.

The presenting staff from T&ES and P&Z welcome your questions and feedback during the information session.