City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

JULY 5, 2022

TO:

JAMES F. PARAJON, CITY MANAGER

FROM:

H. (SKIP) MAGINNISS, CHAIR, AD HOC STORMWATER UTILITY AND

FLOOD MITIGATION ADVISORY GROUP

SUBJECT:

ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Introduction

Alexandria City Council Resolution No. 2977 established the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group (Group) January 26, 2021 to "assist in oversight for the funding, timing, and implementation of projects to mitigate the flooding, monitoring the implementation of the program." The membership of the Group as indicated in the resolution and appointed by Council represents various constituencies affected by flooding, including financial and equity interests. The Group is authorized pursuant to City Code Section 2-4-8 to meet on an ad hoc basis for a period of one-year, which Council may extend by resolution for an additional one year, with options to further extend each year thereafter for a total maximum of three years. With submission of this report and oral report to Council, the Group will have served its term and will cease to exist absent an extension by Council.

Council established the 10-year \$370 million Flood Action Program (Program) in 2021 comprising a series of projects addressing neighborhood flooding, organized in three categories: infrastructure; compliance; and maintenance. This new effort required leadership and dedicated technical personnel with specialized skills. Around October, 2021 the City welcomed Dr. Daniel Medina to head the Flood Action Program, and in subsequent months additional technical staff was added to the Team.

The Group convened its formative meeting on June 10, 2021, and has met a total of seven times subsequently, the last being June 29, 2022. Given the broad mandate in the Resolution, the highly technical science behind stormwater flooding as well as the varying geographical conditions within the City experiencing flooding, the Group spent the majority of the initial meetings being educated by staff on the scope, type, and science of stormwater flooding. In parallel, the membership of the Group perfected lines of communication with their individual constituencies (citizens and community groups).

Successive severe rainstorms in July of 2018, in addition to multiple summer storms in the summer of 2020 and 2021 are examples of flooding events that caused notable damage to residences. Aging infrastructure, urban development, and deferred maintenance are some of the underlying reasons for much of the flooding caused by rain events. However, climate change has accelerated the frequency

and intensity of flooding and expanded the affected areas, as illustrated by changes to the Federal Emergency Management Administration's (FEMA's) floodplain maps. The Group learned there are different types of flooding that generally fall into one of three groups: overland stormwater flooding from quick intense rain events; flooding from overwhelmed infrastructure (collection, storage, and conveying structures); and, flooding from tidal/coastal river overflows. In addition, flooding may result from combinations of these types. While the Group's mandate is broadly "flooding" the City has other groups, committees, and programs with sometimes overlapping mandates and focus areas to address such issues as the waterfront improvement plan, Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) mitigation, stormwater quality upgrades to comply with state and federal standards, and routine infrastructure repair/maintenance to sanitary and storm infrastructure. Even the Office of Historic Alexandria is addressing flooding to correct flooding at the historically black Douglass Cemetery,

The Group spent the majority of its effort over the past year focusing on the Program and its projects. Also, the Group responded to a request by staff to evaluate the FY 2023 budget proposed for the Program. A letter was sent to Council on October 10, 2021 supporting the proposed FY2023 budget and stormwater fee increase. Members of the Group have also participated with other Northern Virginia stakeholders in the Stormwater Solutions Workshop organized by George Mason University.

With assistance and cooperation from staff, the Group worked through the questions and issues of greatest concern to our constituencies, most of which fall into four issue areas: scope of the Program; schedule and implementation of the projects; immediate assistance to citizens; and communication/messaging.

The Flood Action Program is in the first year of its proposed 10-year duration. The Group recognizes City staff is focused on implementing identified projects as well as making appropriate adjustments to the Program based on its work with the Group and lessons learned from individual projects completed or in progress, and potentially future flooding events. The notes below outline the substance of ongoing conversations with staff and among members of the Group.

1. Scope of the Program

- i. The scope and proposed funding streams for the Program, including the Stormwater Utility Fee (SWU), were prepared by Transportation and Environmental Services (TES) staff largely in 2020 at the direction of Council prior to the formation of the Group.
- ii. The February 2016 City of Alexandria Storm Sewer Capacity Analysis (CASSCA) Report, Alexandria 311 reports, emails and posts on social media, on-site assessments, community meetings involving the Flood Action Strike Team (2020), video surveys, data from flow sensors, and computer-assisted modeling informed the scope and priorities of the projects in Stormwater Program.
 - O Did the CASSCA report adequately assess the scope and are the cost estimates a reasonable order-of-magnitude representation of the costs considering its assumptions and limitations?
 - Is there efficacy in updating portions of the CASSCA report and expanding the scope of stormwater flow monitoring to better target ongoing projects, especially spot improvement projects?
 - What scope and cost adjustments have been made resulting from the Tanyard Ditch Hydraulic Model Evaluation Report dated February 8, 2022?

- O Do other models or studies exist that would be useful in shaping the Flood Action Program, such as those prepared by FEMA, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and Find Your Home's Climate Risks (RiskFactor.com)?
- Are projects that most impact health, public infrastructure, and personal property being given priority, such as the sanitary sewer plus stormwater overflow at Pitt and Gibbon St.?
- o Is the Flood Action Program coordinated with other regional efforts?
- o Is the Flood Action Program coordinated with the City's resiliency plan?
- iii. Additional Funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) afforded the City the opportunity to accelerate projects for the Hume Avenue Bypass and the Mount Vernon Cul-de-Sac, both projected to be completed in 2023.
- iv. Projects defined and funded under the Program do not address all City flooding issues.
 - O What are the different types of flooding and what is the matrix of the City's various efforts, including responsible departments, committees, and estimated costs over the next 10 years?
 - How does the CSO work, Waterfront Improvement Plan, sanitary sewer infrastructure upgrades and Flood Action program working together? How are normal infrastructure maintenance, Alexandria City Public Schools construction, recreation parks work, and other Capital Improvement Projects syncing together to meet the overall objectives of the Flood Action Program?

2. Schedule and Implementation of the Projects

- i. The Department of Project Implementation manages the Program, including procuring proposals for third-party design and construction, and monitoring construction.
- ii. A large portion of citizens represented by the Group expressed concern about the apparent slow pace of implementing the work.
 - O Are there faster-moving implementation project procurement models that can be used, for these and other City maintenance and capital improvement projects?
 - Can smaller spot improvement projects be grouped under one indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) construction contract?
 - O Does the same project management process apply equally to all sizes/complexities of projects? Should the type/level of project management be right-sized to suit the size and complexity of a project to streamline the planning and procurement process?
 - What are the factors affecting implementation and what can be done to mitigate delays? What degree of acceleration is achievable?
- iii. A Flood Action Program Implementation Schedule (bar chart) was updated and posted on the City's website in March, 2022 to provide more complete information to citizens about the sequencing of tasks for Program's projects.
 - o By the end of the third quarter of 2022 fourteen spot improvement projects will be in design, construction, or completed.
 - O An engineering contract has been awarded for the Hooff's Run Culvert Bypass and Commonwealth project, and a similar contract is expected to be awarded in the third quarter of 2022 for the Glebe Ashby Storage and Conveyance project. An engineering contract is under negotiation for a project that will address flooding at the Commonwealth/Asby/E. Glebe intersections, and a similar contract is expected to be

- awarded this fall for the Hoofs Run Culvert Bypass project. While these large capacity projects will vastly improve the infrastructure in their floodplain, they also require six years to fully implement.
- The combined sewer area projects at Pitt and Gibbon, and Nethergate, are under procurement.

3. Immediate Assistance to Citizens

- i. The City launched the Flood Mitigation Pilot Grant Program in August 2021, funded by the SWU Fee, to assist citizens who have initiated flood mitigation improvements on their property by making funding available for up to 50% or a maximum of \$5,000 of the improvement cost. This is in addition to the previously established Backflow Preventer Program, funded from the TES budget, providing up to 50% or maximum of \$2,000 toward installation of a backflow preventer in a property's sanitary lateral.
- ii. Information about appropriate flood mitigation measures and the application process were posted on the Pilot Grant Program landing page for FloodAction Alexandria.
 - O Initial feedback received by the Group indicated frustration navigating the application process and using the APEX portal to make the application. After making improvements to the application process, the Grant Program has now processed and funded 173 of the 190 applications submitted, disbursing \$558,127 of the initial \$750,000 authorized by Council for FY 2022. Council has approved \$769,000 for FY 2023.
 - Absent from the Grant Program was a mechanism to provide funds for multi-family properties. The Group forwarded recommendations to staff on ways this may be corrected.
 - Should the total grant sum for citizens be increased due to rising costs of construction caused by inflation?
 - o Is there a way to follow-up 311 calls individually to encourage citizens to undertake flood mitigation measures, especially those who have called several times or had notable damage from flooding?
- iii. Assistance to citizens can also be embedded in the design and permitting process managed by the Department of Code Enforcement.
 - Most small projects that disturb less than 2500 square feet of land are not required to meet the higher state-mandated standards for stormwater management required of larger projects disturbing over 2500 square feet of land.
 - O Are construction projects -particularly single-family projects in known areas of flooding required to provide measures to avoid or mitigate flooding as part of the permitting process?
 - O Can the City consider requiring small projects meet more stringent standards for managing on-site stormwater and offsetting increases in impervious surfaces for smaller projects without violating the Dillon Rule?
 - The Group applauds the efforts of Representative Elizabeth Bennet Parker who
 introduced an unsuccessful bill at the State level to strengthen stormwater management
 requirements for small projects.

4. Communication

- Citizens expect clear, timely, and accurate communication about all aspects of the Flood Action Program.
- ii. Initial messaging from the City announcing the Program and its related budget led to confusion about the time it would take to launch the program and to see tangible results. This was exacerbated by inaccuracies in early versions of the project schedule.
 - o Future messaging about the Program should focus on accomplishments to date and realistic projections of when tangible results can be expected. This is particularly important when communicating about how progress on the schedule relates to yearly increases to the stormwater fee and future increases in the Program's overall budget.
- iii. The City's website currently has at least nine separate headings related to flooding.
 - Over the past year the information available on the website has been updated to improve accuracy and provide examples of completed projects. However, improvements to the flow and navigation could make information easier to access and eliminate redundancy.
 - The City introduced the FloodAction e-Newsletter in May, 2021 followed by six subsequent issues. The newsletter appears to provide one of the most effective ways to communicate progress for those viewing information on the City's website.
- iv. Members of the FloodAction Strike Team, including Dr. Daniel Medina, have spoken at neighborhood association meetings to provide updates and answer questions from the residents. Staff is developing a Project Dashboard that presents a map locating stormwater/flooding-related projects with an interactive feature that will provide a project's location, description, funding source, and schedule, together with other information. This vehicle is a significant improvement over prior schedules, graphs and charts. The Group is reviewing this with staff and will provide comments for further improvements.
- v. Citizens will be increasingly interested in the cost of various stormwater and flood-mitigation programs in progress and proposed, together with the sources of funding, the pace of completing projects, and how effective the efforts are in mitigating flooding.

Summary

The Group, aided by City staff, spent the majority of the past year gaining knowledge about the scope, types, and science of stormwater flooding in Alexandria. Members established channels of communication among constituent citizens, the Group, and staff that helped clarify issues, formulate questions, and develop recommendations to staff for consideration in the areas of the scope of the Program, schedule and implementation of the projects, immediate assistance to citizens, and communication.

The Group applauds the effort expended by the City to retain highly qualified personnel and launch the Program, essentially from ground zero. Further, there is a demonstrated effort to implement and complete individual projects according to the current project schedule, as well as improve communication.

The Group believes its acquired knowledge base and channels of communication can continue to provide a positive mechanism for engagement with the Alexandria community. As next steps we recommend:

- i. Asking Council to extend the term of the Ad Hoc Group for an additional year coinciding with the City's fiscal year;
- ii. Studying and proposing to Council the appropriate term for the Group, and eliminating the need to be reauthorized on an annual basis;
- iii. Studying and proposing to Council how to coordinate the Group's efforts with other commissions and groups addressing stormwater mitigation and flooding;
- iv. Exploring with staff ways to improve the Flood Mitigation Pilot Grant Program to reach more affected properties and extend assistance to multi-family properties;
- v. Exploring with staff to metrics to identify, monitor, and report overall progress and expenditures, and how to measure the effectiveness of projects in actually mitigating flooding;
- vi. Exploring with staff how local stormwater mitigation requirements for projects disturbing less than 2,500 sf can be strengthened within the confines of the Dillon Rule, as well as working with Council, the City's Legislative Director, and State Representative to advocate for statewide stormwater mitigation requirements for small construction projects;
- vii. Exploring how codes and ordinances are currently used to regulate stormwater mitigation in development disturbing 2,500 sf or more and working with City staff to baseline higher standards above and beyond "net neutral;" and,
- viii. Exploring with staff ways to increase effective engagement with citizens.

Respectfully,

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H. (Skip) Maginniss, Chair, Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group

cc Dr. Daniel Medina, Stormwater Program Manager Yon Lambert, Director, T&E Terry Suehr, Director, DPI Councilman John Chapman

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The function of the Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee (ACSCC) includes "Advising and supporting the city and the city council as to: economic development and tourism programs, academic/educational student and staff exchanges, arts and cultural program exchanges, and professional health program exchanges, between the City of Alexandria, Virginia and the City of Caen, France, and the residents thereof. The committee shall also facilitate historic, educational, and cultural events; encourage trade and professional exchanges; foster French and American private business and professional relationships." Within these guidelines, the ACSCC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

ACSCC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- December 2021 to February 2022 we underwent strategic planning for the future of the committee. In December we did a SWOT Analysis, in January we went over SMART Goals and Objectives, and in February we created Event/Program Planning Worksheets so that there is a clear understanding of the goal or purpose for all committee initiatives and a historical record. Planning worksheets were submitted for a welcome committee, alumni engagement committee, D-Day Commemoration, D-Day Lecture, Beaujolais Nouveau, Brin de Muget (May Day), Barkus, History Walk, Intern Program Incoming Caen Student, Intern Program- Outgoing Alexandria Student, and Middle School Exchange.
- Six members resigned or their terms expired Mimi Joy 4/22, Holly Beardow 2/22, Henry Brooks 11/21, TJ Bradley 9/21, Kate Karau 10/21, Franz Bauerlein 10/21
- Six New Members Stephen Hartka 10/21, Leslie Tourigny 10/21, Ashlee Harper-Johnson 10/21, Jennifer Reading 11/2, Michael Skardon 2/22, Antoine Dula Lopez 5/22

ACSCC Member Activities

- In September 2021 Scott Campbell visited Caen and met with Marie of the Caen committee.
- On December 4, 2021, members marched with members of the Sister Cities Committee in the Scottish Parade
- On January 29, 2022 the committee participated in our 2nd annual Zoom Across the Atlantic with Caen Sister City Committee and Alexandria member at Chez Angelique

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- The committee sponsored a robust calendar of events throughout the year. Events included:
 - o September 28, 2021: Sip & Sketch (Lloyd House)
 - October 21, 2021: Lafayette Escadrille Film and Cocktails Event (Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum)
 - o November 18, 2021: Beaujolais Nouveau Sortie with the Committee (Virtual)

- o April 30, 2022: Farmers Market Event (Market Square)
- o April 30, 2022: May Day Soiree (Carlyle House)
- June 2, 2022: D-Day Lecture "Patton and Rommel: The Missing Generals of D-Day" by Dr. Kim Holien (Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum)
- June 4, 2022: D-Day Commemoration (Market Square)

Goals for 2022-2023

- Continue being strategic with our events and activities.
- Budget for 2024 fiscal year and 2023 events at December 2022 meeting.

Leadership

- Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the February meeting: Angelique Moss will serve again as Chair and Allison Wynn will serve as Secretary. At the May meeting, Stephen Hartka was chosen as Treasurer.
- The following members rolled off of the committee in FY 2022: Thomas Bradley, Franz Bauerlein, Katherine Karau, Henry Brooks, Holly Beardow, James Howard, and Mimi Joy. The following members joined the committee in FY 2022 (month joined in parenthesis): Ashlee Harper-Johnson (October), Stephen Hartka (October), Leslie Tourigny (October), Jennifer Reading (November), Michael Skardon (February), and Antoine Dula Lopez (May).
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - Thomas Bradley
 - o Elodie Guillon
 - o Franz Bauerlein
 - o Katherine Karau
 - Henry Brooks
 - o Angelique Moss
 - Herbert Thomas
 - Holly Beardow
 - James Howard
 - Alexandre Jevgrafovs
 - o Allison Wynn
 - Scott Campbell
 - Kyly Larriviere
 - o Daniel Morrison
 - Laura Withers
 - o Kerem Bilge
 - Mimi Joy
 - Ashlee Harper-Johnson
 - o Stephen Hartka
 - o Leslie Tourigny
 - Jennifer Reading
 - Michael Skardon

- o Antoine Dula Lopez
- Jim Holloway, Office of Historic Alexandria acted as the staff liaison to the ACSCC during the course of the 2021/2022 year.

Attachments

- 1. D-Day Proclaimation (Draft)
- 2. Event/Program Planning Worksheet

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria, Virginia, enjoys a sister city relationship with the City of Caen in Normandy, France, characterized by educational, commercial, and cultural cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the assault on the Normandy beaches of Nazi-occupied France near our Sister City Caen on June 6, 1944, by the United States and its allies, popularly known as "D-Day," was one of the most important efforts of World War II, and the success of that operation led to the defeat of Nazi Germany, the liberation of Western Europe, and the advancement of freedom, democracy, and shared prosperity between the United States and Western Europe in the post-war world; and

WHEREAS, sons and daughters of the City of Alexandria participated in that great operation and in the larger war effort of which it was a part, in some cases making the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, despite the global pandemic of 2020-2022, the citizens of Alexandria and Caen renewed and expanded their bonds virtually and look forward to building greater links when a new normality returns; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria remembering this critical moment in world history educates our community, honors our veterans, and strengthens sister city camaraderie by recognizing this time when the endeavors of our two nations overlapped and changed the course of history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin M. Wilson, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June as:

"78* Anniversary of D-DAY Commemoration Month"

in the City of Alexandria and call upon the citizens of Alexandria to remember and reflect on the Normandy landings, and to participate in public commemorations of the wartime landings and Alexandria's postwar relationship with Caen.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this day of May, 2022.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:	
Gloria A. Sitton, CMC	City Clerk

Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee

Event & Program Planning Worksheet

Event/Program Name:	
Event/Program Description:	
Goal & Purpose:	
Connection to our Mission: (Educational, Cultural, Commercial, Professional)	
Preferred Date(s):	
Preferred Time(s):	
Location/Venue:	
Target Audience/ Demographics:	
Estimated Attendance:	
Resources Needed:	
Budget: (If charging admission, include min. no. of tickets sold to break even. If it's a recurring program including the previous budget)	
Costs:	
Marketing Strategy:	
Coordinator(s) and Responsibilities:	
Planning Timeline:	
Event Agenda:	

Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force is to create a gang free community through collaboration, community outreach, and advocacy.

Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force Responsibilities, Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- 1. Increase youth/family participation in positive activities & protective supports aimed at decreasing participation in gang or crew related activities
- 2. Decrease gang/crew crime and incidents
- 3. Increase school attendance and graduation rates
- 4. Receive briefings on the status of gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities in the City and, in cases directly relevant to the City, the status of similar programs and activities in the metropolitan region
- 5. Provide outreach and education to the Alexandria community about the gang suppression, prevention and intervention programs and activities that occur in the City and in the region
- 6. Identify programs and activities that will address specific gang-related problems or issues in the City. Particular emphasis is on programs and activities that prevent individuals from joining gangs and/or that intervene with individuals who are members of a gang to facilitate their withdrawal from such membership
- 7. Identify opportunities to obtain funding for programs and activities that will address gang-related problems or issues in the City
- 8. Identify state or local laws and track policy that should be enacted or amended to enable the City, and possibly other local governments, to better address problems and issues arising from or related to gangs

Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force Accomplishments

• Integral to the workings of the Task Force has been the accurate and up-to-date knowledge of local, regional, and national trends related to gang activity. In addition, discussions have included specific neighborhood issues and concerns related to both the youth and adult population involved in criminal street gangs and crews. The Gang Prevention and Intervention Coordinator and Alexandria Police Gang Detective have worked closely to ensure appropriate prevention, intervention and suppression efforts that align with best practices through the

Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Comprehensive Gang Model are applied proactively. This collaboration led to enhancements to the Intervention Prevention and Education program including specialized outreach to Latino and African American youth and their families.

- Collaborative efforts with local and regional law enforcement, other regional prevention
 coordinators and other experts including local law enforcement, state and federal law
 enforcement and Office of the Attorney General continued to provide specialized information
 within the local and regional community. During FY 2022, the Gang Prevention and
 Intervention Coordinator and the Intake Officer/Acting Crime and Violence Prevention
 Coordinator provided gang/crew awareness trainings, briefings, and presentations to 603 youth
 and adult audience members.
- Prevention and Intervention Coordinator and the Intake Officer/Acting Crime and Violence Prevention Coordinator continued to educate local audiences from city agencies and local schools.
- Violence Prevention and Intervention Coordinator and the Intake Officer/Acting Crime and Violence Prevention Coordinator worked with local, and regional partners and resources to develop relevant and culturally competent presentations for a variety of audiences. An outgrowth of this was the development of the Social Responsibility Group (SRG), a nonprofit organization with a focus on centering black and brown residents of Alexandria and helping them improve their lives by providing them and the Alexandria community with relevant information. SRG was organized in collaboration with Gang Prevention, the Department of Recreation Parks and Cultural Activities, and the Alexandria Police Department. Members of SRG include city residents, city employees, small business owners, pastors, and others. City employees serve as members and hold no offices. In June of 2021, SRG became a 501 C-3. A major initiative of SRG has been to promote the restoration of Douglass Cemetery. An historically African American cemetery founded circa 1827.
- Regular gang intelligence and information meetings are held with Probation and Parole staff of the Alexandria Court Service Unit. The Gang Prevention and Intervention Coordinator also participates in the Virginia Gang Investigator's Association, with access to resources of all these partners including information regarding human trafficking.
- The following is a list of the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force partners:

Alexandria City Public Schools

Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities

Alexandria Police Department

Alexandria Sheriff's Office

18th Court Service Unit

Department of Community and Human Services

Northern Virginia Family Service

Adult Probation and Parole

Alexandria Mentoring Partnership

The Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying

Policy Changes

No policy changes specific to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force.

The Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force Member Activities

Member Activities

The Alexandria Gang Prevention & Intervention Coordinator and the Director of the Court Service Unit sit on the Intervention Steering Committee and meet with representatives from law enforcement and counterparts from Prince William County, Loudoun County, Arlington County/Falls Church, and Fairfax County on a quarterly basis to discuss regional and local initiatives addressing both youth and adult gang issues.

The Gang Prevention Task Force is involved with the Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying in prevention and intervention matters related to bullying within the community and schools. The Gang Prevention Community Task Force has supported this campaign through participation in stakeholder, planning, and subcommittee meetings.

Gang Prevention partnered with other city agencies to do outreach through community cookouts, sharing programs and services throughout the city.

The Intervention Prevention Education Program continued to serve youth at-risk of gang/crew involvement or those who have been identified as needing intervention to end their involvement. According to Northern Virginia Family Service, the following outcomes were achieved in fiscal year 2022 for those who completed program:

Among those who admitted / were known to be gang involved 64% demonstrated a reduction or elimination of gang participation as a result of being in IPE.

100% of those who were at-risk, but not yet involved, remained non-gang involved while in IPE.

87 of participants improved their school performance.

85% increased their pro-social activities and/or access to community resources.

90% improved family relationships and/or family functioning.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

During the 2022 fiscal year, the Gang Task Force developed a mission statement - To create a gang free community through collaboration, community outreach, and advocacy. In addition, the Task Force developed a vision statement - Safety, support, and opportunity for all.

In June 2022, Mr. Jim Dillon was confirmed as Chairman of the Task Force and Ms. Nevy-Cruz was confirmed as Vice Chair.

Goals for 2021-2022

The Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task Force will continue to oversee activities to mitigate risk factors that may contribute to involvement in gangs/crews. It will work in collaboration with its partners within the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, the Council of Governments and jurisdictions within Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Specifically:

It will continue to receive specific and specialized reports from local, regional, and international law enforcement and remain both informed and active in knowledge and expertise regarding gangs that operate in the region. The Task Force will remain briefed, educated, and trained on the most recent intelligence and activities pertaining to criminal street gangs. The Task Force will be flexible in adapting the implementation of the Comprehensive Gang Model to effectively address the evolution of criminal street gangs in the region.

It will continue to advise and participate in intervention efforts for those most in need of assistance including 10 to 21-year-old city residents in the Intervention Prevention Education program. In addition, collaborations with Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and others will continue to target youth through recreation activities coupled with opportunities to positively engage in the community.

The Task Force shall support the expansion of mentoring so that more children within the City can be matched with more adults. Adult mentoring will also be supported. The Task Force will support new mentoring programs and actively support efforts to recruit mentors as well as strive for current mentoring programs to increase capacity and build sustainability. This will include supporting the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership and its new Coordinator David Ulloa.

The Task Force shall continue to partner on efforts to enhance communication, education, and outreach to mitigate risks of maladaptive behavior. Teaming shall continue with the numerous entities already mentioned in this report to streamline good communication and excellent collaboration to bring necessary supports and services to targeted populations. New relationships and partners to enhance these efforts will also be sought. The Alexandria Gang

Prevention Community Task Force efforts, in response to community issues, will expand efforts to address gang and violence matters, in general. This expansion will include additional outreach and education and an expanded focus.

Service models will be developed and piloted to advance initial steps already taken to address human trafficking prevention and intervention, and family reunification.

The Task Force shall continue to increase the number of parent education and support groups offered throughout the City.

All the efforts within the Task Force shall be in concert with the City Council and School Board Strategic Plans and the City's Children & Youth Plan/Children Youth & Families Collaborative Commission.

Leadership

- City Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins and Canek Aguirre City Councilman were appointed January 3, 2021. Mr. Jim Dillon was elected Chair and Ms. Marilyn Cruz Vice Chair June 2022.
- Member's month appointed, term expiration and, new members

Name Alyia Gaskins - Council member	Term Jan 03, 2021 - Jan 03, 2025
Canek Aguirre - Council member	Jan 03, 2021 - Jan 02, 2025
Jim Dillon – Business Comm Rep *Marilyn Cruz – Latino Comm Rep	Sep 14, 2021 - Sep 14, 2024 Mar 08, 2022 - Mar 08, 2025
Noraine Buttar – City Manager's Rep	Jan 01, 2001 - N/A
Thomas Walczykowski – Citizen at Large	Mar 11, 2020 - Mar 11, 2023
Tim Brannon – Middle School Rep	May 10, 2022, to May 31, 2025
*Steven Nelson - African American Comm Rep	Apr 06, 2021, to Apr 30, 2024
*Bryan Kirkes - Citizen at Large	Apr 05, 2022, to Apr 30, 2025

Rachael Dischner – Elementary

Apr 05, 2022, to Apr 30, 2025

School Rep

Willie F. Bailey Sr.- School Board

Member

Jan 03, 2022, N/A

Shanelle Gayden

Nov 12, 2019 - Nov 12, 2022

*New Member

Vacant - Private Schools Representative

Vacant - At-Large, Representing Youth of the City

Vacant - At-Large, Representing Youth of the City

Vacant - Private Schools Representative

Vacant – High School Representative

 Percy White, Gang Prevention Coordinator acted as the staff liaison to the Alexandria Gang Prevention Community Task during the course of the 2021/2022 year.



Community Parent Support Group

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Parents, do you have questions about:

- What should you do if your child does not come home?
- What happens if your child gets a criminal charge?
- What recreational activities are available for teens in the city?
- Does Alexandria have mentoring programs?
- How can my child avoid possible gang activity and violence?

Get answers to these and other questions by attending the Community Parent Support Group Meeting.

A Support Group



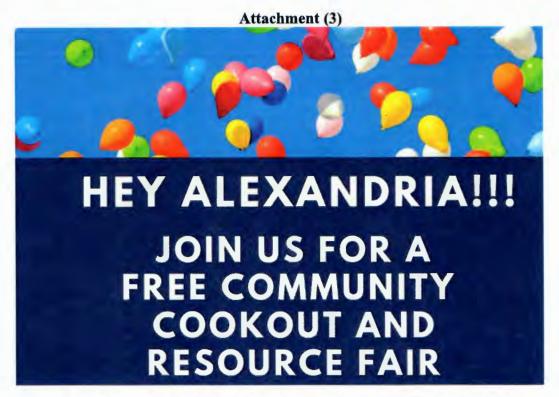
and Resource for Parents SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday
March 22, at 6:30 p.m.
See City calendar for zoom
Information

For more information contact Percy White at percy.white@alexandriava.gov.

For reasonable disability accommodation, contact percy white@alexandriava.gov or 703 919 3906, Virginia Relay 711





TUES. 4/19 SOUTHERN TOWERS. 4901 SEMINARY RD.

THUR. 4/21 449 N. ARMISTEAD ST. (PARK)

TUES. 4/26 RUBY TUCKER, 322 TANCIL CT.

THUR. 4/28 269 S. WHITING ST. (PARKING LOT)

TUES. 5/3 CHARLES HOUSTON, 901 WYTHE ST.

THUR. 5/5 3963 OLD DOMINION BLVD (PARKING LOT)

TUES. 5/10 MASON AT VAN DORN, 140 S. VAN DORN

TIME: 5:30P.M. - 7:30P.M.



RAIN DATE FOR EACH COOKOUT IS THE FOLLOWING DAY

Questions? Contact:

Michael Johnson @ 703.746.5571 or

Faith Spillman @ 703.746.6284

- Learn about City services.
- · Info on programs for youth and families.
- Free food, giveaways, and vaccinations available.



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

GANG PREVENTION COMMUNITY TASK FORCE MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Jim Dillon and Vice Chair Marilyn Nevy-Cruz

MEMBER'S NAME	Role - Representing	Oct	Jan	April	Jun
Councilman Canek Aguirre	City Council	##	X	X	Х
Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins	City Council	##	x	x	X
Mr. Jim Dillon	Chair Business Community Rep	X	x	x	X
Ms. Marilyn Nevy Cruz	Vice Chair	X	X	X	x
Mr. Willie F. Bailey Sr.	School Board	##	E	E	U
Ms. Noraine Buttar	City Manager's Office	X	X	X	х
Mr. Carlos Gonzales	Alexandria City HS	U	U	U	=
Mr. Tim Brannon	Middle Schools	Х	X	#	##
Ms. Rachael Dischner	Elementary Schools	X	X	##	x
Mr. Steve Nelson	African American Community Representative	х	x	U	X
Mr. Thomas Walczykowski	Member, At-Large	х	X	Х	X
Mr. Anthony Rivera	Member, At-Large	U	U	#	#
Mr. Bryan Kirkes	Member, At-Large	##	##	X	X
Ms. Shanelle Gayden	Parent Representative	U	X	U	U

Vacant	At-Large Representing Youth of the City	· ·	
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Vacant	Private Schools		
Vacant	High School		
Vacant	Faith Based Community Representative		

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT E - FOR EXCUSED U - FOR UNEXCUSED V - VACANT

- MEMBER'S TERM ENDED

- NOT YET IN OFFICE/APPOINTED

- MEETINGS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID 19

= - MEMBER RESIGNED POSITION

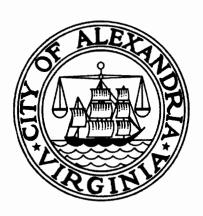
COMMENTS:

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON

(APPROVED)

(Chairperson)

The Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee FY22 Annual Report



The Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC) FY22 Annual Report, July 2021-June 2022

The Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC) comprises members appointed by the Alexandria City Council and is staffed by the Office of Housing. A list of the committee positions and members serving during Fiscal Year 2022 is included at the end of this report. The purpose of the committee is to advise City Council on issues regarding the preservation and creation of affordable housing, to make recommendations on policies governing expenditures of the City's Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and Housing Opportunities Fund monies, to review affordable housing plans, to monitor implementation of the Housing Master Plan and the Beauregard Small Area Plan, and to oversee the administration of the HTF. AHAAC held nine official meetings and one informational session during the annual reporting period.

Six new members were appointed to the Committee during FY22, and six members were reappointed for another term. In August 2022, the Committee had four vacancies.

FY22 Accomplishments Overview

- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for 805 North Columbus/Columbus Flats, a 78-unit for-sale condominium building which is planned to yield eight affordable homeownership units.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for Mark Center CDD #4
 Amendment.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan and an equity investment request for AHDC Seminary Road which is planned to yield 36 affordable homeownership units, as well as three new and replacement supportive housing units for up to 12 residents of Sheltered Homes of Alexandria.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan and permanent loan request of \$10.5 million for Phase I A of AHDC's mixed-use/mixed-tenure 474-unit affordable Arlandria project.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for Tide Lock, a mixed-use redevelopment project in Old Town North which is planned to yield 15 on-site affordable units, including 11 rental and 4 for-sale units.
- Recommended approval of a \$300,000 Housing Opportunity Fund loan request for ARHA in support of its major upcoming repositioning and redevelopment projects.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for Landmark Overlook, a mixed-use project which is planned to yield a HTF contribution and six on-site affordable units.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for Wesley Housing's ParcView II, which is planned to provide 373 affordable units through renovation of the existing high-rise (ParcView I) and construction of additional affordable units on the existing ParcView site.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for 901 North Pitt Street which is planned to yield 16 on-site affordable rental units and a contribution to the HTF.
- Recommended approval of a \$700,000 loan for an elevator modernization project at Wesley Housing's ParcView Apartments.
- Recommended approval of an affordable housing plan for Eisenhower East Block 23, a
 residential project that is planned to yield 44 on-site affordable rental units across two
 development phases and a HTF contribution.

- Recommended approval, with conditions, of an affordable housing plan for Hilco's Potomac River Generating Station CDD, a proposed mixed-use redevelopment project which is planned to yield 58-65 on-site affordable units, a HTF contribution, and potential additional affordable housing units through a leveraged project developed through a public-private partnership.
- Received updates on ARHA's proposed Samuel Madden redevelopment, which is planned to yield a mix of affordable and market-rate rental units.
- Recommended approval of a predevelopment loan for Community Lodgings' Elbert Avenue project which plans to redevelop an existing 28-unit, affordable building into a 91-unit affordable project.
- Recommended approval of a predevelopment loan for Community Housing Partners' proposed 2712 Duke Street (Witter Place) project, a 94-unit affordable rental project.

It is noted that AHAAC met virtually during the first three quarters of FY22 due to limitations on public meetings related to the pandemic health emergency. Hybrid meetings, with in-person and virtual participation options, began in April 2022 and continued through June 2022.

During the past year, AHAAC considered the following funding requests, affordable housing plans, and issues:

- **A.** Housing Funding Requests: During the reporting period, AHAAC voted on six funding requests described below.
 - 1. AHDC Seminary Road Funding Request: In November, AHAAC considered an investment request of up to \$5 million for AHDC to develop 36 affordable for-sale homeownership units and three condominium units to be owned and operated by Sheltered Homes of Alexandria (SHA) for individuals with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. The request sought a loan or equity investment (grant) of up to \$3.9 million (including \$250,000 of previously approved development funds) for the development of 36 affordable for-sale housing units; an additional equity investment through the transfer of City land valued at \$780,570 at no/low cost to AHDC for the project land assemblage; and an affordable housing grant or loan of up to \$1.1 million for the development of the SHA units. AHAAC voted unanimously to approve the funding request. It is noted that when this request went to City Council in December, the funding requests were consolidated into a "grant" of up to \$5 million.
 - 2. AHDC Arlandria Project Affordable Housing Loan and Rental Subsidy Grant: In November, AHAAC considered a \$10.5 million affordable housing loan and a \$240,000 rental subsidy grant request for AHDC's Arlandria project. The \$10.5 million loan will fund Phase I A of the proposed project, which will construct 76 units affordable to households with incomes between 40% and 80% AMI. The loan is part of a larger funding package totaling approximately \$43 million that includes leveraged sources such as first trust mortgage financing and tax credit equity, as well as other soft debt and grants. The \$240,000 grant furthers the City's pilot rental assistance program to help eight households in this project benefit from deeper levels of affordability. AHAAC voted unanimously to approve the loan and subsidy grant requests.

- 3. Repositioning, Redevelopment and Modernization Housing Opportunity Fund Request (ARHA): In December, AHAAC considered a \$300,000 City Housing Opportunities Fund (HOF) loan request from the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) to support predevelopment costs related to the modernization, redevelopment, and repositioning of its assets at properties including Saxony Square Condominiums, Park Place Condominiums, Braddock-Whiting-Reynolds, Chatham Square, Ladrey Senior Highrise, and Samuel Madden Homes. This is the first of what are anticipated to be multiple requests as ARHA implements it repositioning and redevelopment strategy. The funding source is proposed to be the HTF reservation of funds for ARHA from Braddock area development. With one abstention, AHAAC voted unanimously to approve the funding request.
- 4. ParcView Elevator Modernization Loan (Wesley Housing): In March, AHAAC considered a \$700,000 loan for Wesley Housing's ParcView elevator rehabilitation project. Built in 1973, ParcView is a 14-story building which Wesley Housing acquired and subsequently rehabilitated in 2006 for preservation as affordable housing to households with incomes up to 60% of the area median income (AMI). As Wesley's 2006 rehabilitation did not include elevator modifications, the aging elevators' state of repair results in frequent service interruptions, which is especially concerning due to the age of many of the residents. The \$700,000 loan, derived from Community Development Block Grant funds, will cover elevator repair work. The rehabilitation project will support Wesley's larger ParcView II redevelopment project (see Wesley ParcView II Affordable Housing Plan below). AHAAC voted unanimously to approve the loan request, with one member abstaining.
- 5. Elbert Avenue Project Predevelopment Loan (Community Lodgings): In June, AHAAC considered a \$400,000 predevelopment loan request for Community Lodgings' (CLI) Elbert Avenue Apartments redevelopment project. Through a proposed rezoning to the RMF Zone, CLI proposes to redevelop its existing 28-unit property at 3908-3916 Elbert Avenue into a 91-unit building with units ranging in affordability from 30%-40% up to 60% AMI. CLI plans to utilize predevelopment loan funds to pay for architectural and engineering design, along with development consulting services and legal fees associated with the project's rezoning application. CLI received a \$50,000 loan administratively in 2020 to assess project feasibility. AHAAC voted unanimously to approve the predevelopment loan request.
- 6. 2712 Duke Street Project Predevelopment Loan (Community Housing Partners): In June, AHAAC considered a \$400,000 predevelopment loan request for Community Housing Partners' (CHP) proposed Witter Place project, located at 2712 Duke Street. CHP proposes redeveloping this site, formerly utilized as a Land Rover dealership, into a 94-unit building with units ranging in affordability from 40% to 60% AMI. CHP plans to utilize predevelopment funds to pay third party costs of planning, design, engineering, and zoning counsel. AHAAC voted unanimously to approve the predevelopment loan request.
- **B.** Affordable Housing Plans: During the reporting period, AHAAC voted on ten affordable housing plans that were included as part of the development process.

- 1. 805 North Columbus/Columbus Flats Development Special Use Permit: This site is located at 805 North Columbus Street. The applicant proposes to construct a 78-unit forsale condominium building on 0.57 acres, including eight affordable homeownership units, a below grade parking structure, and associated infrastructure. The set-aside units will be affordable to households with incomes up to 100% AMI. In addition, the applicant will contribute \$57,246 to the HTF. This is the first-time costs associated with parking have been unbundled from for-sale affordable units. At its September meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan with one member opposing.
- 2. Mark Center Coordinated Development District (CDD) #4 Amendment: The CDD Amendment comprised sites located at 5000 Seminary Road (Hilton site) and 4880 Mark Center Drive (IDA site). The applicant proposes to amend CDD #4 to allow up to 497,072 square feet of residential multifamily, commercial development, and/or senior living on the Hilton site and up to 450,887 square feet of residential multifamily, commercial development, and/or senior living on the IDA site. The request for densities in excess of densities recommended in the Small Area Plan triggers the application of the 2020 Housing Contribution Policy. Per the Policy, the applicant will comply with the housing contribution rate in effect at the time of future DSUP submission(s). At its September meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously.
- 3. AHDC Seminary Road Project Development Special Use Permit: Located on a 2.6-acre site at 4547 Seminary Road, AHDC proposes an affordable housing project featuring 31 condominium townhome units and eight condominium flats. The condominium flats building will include five ownership flats and three Sheltered Homes of Alexandria (SHA) units. All townhomes and condominium units are targeted to be affordable for sale to households with incomes at or below 80% AMI. The SHA units will house up to 12 residents in modern, accessible units and will replace an existing six-resident SHA group home on the site. Additional site improvements will include 62 garage parking spaces and 19 surface spaces, a bus stop, 54,000 square feet of open space, an 1,100 square foot community room and terrace, and improvements to the public right of way. At its November meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously.
- 4. Arlandria Project Development Special Use Permit: AHDC's Arlandria project is proposed for a 3.2-acre site near the intersection of Mount Vernon Avenue and Glebe Road, centrally located within the Arlandria-Chirilagua neighborhood. The assemblage includes a City parking lot which is being donated for the project. AHDC proposed 417 affordable rental housing units, 58 affordable homeownership units, and approximately 38,000 square feet of commercial space. All units are planned to be affordable for households with incomes up to 80% AMI, with 25% of rental units proposed to be deeply affordable, i.e., for households with incomes at or below 40% AMI. Commercial space at the site is proposed to include flex space for City neighborhood services as well as potential medical and dental services, neighborhood-serving retail, affordable childcare, and other community-focused nonprofit organizations and programs. At its November meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously.

- Following AHAAC's approval, City Council approved an amendment to the DSUP in July 2022; the amended DSUP includes site and architectural changes that result in one fewer rental unit (474 total) than the previous iteration.
- 5. Tide Lock Development Special Use Permit: This site is located at 1033 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town North. The applicant proposed converting existing office buildings into a mixed-use project including 169 rental units, 65 for-sale units, an approximately 6,600 square foot arts anchor, and approximately 6,500 square feet of retail space. As part of its redevelopment proposal, the applicant proposed a rezoning to the CRMU-X zone, a Special Use Permit (SUP) for bonus density in exchange for affordable housing pursuant to Section 7-700, and a SUP for bonus density in exchange for an arts anchor pursuant to Section 6-900. This was the first project in the city to pair the two bonus density tools. The proposed project's use of Section 7-700 will yield 15 on-site affordable units, 11 of which will be rental and 4 of which will be for sale; rental set-aside units will be affordable up to 60% AMI while for-sale set asides will be affordable to households with incomes up to 100% AMI. In addition, the applicant will contribute \$217,119 to the HTF. At its December meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously.
- 6. Landmark Overlook Development Special Use Permit: This mixed-use project located at 5999 Stevenson Avenue, an 8.2-acre site, proposes a phased development with 88 two-over-two stacked condominiums, two multifamily buildings with 188 units and 174 units, and 6,913 square feet of retail space. For the first phase of the development, the 88 two-over-two stacked condominiums, the applicant will contribute \$727,967 to the HTF. The applicant will provide six onsite units affordable at 60% AMI in the two multifamily buildings in lieu of an approximately \$1.1 million voluntary affordable housing contribution. At its January meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously. Following AHAAC's approval, City Council approved an amended DSUP in February 2022 which increased the total number of set-aside units to 15 in lieu of the phase 1 HTF contribution.
- 7. ParcView II Development Special Use Permit: The project is located at 5380 Holmes Run Parkway on approximately three acres and involves the substantial renovation and expansion of ParcView Apartments. ParcView Apartments is currently a 149-unit rental community with 120 committed affordable units affordable to households with incomes at 60% AMI; the property also features an additional 29 non-income restricted units. Through a land banking strategy that takes advantage of the Residential Multifamily (RMF) zone, the "ParcView II" project proposes to renovate the existing 14-story building, retaining 146 of the existing 149 one- and two-bedroom units, and to construct two nine-story buildings on the site of its existing surface parking lot and pool. The project is planned to result in up to 224 new units for a total of 373 committed affordable rental units. Units are proposed to offer a range of affordability between 30% and 80% AMI, with 19% of units proposed to be deeply affordable at 30% to 40% AMI. At its January meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously with one member abstaining.

- 8. 901 N. Pitt Street Development Special Use Permit: Located in Old Town North, this project proposes replacing an existing office building with an eight-story mixed-use building featuring 250 multifamily units, ground-floor retail and restaurant space, and an arts and cultural anchor. The applicant proposes utilizing both Sections 7-700 and 6-900 to secure 30-percent bonus density in exchange for on-site affordable housing and arts and cultural uses, respectively. The proposed project's use of Section 7-700 will yield 16 rental units affordable at 60% AMI. At its February meeting, AHAAC voted to approve the Affordable Housing Plan unanimously.
- 9. Eisenhower East Block 23 Development Special Use Permit: Located at 2121 and 2111 Eisenhower Avenue, this project proposes two residential towers totaling 802 residential units. Consistent with the 2019 Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Update, the applicant will provide ten percent of the increase in residential density above the "Base Development" as committed affordable housing, equivalent to 44 rental units affordable at 60% AMI. At its April meeting, AHAAC approved the Affordable Housing Plan with eight votes in favor and one vote opposed.
- 10. Hilco Potomac River Generating Station Project Concept Development Plan: This site is located at 1300 North Royal Street in Old Town North and proposes redeveloping the former Potomac River Generating Station, a coal-fired power station that was decommissioned in 2012. Through its proposed Coordinated Development District (CDD) Conceptual Design Plan, the applicant, Hilco Redevelopment Partners (Hilco or HRP), plans to deliver a mixed-use development including office, retail, arts and cultural uses, and up to 2,000 residential units across six blocks. The CDD permits 2.15 million square feet of density across the site plus an additional 350,000 square feet of density provided for required affordable housing and arts uses.

The project's additional density comprises 75,000 square feet of arts and cultural density (required to yield a minimum of 30,000 square feet of arts and cultural uses on the site, including a minimum of 15,000 square feet reserved for an arts anchor space), and 175,000 square feet of affordable housing density (required to yield 58,333 square feet of affordable housing, or approximately 58-65 affordable units). The remaining 100,000 square feet of additional density is intended to be utilized for a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) for an on-site affordable housing project. If the PPP project fails to obtain necessary funding after no fewer than three Low Income Housing Tax Credit funding cycles, the applicant may utilize the remaining additional density by providing one-third of the 100,000 square feet as on-site affordable set-aside units.

This Affordable Housing Plan prompted discussion among AHAAC members about potential competing interests between the arts and cultural bonus density and affordable housing bonus density. In addition, AHAAC members expressed concern regarding the applicant's proposed affordable housing provisions if the PPP does not secure funding within three LIHTC cycles. At its June meeting, AHAAC members conducted two votes on this Affordable Housing Plan. The first vote, to approve the Affordable Housing Plan's provisions excluding the PPP contingency plan, was approved with three members opposing. The second vote, to commit one-third of 100,000 square

feet of dedicated PPP space to affordable housing if the PPP fails, carried unanimously with one abstention.

C. Housing Trust Fund Overview: FY22

\$8,586,021 million was pledged of which \$5,004,718 is new and \$3,581,303 is associated with a prior development approval for Carlyle Plaza that was amended in FY22; and \$6,589,493 million was received.

D. Housing Master Plan:

As stewards of the Housing Master Plan, the Committee helped monitor implementation through:

- Reviewing and providing guidance on a quarterly basis on the implementation of the Housing Master Plan (see Attachment 1).
- Receiving updates on progress made toward meeting Alexandria's allocation of the Regional Housing Initiative target (an additional 2,250 affordable and workforce units by 2030).
- Receiving updates on the Zoning for Housing Initiative and project timelines and providing input towards the Co-living Initiative. The City adopted a co-living policy in February 2022.
- Receiving monthly progress reports from ARHA and AHDC representatives.

E. Small Area Plans and Planning Initiatives:

- Monitored meetings of the ARHA Redevelopment Work Group and the Hilco PRGS redevelopment.
- Appointed an AHAAC representative to the Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group.
- Received updates on proposed text amendments to the bonus height provision of section 7-703B and the proposed codification of the 2020/2021 Housing Contribution Policy.

F. Other

- Received updates and provided feedback on the City's Fiscal Year 2023 Office of Housing budget. In addition, members voted to provide a letter to City Council outlining AHAAC's comments on both the FY 2023 budget and future budgetary concerns surrounding the affordable housing pipeline.
- Received updates and provided consultation on the Office of Housing's HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding priorities.
- Received updates on the Energy Masters program and its activities in the city.
- Received updates and provided feedback on the application of arts and cultural bonus density in the city.
- Received a briefing and provided feedback on the Office of Housing's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan, a one-year plan outlining how the Office of Housing will allocate certain HUD funds.
- Received a briefing from Urban Institute on the impact of affordable housing on property values in the city.

G. Attachments

1. FY22 Housing Master Plan Progress Report

Committee Composition (voting members): 19

- 1 Builder or developer of residential property
- 1 Real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate
- 1 Landlord of residential property in the City
- 1 Residential tenant in the City
- 1 Homeowner in the City
- 1 Commissioner from the ARHA Board
- 1 Representative of the City's faith community
- 1 Representative of a civic association in the City
- 1 Representative who is employed by or affiliated with an organization that promotes and maintains affordable housing
- 2 Financial professional with knowledge and experience in the field of finance
- 1 Representative of an employer in the city who employs at least 100 employees
- 1 Licensed and practicing attorney
- 1 Person designated by, but who need not be a member of the Commission on Aging
- 1 Person who is either an employee of the City or the Alexandria City Public Schools
- 1 Person who represents housing consumers under 30 years of age
- 2 Representatives of the City's small business community, including the retail, restaurant, or hospitality sectors
- 1 Person designated by, but need not be a member of, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities

Voting Members between July 2021 and June 2022:

Michelle Krocker, Chair

Robyn Konkel

Katharine Dixon (membership ended June

2022)

Michael Butler (membership ended June

2022)

William Harris (membership ended

November 2021)

Peter-Anthony Pappas

Jon Frederick Michael Doyle

William Alexander (membership ended

October 2021)

Zachary DesJardins (membership ended

March 2022)

Frank Fannon (membership ended

December 2021)

Annette Bridges

Shelley Murphy

Paul Zurawski (membership ended June

2022)

Betsy Faga

Felicia Brewster

Merle Cuthrell (membership ended

November 2021)

Salena Zellers

Michael Jackson (appointed September

2021)

Jan Macidull (appointed January 2022)

Alison O'Connell (appointed March 2022)

Housing Master Plan Progress Report Period: FY22 Q1-Q4 Cty of Alexandria, Office of Housing

		FY22 Q1-Q4 Imp		Prior Reported Impact	Total Impact	Housing Master Plan		
TYPE OF ACTIVITY		(jul 2021-jun 20:	22)	(Jan 2914-jun 2021)	(jan 2014-jun 2022)	(Jan 2014	Dec 2025)	
	Completed	Underway	Ppolise	Prior Completed	Total Completed	Target	Balance	
Rental Units Created or	196	81	796	578	774	660	-114	
reserved/Rehabilitated	170	81	176	78	779	000	-117	
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lew Hope Veterans Home (Aspen Street)				3				
he Bloom (Carpenter's Shelter)				97	*****			
sirlington Presbyterian Church (Waypoint at Fairlington)		61		20				
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urkstone (Avana) Apartments				130				
HDC Seminary Project			37.5					
HDC Arlandria Project			317					
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he Bradley (Braddock Station/Braddock Metro Place)				10				
arc Meridian at Eisenhower Station he Thornton (Hunting Terrace)				33				
901 Eisenhower Avenue (The Denizen + South Tower)			8	13				
takville Triangle Blocks A & B		65						
ables Old Town North (ABC/Giant site) he Platform I (Braddock Gateway Phase II)	4			,				
ylan (Potomac Yard Landbay H/I)	-	9						
mrise Senior Living				2				
he Foundry (Block 6A)*		15		2				
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Iverstone Senior Living	7							
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The Aspire Independent Living			9					
01 N. Henry			7					
North Potomac Yard Phase I Benchmark Senior Living		3	14					
Newport Village		-	12					
The Heritage			55					
Braddock West 105 N. Columbus			8					
NdeLock			15					
andmark Overlook 01 N, Piss			15					
Senhower East Block 23			16					
Seauregard Committed Units	0	0	0	311	311	494	183	
t. James Plaza (Fillmore)				93				
hurch of the Resurrection outhern Towers				113				
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ledevelopment Support to ARHA	0	0	0	52	52	174	122	
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The Lineage (Ramsey Homes)				15				
Project also includes three units affordable at 80% AME.								
PE OF ACTIVITY		FY22 QI-Q4 Im	pact	Prior Reported Impact	Total Impact	Housing I	4aster Plan	
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Rental Accessibility Modification Projects							-	
Grants)		2		19	21	24	3	
Homebuyer Loans (advisuals served by 8-sc-close homebuyer								
existence, and individuals receiving SPARC allocations?		15		71	86	72	-14	
Homeowner Rehab Loans/RTA Projects		2.7						
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HOUSING MASTER DI AN DROCCESCO		FY22 Q1-Q4 Im		Prior Reported Impact	Total Impact		laster Plan	
HOUSING MASTER PLAN PROGRESS REPORT SUMMARY		(jul 2021-jun 20		(Jan 2014-Jun 2021)	(jan 2014-jun 2022)	(Jan 2014	-Dec 2025)	
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TYPE OF ACTIVITY		FY22 Q1-Q4 Impa (Jul 2021-Jun 202	Prior Reported Impact (Jan 2014-Jun 2021)	Total Impact (Jan 2014-Jun 2022	
	Completed	Underway	Pipeline	Prior Completed	Total Completed
Workforce Affordable Units (70-80% AMI) Created or Preserved	230	0	231	117	347
The Foundry (Block 6A) (also see above)				3	3
Ford + Park	10			0	10
Parkstone (Avana) Apartments				114	114
Landmark Towers	154		0	0	154
Parc Square	66			0	66
AHDC Arlandria Project		,	158	0	0
Parcview II			73	0	0

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	FY22 Q1-Q4 Loss (Jul 2021-Jun 2022)	Prior Reported Loss (Jan 2014-Jun 2021)	Total Loss (Jan 2014-Jun 2022)
Committed Affordable Units Where Affordability Term has Expired	-13	-88	-101
101 North Ripley (housing assistance contract expired)		-76	-76
Northampton Place (set-aside term of affordability expired)		-12	-12
The Alexander (set-aside term of affordability expired)	-13	0	-13

Adjusted Housing Master Plan				
(Jan 2014-D	Dec 2025)			
2,000	587			

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

COMMISSION: Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee CHAIRPERSON: Michelle Krocker

2021

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MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Katharine Dixon			Х	Х	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	U		X
Michael Butler			Ε	U	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X		X
Jon Frederick			Х				Х	Х	Х	Х		U
William Harris			Е	X	E							
Robyn Konkel			X	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	X		Х
Michelle Krocker, Chair			Х	Х	X	Х	Х	X	Х	E		Х
Peter-Anthony Pappas			X	Х	X	Х	Х	X	X	X		X
Paul Zurawski			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Е		X
Michael Doyle			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		X
William Alexander			Х	Х								
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Shelley Murphy			Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X		U
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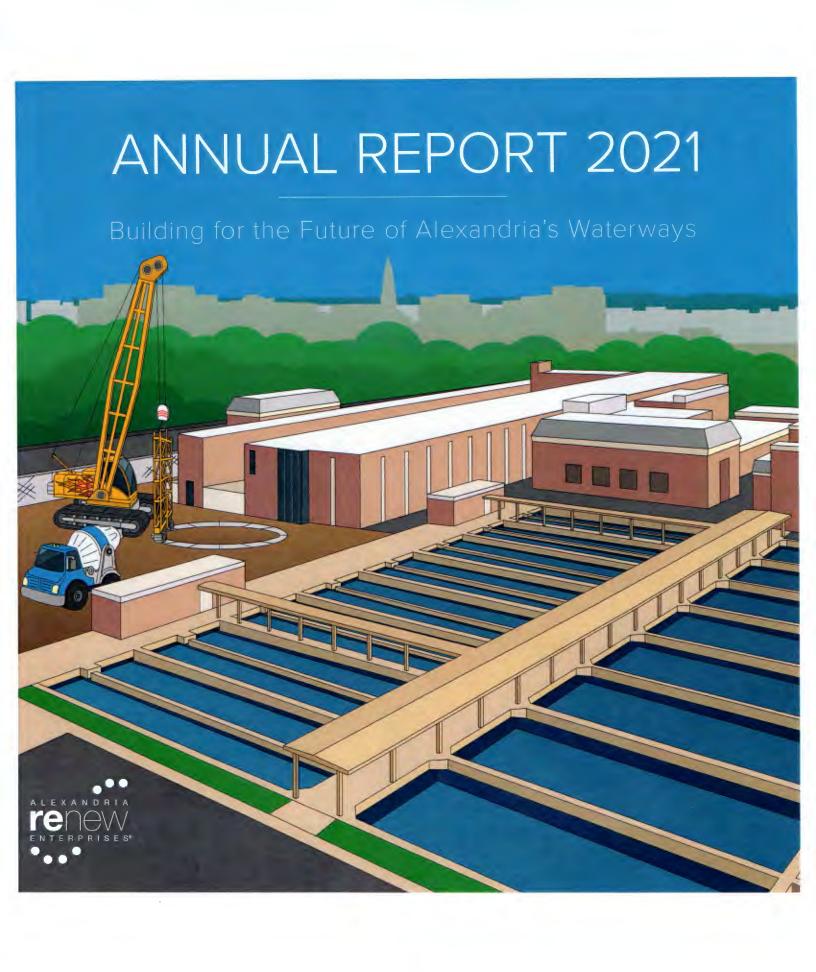
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APPROVED:	
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What's happening on the front cover?

In FY21, AlexRenew finished preparations at our wastewater treatment plant for the **RiverRenew Tunnel Project**, a water quality project designed to prevent millions of gallons of combined sewer overflows from polluting Hooffs Run, Hunting Creek, and the Potomac River. Use of our plant is essential to constructing and operating the Project. All tunnel mining will occur at AlexRenew, a commitment made to the community to minimize construction impacts near their homes and businesses.

At completion, the tunnel will convey captured combined sewage flows to AlexRenew for treatment. At the time of this report's issuance, construction had begun on two 12-story-deep shafts needed to launch the machine that will build the tunnel, illustrated on the front cover.



Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code to discover how we'll begin Building for the Future of Alexandria's Waterways.

AlexRenew is a regional, independent public wastewater authority located in Alexandria, Virginia.



Providing our essential service as a special purpose authority



Treating over 38 million gallons of wastewater every day



Led by a 5-member citizen board



Serving over 300,000 customers in Alexandria and portions of Fairfax County



With our 99 employees transforming water 24/7/365

Protecting the waterways that connect us

A message from our **board of directors**

Day after day, our talented team returns cleaned water back to the environment, treating the millions of gallons of wastewater that arrive at our plant. In 2021, as we continued through the ongoing pandemic, we also prepared our plant for the construction of the RiverRenew Tunnel Project, a water quality project that will reduce pollution from Alexandria's combined sewer system. In adapting our work to meet the challenges of the pandemic, our team continued their problem-solving mission to protect and improve public health and water quality.

My board colleagues and I are inspired by the resiliency and dedication AlexRenew water transforming employees have shown in providing this essential service to our community.

We met and exceeded the cleaned water quality requirements day in and day out, delivering healthier waterways to the environment nonstop every minute of every day in 2021. Four construction

projects were completed, paving the way for RiverRenew. We awarded the RiverRenew Tunnel Project's construction contract in December 2020. To connect with our customers, we shared our work through social media, online activities, and virtual meetings, and we strengthened our role as an anchor in the community by growing partnerships to support our local and regional community.

Amidst all of this change, our team demonstrated their endless commitment to fulfilling our mission and supporting our customers by providing cleaned wastewater that meets the quality requirements of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. My board colleagues and I could not be prouder of the commitment of our dedicated team's work to transform water. We thank them and all of you in our community for your continued support. We look forward to all that we can achieve together in the coming years.



John Hill Chair



James Beall Vice Chair



Bill Dickinson Secretary-Treasurer



Bruce Johnson General Board Member

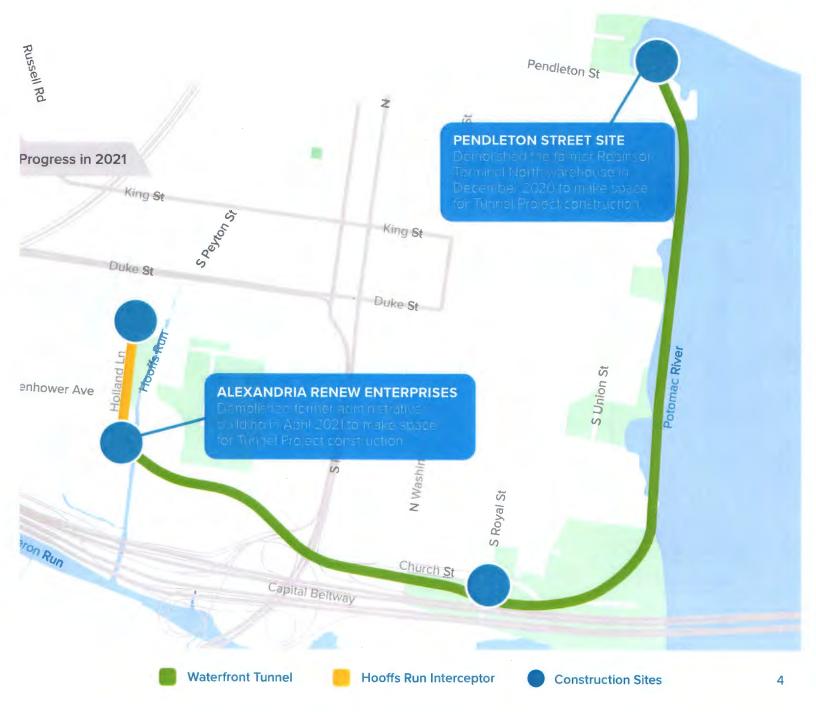


Adriana Caldarelli General Board Member

This annual report highlights the milestones, accomplishments, and financial status of Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) during the 2021 Fiscal Year, which runs from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021

Our work in 2021 prepared our plant site as well as other sites in Alexandria to start construction on the **RiverRenew Tunnel Project** (shown below).





Meeting our water quality commitments of today...

Every day, our treatment processes remove bacteria and nutrients that could otherwise cause algae blooms, harm wildlife, and impact the vitality of the waterways that support our region. In 2021, AlexRenew outperformed its permit requirements for nitrogen and phosphorus removal.

99.9%

BACTERIA

99.1%



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98%



2021 HIGHLIGHTS



Certified as a Laboratory of Excellence by Virginia Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program for the 7th year



Maintained status as **Extraordinary Environmental Enterprise** since 2012 and as a **Sustainability Partner** since 2018 through the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's Environmental Excellence Program



Awarded a National Environmental Achievement Award from National Association of Clean Water Agencies for our high school internship program with Urban Alliance. To learn more about Urban Alliance, visit TheUrbanAlliance.org

...while cultivating a **resilient** workforce for tomorrow.

Our team's resilience, even in the face of a global pandemic, has allowed us to continue cleaning Alexandria's wastewater seven days a week, 365 days a year. Throughout 2021, we supported their tireless efforts to adapt and grow amidst a changing world, including **completing over 3,000 professional development hours** by attending trainings, gaining new licenses, and moving programs to a virtual environment.

Highlights of Our Team's Licenses Crucial to Supporting Wastewater Operations...

- Certified Public Procurement Officer
- 2 LEED Accredited Professionals and Green Associates
- 3 ABC Maintenance Technologists
- 7 Electrical Journeymen
- 25 Licensed Wastewater Operators

- Virginia Contracting Associate
- 3 Envision Sustainability Professionals
- 6 Professional Engineers
- Certified Maintenance & Reliability
 Technicians and Professionals

...Across 99 Employees

Connecting virtually

to share progress on your investments...

In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic brought new challenges to communicating progress of ongoing work. By continuing and expanding our use of virtual channels, we kept our community up to date from a distance on how our team continued to forge ahead.



20+ virtual meetings hosted to discuss our work with the community



Designed and debuted a refreshed version of our website,

AlexRenew.com



Produced virtual tours of our interactive lobby and Four Mile Run pumping station







250+ posts shared on social media

...while **growing partnerships** for a resilient community.

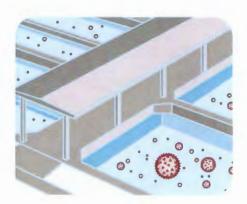
Above all else, this year taught us that we can overcome any obstacles with a strong community by our side. By working with our existing partners and connecting with new ones, we spent 2021 sharing resources to continue to support our community.



Partnered with **Inova** and **Lost Boy Cider** on 4 blood drives with 140 donors



Hosted over **600** voters in the 2021 elections at our administrative building



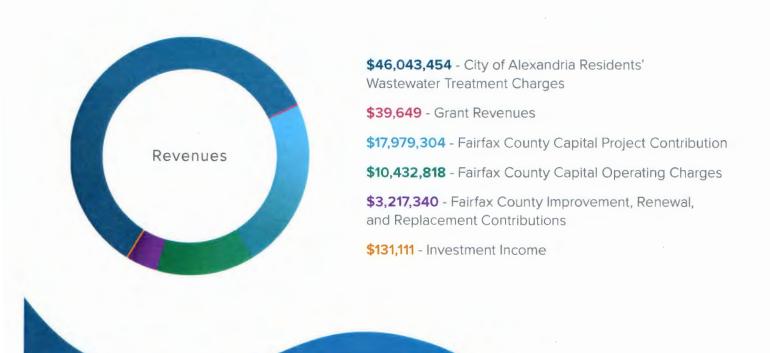
Contributed to 3 **COVID-19** wastewater research projects with samples from our plant

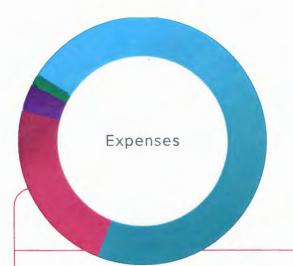


Partnered with **Promise Pay** to distribute bill relief grants from the state to customers impacted by COVID-19

Your Investment in Healthier Waterways

AlexRenew is primarily funded through our treatment charges from our customers like you. Not only does your investment allow us to clean and treat the water we receive every day, it's also critical to helping us work toward Alexandria's healthy waterways future.





\$80,912,596* - Capital Improvement Program

\$25,895,331 - Operating Expenses

\$4,038,841 - Improvement, Renewal, and Replacement

\$1,349,252 - Arlington Sewage Disposal

*Over 90% of the Capital Improvement Program is funded through loans and grants. \$13,905,315 - Debt service paid in FY21.

Operating Expenses



Public Engagement and Trust \$1,916,491



Adaptive Culture **\$12,332,155**



Operational Excellence \$7,456,030



Watershed Stewardship \$2,339,068



Effective Financial Stewardship \$1,851,587



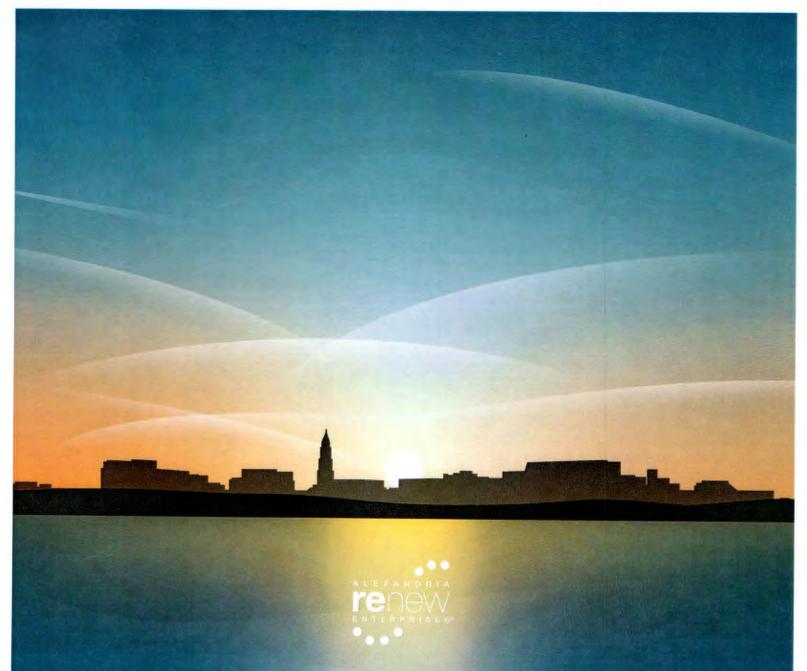
\$186 Million - 1.35% interest loan received through
Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (VCWRLF)

\$321 Million - 1.88% interest loan received through EPA's Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA)

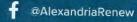
\$50 Million - State grants received

\$40 Million - State grants anticipated from **Virginia General Assembly after July 2022**

\$50 Million - American Rescue Plan funds received from **Virginia**



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ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA **Alexandria Renew Enterprises Board of Directors** MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: John Hill

MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
John Hill	X	*	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X
Bruce Johnson	X	*	X	Х	X	X						
James Beall	Х	*	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X
William Dickinson	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adriana Caldarelli	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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^{*}The AlexRenew Board of Directors does not meet in August.

Transportation Commission Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Transportation Commission includes to advocate and promote development of balanced transportation systems for the City of Alexandria, through oversight of the implementation of the Transportation Chapter of the City's adopted Master Plan. Within these guidelines, the Transportation Commission membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 session.

Transportation Commission Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- While a number of positions turned over during the year, membership remained steady with a quorum achieved at all scheduled meetings.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission held virtual meetings from the beginning of the fiscal year through March 2022, then successfully transitioned to hybrid meetings with virtual and in-person options in April 2022 through the end of the fiscal year.

Coordination with other Boards

- The Transportation Commission includes membership from the Planning Commission, the Traffic and Parking Board, the Environmental Policy Commission, the Potomac Yard Metro Implementation Working Group, and the DASH Board.
- At every Transportation Commission meeting, the Transportation Commission receives updates and reports back on Transportation Commission topics to their respective board.
- No formal policy changes have been made.
- The Transportation Commission had a joint meeting with the Environmental Policy Commission in October 2021.
- Members of the Transportation Commission, Environmental Policy Commission, and Planning Commission coordinated to provide a letter to City Council on the Climate Emergency.

Transportation Commission Member Activities

- Oscar Gonzalez is serving on the ACPS Superintendent's Advisory Team for the High School Project
- Casey Kane is serving on the Eisenhower West/Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group and Ad Hoc Duke Street Transitway Committee

2021-2022 Accomplishments

• See Attachment 2

Goals for 2022-2023

• Provide input on City consideration of transportation grants.

- Consider endorsements for transportation grants and weigh in on transportation components of other plans and the City budget.
- Continue to hold hybrid meetings to ensure convenient participation for the Commissioners and the public.
- Hold a joint session with the Environmental Policy Commission.

Leadership

- Officers for the 2021 calendar year were elected at the January 2021 meeting. Melissa
 McMahon was elected as chair and Oscar Gonzalez was elected as Vice-Chair. Officers for
 the 2022 calendar year were elected at the January 2022 meeting. Oscar Gonzalez was
 elected as chair and Bruce Marsh was elected as Vice-Chair.
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed.
 - John Goebel resigned July 2021
 - Jeremy Drislane resigned November 2021
 - James Maslanka appointed November 2021
 - Laurence Chambers resigned December 2021
 - Jody Manor appointed January 2022
 - Matthew McManus appointed January 2022
 - Bill Pugh's term ended May 2022
 - Murat Omay appointed June 2022
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - Councilman Canek Aguirre (non-voting)
 - Councilman John Chapman (non-voting)
 - Councilman Kirk McPike (non-voting)
 - Laurence Chambers
 - Jeremy Drislane
 - Oscar Gonzalez
 - Casey Kane
 - Jody Manor
 - Bruce Marsh
 - James Maslanka
 - Melissa McMahon
 - Matthew McManus
 - Bill Pugh
 - Murat Omay
- Megan Oleynik, Transportation & Environmental Services acted as the staff liaison to Transportation Commission during the 2020/2021 year.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Annual Attendance Report

Attachment 2: FY22 Accomplishments Summary

Attachment 3: Notable Letters:

- 1. Any notable letters to City Council, date, subject
 - Endorsed Alexandria Mobility Plan September 2021
 - Endorsed TRIP Grant Request September 2021
 - Endorsed NVTA 70% Discretionary Grant Request October 2021
 - Endorsed CMAQ and RSTP Funding Request November 2021
 - Endorsed DRPT Operating and Capital Assistance State Aid Applications and the Commuter Assistance Program Operations Grant Applications – December 2021
 - Endorsed Transportation Land Use Connection Grant Request January 2022
 - Provided Feedback on Climate Change Emergency with Environmental Policy Commission and Planning Commission – February 2022
 - Endorsed Regional Roadway Safety Grant Request February 2022
 - Endorsed RAISE Grant Request March 2022
 - Endorsed SMARTSCALE Grant Request March 2022
 - Provided Feedback to Councilman Aguirre on Transportation Planning Board Climate Survey – March 2022
 - Endorsed FY23 Transit Development Plan April 2022
 - Endorsed Low and No Emissions Grant and Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Requests May 2022
 - Endorsed Safe Streets for All Grant Request June 2022
 - Endorsed DRPT WMATA Mitigations Grant Request June 2022
- 2. Any letters to other Advisory Groups, date, subject
 - Provided Feedback on FY23 City Budget to City Manager October 2021

- Provided Feedback on WMATA FY23 Budget January 2021
- 3. Any completed reports or relevant documents
 - Transportation Long Range Plan June 2022
 - Alexandria Mobility Plan October 2021

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON:	STEPHEN W. KULINSKI, AIA	_
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MEMBER'S NAME	September 2021	November 2021	January 2022	March 2022	May 2022
Abbey Oklak	X	X	X	X	X
Theresa del Ninno	X	X	X	X	X
Thomas Soapes	X	X	X	. X	·X
Katherine Auth Bingler	X	X	X	X	X
Stephen Kulinski	X	X	X	X	X

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(Chairperson)

Attachment 2 – Transportation Commission Major Initiatives in FY 2022

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	SCHEDULE	
Alexandria Mobility Plan	The Transportation Commission served on the Advisory Committee for the Alexandria Mobility Plan and provided guidance on the plan development.	September 2021	
	The Transportation Commission regularly reviewed and endorsed grant applications for Council approval as being consistent with the Alexandria Mobility Plan and Vision Zero Action Plan, including for the following programs: - TRIP Grant - NOVA 70% Discretionary Grant - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality / Regional	Ongoing	
Grant Endorsements	Surface Transportation Program - DRPT State Aid Grant and Commuter Assistance Program Operating Assistance Grant - Transportation Land Use Connections Grant - Roadway Safety Grant - SMARTSCALE Grant - Low and No Emissions and Bus and Bus Facilities		
	- Low and No Emissions and Bus Facilities Grant - Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant - DRPT WMATA Shutdown Mitigations Grant		
	These grant applications included funding for DASH service enhancements, West End Transitway Phase 1b, roadway improvements around Landmark Mall, Transportation Demand Management, Safe Routes to Schools, and other pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements, among other things.		
Transportation Updates	Throughout the year, the Commission received updates on the progress of plan implementation and other major events impacting transportation in the City including the WMATA budget, the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Readiness Strategy, DOT Paratransit, the Alexandria Mobility Plan, the City's Operation and Capital Improvement Program Budgets, and the DASH Transit Development Plan.	Ongoing	
Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area plan	Staff provided an update to the Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan and the Commission provided feedback.	September 2021	
Alexandria Mobility Plan – public hearing	The Transportation Commission held a public hearing for the Alexandria Mobility Plan.	September 2021	
Joint Session with Environmental Policy Commission	Transportation Commission held a Joint Session with Environmental Policy Commission to discuss shared priorities and now the bodies could work together to move them forward.	October 2021	
FY23 City Operating Budget and FY23-32 Capital Improvement Program	The Transportation Commission provided input to the City Manager on the proposed transportation related budget items in the City Manager's budget.	October 2021	

WMATA BOS Study	WMATA Staff presented updates on their Blue-Orange-Silver Capacity Study and the Commission provided feedback.	November 2021
WMATA Budget	Staff provided an update to the Commission on the status of WMATA's FY22 Budget and the Commission provided feedback.	January 2022
Capital Bikeshare	Staff provided an update to the Commission on the City's Capital Bikeshare program and asked for feedback on the future of the program	January 2022
Duke Street in Motion	Staff provided an update to the Commission on the Duke Street in Motion Project and the Commission provided feedback.	February 2022
FY23 City Operating Budget and FY23-32 Capital Improvement Program	Staff provided an update on the budget process.	March 2022
Transportation Commission Retreat	Staff and Commissioners held a weekend retreat to review Transportation Commission purpose, goals, and to introduce the Long Range Plan.	April 2021
New DASH Network and Transit Development Plan	DASH staff presented on the ridership and service level updates since the implementation of the DASH New Networt transition to fare free. They presented on the FY23 Transit Development Plan and Transportation Commission provided a letter of feedback.	May 2021
DOT Paratransit	Staff presented on statistics of the current DOT Paratransit program and provided information about completed and planned changes to the program. Commissioners provided feedback.	May 2021
Complete Streets Five- year Plan	Staff provided an update to the Commission on the Complete Streets Five-year Plan and the Commission provided feedback.	June 2022
VDOT I-495 Express Lanes Study	VDOT staff provided an update to the Commission on the Complete Streets Five-year Plan and the Commission provided feedback.	June 2022
Transportation Long Range Plan (Unconstrained/Unfunded Projects List)	The Commission updated the Transportation Long Range Plan. The Long Range Plan process was first introduced at the April 2022 Commission Retreat. The Commission then reviewed the projects and scoring criteria, reviewed draft evaluation scores of the in May and held a public hearing and approved the 2022 LRP in June 2022.	April – June 2022



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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

October 4, 2021

Re: Endorsement of Alexandria Mobility Plan

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its September 29, 2021 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse Council's adoption of the Alexandria Mobility Plan to replace the existing Transportation Master Plan Chapter of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Transportation Commission motion included the recommendation that Council consider adding an action to Transit Strategy 2, as follows:

"Explore connecting Alexandria's transitways with high capacity transit corridors in Fairfax to help create a more reliable and efficient regional bus network."

In seeking to expand and improve multi-modal choices, the Alexandria Mobility Plan will help to achieve City goals related to sustainability, quality of life, and economic well-being. We are proud of this plan's explicit and thoughtful connection to existing City Council-adopted plans and policies, as well as its heightened focus on equity and inclusion, both in the planning process and in the implementation results of the plan. The performance measures and targets help make this high-level plan actionable and enable staff and the public to more effectively monitor progress.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the City's robust multi-phased public engagement process that took a variety of approaches to reach various facets of the community. Though the needs of the community are not uniform, this plan balances those diverse interests while working to advance established City goals and policies.

Finally, Commissioners felt it important to emphasize in this letter that a great plan is nothing without commitment to implementation, and the Commission uniformly and strongly requests that Council fully and quickly budget for implementation of these policies, strategies, and actions in order to see the results of this community effort come to life.

Thank you for your consideration of this plan.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon

Chair, Transportation Commission

cc:

Alexandria Transportation Commission Mark Jinks, City Manager Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES



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September 29, 2021

The Honorable Shannon Valentine Secretary of Transportation Commonwealth of Virginia P.O. Box 1475 Richmond, Virginia 23218

RE: City of Alexandria's Application for TRIP Funding to Support Zero-Fare Service from FY 2022 to FY 2024

Dear Secretary Valentine:

On behalf of the Alexandria Transportation Commission, I am writing to express support for the City of Alexandria's application for \$7.2 million in Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) funding which will allow the City of Alexandria and DASH to provide zero-fare transit service for the remainder of FY 2022 through FY 2024.

The City of Alexandria and DASH committed to going fare-free beginning September 5 in conjunction with the implementation of the New DASH Network, a comprehensive redesign of the DASH bus system which will provide more frequent service to more people across Alexandria.

Through a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) grant to study the costs and benefits of different fare options to benefit low-income residents, the City of Alexandria determined that a fare-free DASH system would provide the greatest benefit to the most low-income individuals as well as the greatest benefit to Alexandria residents overall with the least administrative burden. Free fares on DASH are consistent with the City's comprehensive transportation master plan, which seeks to enhance equity and encourage more transit ridership.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon

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Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission

Mark Jinks, City Manager Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES



City Manager Mark Jinks

301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

October 20, 2021

Re: FY 2023 Budget Priorities

Dear City Manager:

At its September meeting, the Transportation Commission received an update from staff on the FY 2023 budget process. The Commission discussed the City Manager's letter to Boards and Commissions requesting feedback on priority budget options that will help the City further **smart**, **equitable**, and **green** programs in FY 2023 while maintaining and attracting employees.

The Transportation Commission recognizes the challenges of this fiscal year that the City Manager has highlighted and supports the advancement of these priorities. Transportation funding will be critical to supporting these priority areas. The Transportation Commission has identified four key budget priorities this year:

- 1. Additional staff for the Complete Streets program
- 2. Implementation of the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan
- 3. Contingency funding for trail infrastructure repair and maintenance
- 4. Supporting the transportation recommendations of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan

First, the Transportation Commission recommends the budget include funding for at least two additional Complete Streets staff for a minimum of four staff to support bicycle and pedestrian programs in Alexandria. Additional Completes Street Staff will allow the City to more efficiently implement the Bicycle and Pedestrian chapters of the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP) and support the Vision Zero Action Plan goal of eliminating serious and fatal crashes in Alexandria by 2028 with an increased focus on addressing equity areas and high crash locations as recommended in the AMP. The Manager's equity priority is evidenced here as communities of color and lower-income communities typically have much higher rates of pedestrian crashes and higher need for Complete Streets investments. Prioritizing funding for Complete Streets staffing is also consistent with the City Manager's goal of maintaining and attracting employees.

Second, the Transportation Commission believes that DASH bus service is critical to ensuring the most vulnerable will have access to jobs and essential services and to reducing greenhouse gases and lessening the City's climate impacts. The Alexandria Transit Vision Plan laid out a framework network to expand access to low-income and minority populations. Fully funding the proposed network will improve access for most Alexandria residents and make DASH service more efficient. This should include providing frequent, all-day service on the Duke Street corridor.

Third, increased flooding and severe weather events in Alexandria have taken a toll on several bridges and trails that serve people walking and biking in Alexandria. These routes have been closed while the City designs and implements repairs. These long term closures cause disruptions in travel and makes it more difficult for Alexandrians to choose active modes that can help improve health outcomes, reduce greenhouse gases, and reduce congestion on City streets. These routes must be safe and reliable in order for people to use them for actual travel needs and not just recreation. Therefore, the Transportation Commission recommends creating a contingency fund for trail maintenance that would be available as repairs are needed.

Finally, the Transportation Commission recommends the City prepare to fund the transportation recommendations of the Energy and Climate Change Action Plan (EECAP). This may include increasing access to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging, transportation access equity programs, and funding to achieve mode shift and sustainability strategies outlined in the Alexandria Mobility Plan. This funding need is anticipated to begin in the latter half of FY 2023 upon the conclusion of the EECAP process, but it is critical to anticipate, rather than postpone, the allocation of resources toward this important plan.

Thank you for considering these priority areas to help the City advance its strategic goals.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon

MAMM

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc:

Alexandria Transportation Commission

City Manager Mark Jinks

Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES

Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES

Christopher Ziemann, Chief of Transportation Planning Division, T&ES

Megan Oleynik, Urban Planner, T&ES



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Monica Backmon, CEO Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200 Fairfax, Virginia 22031

October 20, 2021

Re: <u>Letter of support for grant applications for: FY 2026 – 27 NVTA 70% Discretionary Grant</u>

Dear Monica Backmon:

At its October 20, 2021 meeting, the Alexandria Transportation Commission voted to provide this letter of endorsement in support of the proposed grant applications for the FY 2026-FY 2027 NVTA 70% Discretionary Grant:

- Up to \$5 million toward the South Van Dorn Street / Bridge design (TransAction Project #42 West End Transitway); and
- Up to \$5 million toward the Holmes Run Trail Dora Kelley Fair-weather crossing bridge construction (TransAction Project #90 – Alexandria Bike and Pedestrian Trails Construction and Reconstruction)

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for this important grant program. This grant and recommended projects are consistent with the City's Transportation Master Plan and will help to make Alexandria a more sustainable, accessible and safe city with enhanced multi-modal transportation options.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission

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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council

301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

November 30, 2021

Re: Endorsement of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvements (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Project Funding Request for FY28 and FY29

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its November 17, 2021, meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the CMAQ and RSTP Project Funding Request for FY28 and FY29 for \$4.5 million per year or total of \$9.0 million over two years. We enthusiastically support funding for multi-modal transportation projects which have many goals, including reducing air pollutants in nonattainment areas such as the Washington region. The City's request for FY28 and FY29 includes funding for Duke Street Transitway Operations, Mt. Vernon Avenue improvements between Four Mile Run and Glebe Road, Commuter Assistance mobile store services, and the next update to the Alexandria Mobility Plan.

FY28-FY29 CMAQ/RSTP Proposed Program

Project Name	FY28	FY29
Duke Street Transitway Operations (CMAQ)	\$3,300,000	\$3,750,000
Mt. Vernon Avenue (CMAQ)	\$1,000,000	\$0
Commuter Assistance (CMAQ)	\$200,000	\$0
Alexandria Mobility Plan	\$0	\$750,000
TOTAL	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000

Thank you for your consideration of these important funding requests.

Sincerely,

MMM

Melissa McMahon Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission City Manager Mark Jinks Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES



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December 17, 2021

Re: Endorsement of the FY 2023 DRPT Operating and Capital Assistance State Aid
Applications and the Commuter Assistance Program Operations Grant Applications and
Approval of Required Matching Funds.

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its December 17, 2021 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff recommended requests for FY 2023 Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) operating and capital assistance, and FY 2023 Commuter Assistance Program Operations Grant application and approved the required matching funds:

DRPT Operating Assistance

• Up to \$28,500,000, the City's eligible operating expenses for FY 2023

DRPT Capital Assistance

• Up to \$4,800,000 to buy eight clean diesel buses

Commuter Assistance Program

- Up to \$331,300 to fund two staff and programming.
 - o This requires a \$66,260 local match

These requests support the goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for the FY 2023 DRPT Grant request formulated to procure DRPT operating and capital funds and the FY 2023 Commuter Assistance Program grant request.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission

City Manager Mark Jinks

Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES

Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES



Alexandria Transportation Commission 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 703.746.4025

ATTACHMENT 1

Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314 January 19, 2022

Re: Endorsement of the FY 2023 Transportation and Land Use Connections Grant Applications

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its January 19, 2022 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the following staff-recommended grant applications to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation and Land Use Connections Program:

1. Up to \$80,000 to develop designs for crossing improvements recommended through the City's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.

2. Up to \$60,000 to conduct SRTS walk audits for Ferdinand T. Day Elementary, George Washington Middle, Francis Hammond Middle, and Alexandria City High School.

These requests support the goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for the FY 2023 Transportation and Land Use Connections Program.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oscar Gonzalez

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Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority 600 5th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

February 1, 2022

Re: WMATA FY23 Budget Comments

Dear WMATA Board of Directors:

I am writing on behalf of the Alexandria Transportation Commission, which oversees the development and implementation of the goals of the City's transportation master plan, the Alexandria Mobility Plan, which seeks to foster multimodal choices in the City. Thank you for accepting our comments on the FY23 budget.

We understand this is a challenging time for transit agencies nationwide and that the budget situation requires many tough decisions. We generally support the current budget but would like to highlight a few items of interest to the Transportation Commission.

First, we are concerned about the looming fiscal cliff in FY24 and believe that WMATA should seek to try to limit unnecessary spending in FY23. To that end, fare discounts, such as the value-add bonus, which are expensive and likely not the most effective way to encourage new ridership, should be reconsidered.

In terms of service, we do not believe that during the midst of the Covid crisis, that there was sufficient time to weigh in the future of our bus routes in a comprehensive manner. We generally appreciate the focus on all-day frequent service, and particularly the increased level of service on the 28A and 29K/N; however, we believe that it would still be beneficial to return the 11Y and 7Y service to downtown.

These routes provide alternatives to transferring to a troubled rail service and can attract riders out of their cars. The 11Y service would be a convenient alternative for transit commuters during the Yellow Line shutdown planned for FY23. The 7Y offered more direct service than

Metrorail from Alexandria to destinations and employment centers along Constitution Avenue and had high ridership pre-Covid, demand that could return as riders go back into the office. We have been told that the Bus Network Redesign may be an appropriate venue to consider the reintroduction of these and similar services long-term and hope that the jurisdictions are fully incorporated into that process.

With regards to the current state of rail service, we would like to see more accountability overall, but also specifically when it comes to the issues with the 7000 series cars. We believe the lack of accountability is leading to less reliable service, which in turn leads to decreased ridership and further budget issues. We hope things start to turn around quickly.

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide input on the WMATA Budget.

Sincerely,

Oscar Gonzalez Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission Alexandria City Council City Manager James F. Parajon Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES



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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314 January 19, 2022

Re: Endorsement of the FY 2023 Regional Roadway Safety Grant Application

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its February 16, 2022 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the following staff-recommended grant applications to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Regional Roadway Safety Grant Program:

1. Up to \$80,000 to develop designs for safety improvements at two high-crash intersections: South Patrick Street & Duke Street, and South Henry Street & Duke Street.

This request supports the goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for the FY 2023 Regional Roadway Safety Program.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

March 16, 2022

Re: Endorsement of Consideration of the RAISE Grant Funding Requests

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its March 16 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff-recommended project the for the new U.S. Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability And Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant, previously known as TIGER grants. The proposed application would be for up to \$6 million for improvements at the intersection of King Street and N. Beauregard Street.

The proposed design includes crossing improvements, pedestrian refuge islands, and curb ramps to enhance safety at this location. The medians will be widened to narrow travel lanes to slow traffic and will include green elements to improve stormwater management on the site.

This request support the goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan and the Vision Zero Action Plan. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for RAISE funding, as well as to provide its endorsement to Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gonzalez Oscar (Mar 17, 2022 15:32 EDT)

Oscar Gonzalez

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission Jim Parajon, City Manager Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager



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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

March 16, 2022

Re: Endorsement of Consideration of FY 2028 SMART SCALE Funding Requests

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its March 16 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff-recommended list of four projects for pre-application for grant funding for the FY 2028 SMART SCALE program. The proposed application for the three City projects and one DASH project would include up to \$56 million for the following requests:

- 1. I-395 Exit Ramp Improvements at Duke St Up to \$14 million
- 2. Duke St and Van Dorn St Intersection Improvements Up to \$20 million
- 3. Metroway Extension Up to \$10 million
- 4. DASH Facility Expansion Phase II Up to \$12 million

Transportation Commission is aware that because the timeline for submissions of pre-applications is significantly sooner than the application deadline, staff will develop more detailed cost estimates over the next several months, and that the amounts above are maximum funding requests.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for SMART SCALE funding, as well as to provide its endorsement to Council.

May you have any questions; do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oscar Gonzalez

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Councilman Canek Aguirre City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

March 22, 2022

Re: Transportation Planning Board Climate Survey

Dear Councilman Aguirre:

I am writing on behalf of the Alexandria Transportation Commission. At the Commission's March 16 meeting, we discussed the Transportation Planning Board's (TPB's) survey on potential on-road transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions which will help set goals in the Long Range Transportation Plan (Visualize 2045).

The TPB's Climate Change Mitigation Study (CCMS) identified three primary pathways to reduce on-road GHG emissions: (1) conversion of the motor vehicle fleet to electric vehicles or lower carbon fuels; (2) reduction in motor vehicle travel through mode shifts and changes in travel behavior; and (3) improvement in motor vehicle travel efficiency through traffic system management and operations. Per findings shared by Commissioner Bill Pugh from the Coalition on Smarter Growth (Attachment 1), we feel that significant actions in all three areas are needed in order to meet GHG reduction goals.

The Commission discussed a few actions presented in the survey as areas of particular interest. The Commission supports City and regional efforts to encourage EV adoptions and to expand the EV charging network. We also believe that the proposed housing and land use actions outlined in the survey to increase housing near transit and activity centers and to shift housing and jobs to transit and activity centers are critical to meeting climate change goals. The Transportation Commission is very supportive of the DASH free fare program and would like to see continued free and reduced fare transit in the City and the region as a strategy to shift trips from personal vehicles to transit. Finally, the Commission noted that pricing can be a very influential factor in mode choice, and particularly noted that thoughtful parking pricing and/or parking cash-out programs could help meet mode shift goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important survey. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oscar J. Gonzalez Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Coalition for Smarter Growth Recommendations for Local Governments and Transportation Agencies Regarding the TPB Climate Change Mitigation Goals and Strategies Questionnaire March 2022



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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

April 20, 2022

Re: Endorsement of the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) FY23 Transit Development Plan (TDP)

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its April 20, the Transportation Commission received an update from DASH on the FY23 Transit Development Plan. The Commission voted to endorse DASH's recommended improvements outlined in that plan including those currently unfunded in the City's proposed FY23 budget. Those unfunded improvements include improved bus connectivity from West Alexandria to Old Town (costing approximately an additional \$1.9 million) and weekend frequency improvements on Lines 32, 33, and 34 (costing approximately at an additional \$700,000).

The Transportation Commission believes the improvements proposed in the TDP including the unfunded serve improvements are critical to meeting goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan, Transit Vision Plan, and the Environmental Action Plan 2040 of providing frequent, reliable transit service to all Alexandrians and encouraging reduction of single occupancy vehicle trips in the City. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to receive this update from DASH, as well as to provide its endorsement to Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Oscar Gonzalez

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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

June 15, 2022

Re: Endorsement of Grant Application for mitigation funding from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to offset Metrorail service impacts during the Potomac Yard Rail Cutover and Yellow Line Bridge/Tunnel Work

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its June 15 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse a grant application for mitigation funding of up to \$1,000,000 from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to offset Metrorail service impacts during the Potomac Yard Rail cutover and Yellow Line bridge/tunnel work.

As outlined by staff, elements of the plan could include the following types of mitigation measures:

- Robust communication, marketing and employer outreach, in partnership with WMATA
- Access to transportation options such as the water taxi, discounted Capital Bikeshare memberships, HOV lane changes, enhanced way-finding, and discounted or free travel on Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
- Enhanced support for data monitoring such as bike trail counters, StreetLight data

Transportation Commission understands that DASH buses are not anticipated to play the same role they did during the 2019 Platform Improvement Project due to a lack of operators to take on additional routes.

The Commission also understands that DRPT Mitigation funds require a 20% local match, and if the City's grant request is awarded, the match would be \$200,000. The match would be funded through unappropriated Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 30% fund balance. The Commission encourage that staff time to manage and administer these projects be included in the applications where feasible.

This request will help the City meet goals of the Alexandria Mobility Plan including maintaining transportation choices for residents, employees, and visitors while there are Metrorail service

impacts. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide its endorsement to Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

June 15, 2022

Re: Endorsement of Grant Application for the FY 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its June 15 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse a grant application for funding up to \$1,000,000 through the FY 2022 Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) Program from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to support Vision Zero safety initiatives.

Transportation Commission supports staff's proposal to request funding under the Action Plan – Supplemental Activities program for a "high crash intersection" project that would involve the following activities at up to ten locations:

- Organize intersection audits including representation from the City, consultant team experts, community members, and key stakeholder organizations
- Compile intersection data including detailed crash analyses, vehicle and pedestrian volumes, turning movement counts, signal timing, and lane configurations
- Conduct engagement opportunities throughout the process
- Identify safety countermeasures based on intersection audit feedback and design best practices
- Develop concept designs for safety improvements at the selected intersections.

This project supports the Vision Zero Action Plan goal of building safer streets for everyone as well as the following strategies in the Alexandria Mobility Plan:

- Implement the Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2028.
- Create a safe, well-maintained, and comfortable walking and biking environment.

This project is consistent with the Transportation Long Range Plan and the project added to the plan by Transportation Commission in November 2021 titled "Vision Zero High Crash Intersection Improvements."

Transportation Commission understands the SS4A grant program requires a 20% local match, and that if the City's grant request is awarded, the match would be approximately \$200,000. The match would be funded through unappropriated Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) 30% fund balance.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff's proposal and to provide its endorsement to Council.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX F. ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

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LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

- Jeremy Drislane

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

COMMISSION: Alexandria Archaeological Commission

CHAIRPERSON: Ivy Whitlatch

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(FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON)

APPROVED:

(Chairperson)

ALEXANDRIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

for

FISCAL YEAR 2022: JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fiscal year 2022 marked the 47th anniversary of the formation of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC). The mission of the AAC is to establish goals and priorities to promote Alexandria Archaeology (AA), encourage volunteerism, and to advise on the preservation and interpretation of Alexandria's extraordinary sites and collections. The key accomplishments over FY 2022 are:

- 1) Continued advocacy for waterfront historical projects and initiatives derived from the 2018-2019 Ship Committee recommendations including, "ponding" the ship timbers for preservation in Ben Brenman Pond as a best practice, the Waterfront Museum Feasibility Study, the SeeWorthy exhibition of the conjectural ship models, and participation in the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Committee.
- 2) Outreach and advocacy for the AAC to be a key stakeholder in the evolution of the "Action Plan for Vibrancy and Sustainability Plan at the Torpedo Factory Art Center" both as a partner in the building's future, the home of the Archaeology Museum and Division, and as a voice for the historic preservation of the 100-year-old building.
- 3) Telling the full story of Alexandria's history continues to be a guiding light for AAC activity. To interpret the histories of Alexandria's diverse residents requires diversity among commission members. To that end, the AAC encouraged participation from the African American history community by changing the ordinance.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The AAC is dedicated to providing guidance and responsive advocacy, assisting in establishing goals and priorities, as well as supporting AA staff and ongoing outreach and education to our community, so that AA can continue to be one of the country's most respected, innovative, and leading city archaeology offices. Even with the continuation of the pandemic, the AAC remains active and through their achievements, continues to positively impact and enrich the lives of residents, attract visitors (in person as well as online), and bring national and international attention to Alexandria's discoveries.

Key Accomplishments

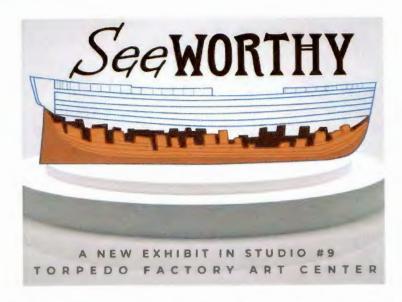
Continued advocacy for waterfront history projects and initiatives derived from the 2018-2019 Ship Committee recommendations



In May 2022, AA with AECOM and the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory (and excellent support from the Department of Project Implementation) successfully submerged or "ponded" over 1000 ship timbers at the bottom of Ben Brenman Pond for a medium-term storage solution. The AAC recommended this strategy after discussion and study through 2019 and is pleased to see the City act as leaders in historic preservation by undertaking this effort. The potential

for future generations to study or conserve the timbers is preserved. It is fitting that the innovative curation solution for the timbers is in park named after a champion of AA and the chair of the AAC for 21 years, Ben Brenman.

AA launched the temporary *SeeWorthy: Modeling Maritime Alexandria* exhibit from April 1st-June 5th highlighting the four conjectural ship hull models. Members of the AAC supported the exhibit by providing in-person interpretation, which ultimately reached over 2000 visitors in the two short months it was on display on the first floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center.



The AAC continues to provide representation to the Waterfront Commission and this year, provided input to the Flood Mitigation subcommittee given the potential impact of alternatives on waterfront archaeological resources.

Outreach and advocacy for AAC to be a key stakeholder in the evolution of the Torpedo Factory Art Center Vibrancy and Sustainability Plan

AAC remains highly focused and determined that AA has representation in the both the short and long-term plans for the TFAC. To that end, in FY22 the AAC selected Ivy Whitlatch to represent the AAC on the Torpedo Factory Art Center Task Force. The Alexandria Archaeology Museum and all of the associated outreach programs and exhibits created by the museum team are a significant contributor to the vibrancy and appeal of the TFAC for both visitors and residents. There are facility issues, space issues, staffing issues, and long-term upgrade needs that remain a priority within the current Museum, lab and office settings. In addition, the recently funded Waterfront Museum Feasibility Study findings may affect the TFAC. As a significant presence in the TFAC since its inception, we look forward to participating in this process as a key stakeholder.

AAC Support of Telling the Full Story of Alexandria's History

In the spring of 2022, Alexandria City Council approved an ordinance change from a representative of "the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage" to "the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage or equivalent organization." The goal of this change was to encourage participation from residents with an interest in African American history. The AAC has reached out to several organizations to inform them of the vacancy.

The AAC continues to contribute to and collaborate with community partners and the Alexandria Black History Museum to complete the southern waterfront African American Heritage Trail StoryMap and associated website, launching to a computer or phone near you in 2022!

Based on concerns shared by members of the descendant families, the AAC advised that the City provide adequate funding for City of Alexandria staff to work closely with descendants of The

Fort community to ensure the proper recognition and commemoration of Fort Ward's burial grounds including the Jackson Cemetery.

Ongoing Priorities

Ponding for Preservation

As a kickoff for Archaeology Month in October, AA will host an archaeology festival at Ben Brenman Park to talk about the ponding project and install three new historic interpretation signs that describe the journey of the ships from the river to the pond. The AAC will volunteer as part of this effort and looks forward to reaching out to residents in this new venue.

Waterfront

The AAC strongly believes that the upcoming return of the Hotel Indigo Ship, represents a tourism, economic, and business moment. The ship hull remnant and the thousands of other artifacts need exhibit space to highlight the stories they have to tell about Alexandria's seaport history. The AAC looks forward to participating in the Waterfront Museum Feasibility Study to address this issue.

African American History Initiatives

Fundamentally, the AAC strives for a more diverse commission stacked with members with a passion for history and archaeology of different racial backgrounds. To ensure equity in historic preservation, people of color need to feel invited, included, and heard at the table. Through outreach efforts and with City Council, we hope to make strides in this direction over the coming year.

The AAC applauds the City for seeking funding to preserve Douglass Cemetery and work towards a solution to alleviate the drainage issues. The AAC supports this work in close collaboration with the Social Responsibility Group and the Friends of Douglass Cemetery and will closely monitor progress in FY23.

Freedom House reopened to broad acclaim in May. The AAC intends to continue to advise City Council on this initiative beyond the installation of the two-year exhibit.

Museum

The AAC continues to enjoy a collaborative relationship with the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology and were excited to bring back the annual Volunteer Party. This year marked our 44th annual celebration held in conjunction with the opening of the *SeeWorthy: Modeling Maritime Archaeology* exhibit at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.



Elizabeth Lankes received the Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by Christine Hines, President of FOAA and Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist.

AAC has actively participated in the review of new exhibit panels for the museum, to be installed this FY with partial funding from Historic Alexandria Foundation.

The AAC advised on public education and outreach associated with bottle digging activities targeting historic wells and privies.

The AAC's partnership with FOAA continues to grow in many ways, including the 2022 George Washington Birthday Parade.



50th Anniversary of AAC in 2025

Planning has begun for this important milestone. The AAC will advise staff and City Council on how to be commemorate the anniversary of the oldest commission of its kind in the nation.

Ben Brenman Awards

Annually the AAC, in conjunction with AA, present the **Ben Brenman Awards** to those individuals or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional involvement with city history. In October 2021, the Ben Brenman recipients made significant contributions to African American history. **Griffin Burchard received the award as an Outstanding Preservation Advocate**, for his contribution to the stewardship of Douglass Cemetery, one of Alexandria's historic Black cemeteries; for planning and implementing his 2019 Eagle Scout project at Douglass Cemetery, including the creation of a new interpretive historical sign at the site; for raising awareness about these sacred and fragile sites and the recognition that preserving Black cemeteries means preserving the history of Black Alexandrians; and for immeasurably enhancing the quality of life in Alexandria by caring for the final resting place of those buried here.

African American Heritage Trail Committee (Councilman John Chapman, Susan Cohen, Gwen Day-Fuller, Elizabeth "Indy" McCall, Maddy McCoy, Krystyn Moon, McArthur Myers, and Ted Pulliam, founding and current members) received an award for Outstanding Community History, in recognition of their dedication to researching and highlighting the contributions of African Americans to Alexandria's historic waterfront and throughout the city; for their leadership in the community history movement that engages residents and visitors with new ways of telling Alexandria's unique history; and for their commitment to instilling a sense of collective ownership of the past for all Alexandrians.

In the Commission's increasing outreach to the community, members of the Community Engagement Committee (Jake Hoogland and Dylan Colligan) proposed an additional award be authorized by the Commission in recognition of those who support and advocate for Archaeology.



AAC and Ben Brenman Award Winners all masked up at the reading of the Proclamation for Archaeology Month, October 2021.

Supports of Note

Appreciation of Budget support for Staff Position and the Waterfront Museum Feasibility Study

One of AAC's key objectives has been to advocate for AA's staffing needs, a critical goal given their increasing workload with the substantial waterfront discoveries and amazing creativity and ability to maintain significant community and education programming.

AAC sincerely appreciates City Council approval of the requested full-time Archaeologist employee position for two years. Please note, however, the Commission will continue to advocate for this employee position to be changed to permanent full time going forward.

In addition, to fully achieve archaeology's education mission, the AAC will continue to request funding to change the Museum Education Specialist position to full-time. Since the part-time Museum Education Specialist created the Ship Science lesson in FY18, this program has been given 75 times to over 1630 students Alexandria students and educators and even beyond to school districts in Fairfax, Essex, D.C., Montgomery, Arlington Counties. We predict demand for these STEM-based history lessons will continue.

Recognition of the Social Media Work by AA

AAC would be remiss if we did not, again, take this opportunity to acknowledge and advocate for the social media efforts of AA.

Across all platforms – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram – AA has 7,696 followers/likes. The #WaterfrontWednesday series has become a staple.

The most popular Facebook post this year showcased our wonderful volunteer award recipients (from April 2022) and reached nearly 2,000 people. This post honored two volunteers who have gone above and beyond, contributing their time and expertise to preserving and sharing our rich archaeological heritage.

The most popular video on the AA YouTube channel was the February 2021 release of "The 46 Petitioners - Mapping Alexandria's Free Black Population." It received modest views in FY21 but increased by 3,450 views in FY22. The "Celebrate Juneteenth Along the Waterfront" video also received a jump in viewers this fiscal year, gaining nearly 450 views (437). We added three new videos this fiscal year and reached a total of 5,807 new views over the course of the year.

AA staff have continued their support of OHA's social media by creating content and advising on strategy.

COMMISSION MEMBER ACTIVITIES

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- Support for innovative solutions for the storage, exhibition, conservation, and accessibility of maritime and other artifacts.
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The Commission elected officers in September 2021. Ivy Whitlatch was elected as Chair, Esther White as Vice Chair, and Elizabeth Vehmeyer as Secretary.

Three new members were appointed (Nicholas Dienna, Ann Greer and Paula Whitacre) during the year and one member resigned (Christopher Warren).

The Commission is actively seeking representation from the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage or equivalent organization and the Alexandria Historical Society. As noted in our key accomplishments, AAC is pleased to have filled the two Members at Large seats and the Planning District III representative.

Chair	Ivy Whitlatch	Planning District I Rep	December 2022
Vice Chair	Esther White	Planning District II Rep	December 2025
Secretary	Elizabeth Vehmeyer	Member at Large	December 2023
Members	Ralph Rosenbaum	Member at Large	January 2025
	Seth Tinkham	Historic Alexandria Foundation Rep	April 2025
	Jacob Hoogland	Member at Large	September 2025
	Richard Owens	FOAA Rep	April 2026
	Dylan Colligan	Area Business Community Rep	September 2022
	Edward Pulliam	Alexandria Association Rep	March 2023
	VACANT	Alexandria Historic Society Rep	
	Rebecca Doser	Visit Alexandria Rep	April 2025
	Nicholas Dienna	Member at Large	October 2025
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Eleanor Breen, City Archaeologist, is the staff liaison.

ATTACHMENTS

January 10, 2022

Mayor Justin M. Wilson Vice Mayor Elizabeth B. Bennett-Parker City Council 301 King Street, Room 3200 Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Bennett-Parker, and City Council,

RE: Torpedo Factory Art Center Implementation Plan

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As the Commission tasked with advising City Council and the Mayor on issues affecting Alexandria Archaeology, it is impossible to do so without having had the opportunity to provide meaningful input into its development throughout this process. The Plan directly affects Archaeology, of course, because the Torpedo Factory houses the Archaeology division and the Alexandria Archaeology Museum.

The AAC requests that the Council defer the vote on accepting the Plan, specifically Scenario Two, the Custom Program, due to the lack of input and dialogue given to future needs of Archaeology, an original occupant of the Torpedo Factory.

At the November 17, 2021, AAC meeting, the Office of the Arts presented an updated version of the Plan that was to include the financial component. The financial analysis of the scenarios within the Plan, however, had not been completed. The Commission was informed the analysis would not be available until sometime after the Thanksgiving holiday, at which time commissioners can attend presentations to see the analysis.

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Warm Regards,

Ivy Whitlatch
Chair
Alexandria Archaeological Commission

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cc: Mark Jinks, City Manager
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Alexandria Archaeological Commission America's First Archaeological Commission



January 4, 2022

The Honorable Sarah Bagley Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Ms. Bagley:

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The Honorable Justin Wilson Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Wilson:

Congratulations on your recent re-election and thank you for your service to our city!

As you know, Alexandria's historical and archaeological resources shape the City's identity. The members of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission (formed in 1975, the oldest such group in the country!) are pleased to work with you, staff, and fellow community members to ensure these resources continue to benefit present and future generations.

Our responsibilities, established by City Council, are organized to fulfill a three-fold mission: preservation, education, and advocacy. A few highlights of recent efforts by the Commission in support of the award-winning work of Alexandria Archaeology include--

- Ships/Waterfront archaeology: Discovery of the remains of four ships and thousands of
 artifacts on the waterfront literally garnered global attention for Alexandria. In addition to
 supporting Archaeology staff with the monumental task of properly conserving these
 items, the Commission is contributing to a long-term vision of how to conserve, interpret,
 and/or exhibit these extraordinary finds.
- African American history: As part of the city's commitment to bring justice to the
 interpretation of Alexandria's Black history, Archaeology staff have been active for many
 years in research at the Contrabands & Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, Freedom House,
 Fort Ward, African American Heritage Trail, and other sites. Working with other
 partners, the Commission took the lead in successfully nominating the cemetery
 memorial to become part of the African American Civil Rights Network in summer 2021.
- Impact on Alexandria's economy and quality of life: Surveys consistently show that residents and visitors value Alexandria's rich history and archaeology. The Commission works with other formal and informal groups—including other Boards and Commissions, the business community, descendants of Fort Ward residents, and many others—to ensure the viability and integrity of Alexandria's archaeological resources. And because Alexandria Archaeology's museum is in the Torpedo Factory, where it draws tens of thousands of visitors annually (in a non-COVID-19 year), we continue to offer our input and assistance in development of the Implementation Plan for the Torpedo Factory.

We have enclosed a few materials about archaeology in Alexandria. We also invite you to visit the city website for more information about Commission activities (https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic/archaeology/default.aspx?id=28168) or about Alexandria archaeology more generally (https://www.alexandriava.gov/Archaeology). And we are here to work with you at any time.

Sincerely,

Ivy Whitlatch Chair, Alexandria Archaeological Commission

Mexandria Archaeology Museum 165 North Union Street, #32, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-321.

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October 8, 2021

Mr. Mark Jinks City Manager Office of the City Manager 301 King St. Suite 3500 Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Jinks

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission thanks you for this opportunity to provide input in your FY2023 budget.

For the Commission this comes at a very timely moment where we feel the City can make a significant impact with minimal dollars to demonstrate its commitment to being an equitable City.

As you know, Fort Ward Park, the home of many African Americans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, was also the site of four burial grounds, including the Jackson Cemetery, the Old Graveyard, and the Adams and Clark family burial sites. A recent public meeting was held in July to discuss ideas for formally demarcating and memorializing these sacred spaces. At the July meeting and at our September Commission meeting, a member of the Jackson family spoke about the pressing need to place a memorial stone dedicated to her family at the site. We support this request and any funds needed. We ask that the FY 2023 budget include the funding necessary for City of Alexandria staff to work closely with descendants of The Fort community to ensure the proper recognition and commemoration of our African American heritage at Fort Ward's burial grounds. The Commission is prepared to work with City archaeology, OHA staff, and the descendants to make this a reality.

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Lastly, we request that the FY23 budget maintain the \$50,000 contingency fund for Alexandria Archeology to continue to meet unexpected needs for conservation, documentation, and research.

Congratulations on your pending retirement and thank you for your support for Archaeology over all the years!

Warm regards,

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Chair, Alexandria Archaeological Commission

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 31, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

DONNA FOSSUM, VICE-CHAIR

BEAUREGARD URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BDAC)

SUBJECT:

FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BEAUREGARD URBAN DESIGN

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BDAC)

I am pleased to present this annual report for the Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee (commonly called "BDAC") for fiscal year 2022, as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(l).

The nine-member committee is comprised of four citizen appointees (one "at-large"), one citizen business community appointee, and four professional member appointees. Pete Benavage (Chair), Donna Fossum (Vice Chair), and Fatimah Mateen are citizen appointees, and Carolyn Griglione was the at-large citizen appointee. Bud Jackson was the appointee representing the business community. Abed Benzina and Christine Hoeffner are design professional appointees, as are Jill Phaneuf and Gus Ardura, who were both appointed in September 2021. Samantha Moore filled the at-large citizen appointment in November 2021. Two committee seats are currently vacant; one citizen appointee, and one business community representative. Long-time chair Pete Benavage recently moved from the city.

BDAC is charged with reviewing Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) applications submitted within the Beauregard Small Area Plan (BSAP) to ensure compliance with the City's Beauregard Design Standards and Guidelines. BDAC provides guidance to staff and applicants and makes recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council through the Director of Planning and Zoning. BDAC meetings are scheduled as needed to review projects.

The only meeting during FY 2022 was held on <u>September 27, 2021</u>, which was a meeting for staff to provide project updates and for the Committee to take action on adopting bylaws and discuss other matters. There were no new development applications, in contrast to a busy prior year. More activity is anticipated for FY2023, with potential projects anticipated on two sites within Mark Center.

Two committee member terms are set to expire during FY 2023. Staff and the committee will continue to recruit for the two current vacancies. Board attendance for FY 2022 was as summarized in the attached table.

Attachment: Attendance Form

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 1, 2021 THROUGH June 30, 2022

COMMISSION: Beauregard Urban Design Advisory Committee

CHAIRPERSON: Pete Benavage (resigned due to move)

MEMBER'S NAME	2021							2022					
	Jul	Aug	Sept 27	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Pete Benavage, Chair		200	x	-	-	-	-	90-90	-		-		
Donna Fossum, Vice-Chair			X	_					-	-	_		
Abed Benzina	-	Gras	X						_		-		
Bud Jackson			X										
Fatimah Mateen		27-00	X		***		****		-			**	
Christine Hoeffner			X	-		_					-	-	
Gus Ardura			X		Star 400	-	-		-				
Jill Phaneuf			X			agarytes							
Carolyn Griglione		97.00	U	-									
Samantha Moore						-	-		-	-		men	
Citizen - Vacant													
Bus. Community - Vacant													

INDICATE:

X - FOR PRESENT

E - FOR EXCUSED

U - FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

Carolyn Griglione (term ended November, 2021)

APPROVED:

Donna Fossum, Vice-Chair

Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals Annual Report July 2021– June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals includes hearing appeals from enforcement actions under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building and Fire Codes. Within these guidelines, The Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals, is a quasi-judicial board that meets only when appeals are made relating to the Virginia building and Fire Codes.

Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- The board members are required to be knowledgeable in areas relating to building construction and/or building design. In accordance with the Virginia Building and Fire Codes, the board must meet within thirty calendar days from when an appeal is filed. The board responds to requests to meet after an appeal has been filed and does not have regularly scheduled meetings.
- In accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the board must meet annually for training and the selection of officers as needed. The Code Administration Director will provide this training.

Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals Member Activities

• During FY 2022, the board was convened once to hear an appeal.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• Unlike other city boards and commissions, the Local Appeals Board does not set policy or actively contribute to the Council Goals and Initiatives.

Leadership

Board Members	Date Appointed	Term Expiration
Michael Wheeler*	December 2017	December 2022
Anila Angjeli	May 2018	May 2023
Aaron West	October 2019	October 2024
Kenneth Harris	June 2017	June 2022
Mary Shea	January 2019	January 2024
James Jordan**	October 2020	October 2025

- *Chairman
- ** Alternate Member
- Penny Gausman, Department of Code Administration acted as the staff liaison to Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals during the 2021/2022 year.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 31, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON, CITY CLERK

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

MR. JAMES SPENCER, CHAIR

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (BAR)

SUBJECT:

FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL

REVIEW (BAR)

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) for Fiscal Year 2022, extending from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(1). The attached record of membership and attendance shows that all members attended more than 75% of the meetings, or had an excused absence in advance, as required.

BAR Membership and Attendance

The membership of the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) saw changes in FY 2022. James Spencer was elected Chair and Christine Roberts was elected Vice Chair at the December 1, 2021 Public Hearing. On September 14, 2021, the City Council appointed Laurie Ossman for a three-year term. Purvi Irwin's term expired on June 30, 2022 and Christine Roberts' term expired on June 30, 2022. On June 14, 2022, the City Council appointed Theresa del Ninno and Margaret Miller to fill these two positions.

BAR held 23 Public Hearings in FY 2022. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, 14 Public Hearings were held electronically with BAR Board Members and staff participating from remote locations through a Zoom Webinar platform. The virtual Public Hearings were held pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Sections 4-0.01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch.1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. The meetings were accessed by the public through the Zoom platform, broadcasted live on AlexTV (Comcast Channel 70) and streamed on the City's website. Additionally, public comments were received at the meeting via Zoom and telephone. The video and audio recordings were posted the day after the Public Hearing.

Membership and attendance report for the BAR is included in Attachment 1.

Regulatory Activities

FY 2022 - Approvals		FY 2021 - Approvals	
BAR	143	BAR	148
OHAD	133	OHAD	114
Parker-Gray	9	Parker-Gray	33
100-Year-Old Building	1	100-Year-Old Building	1
Administrative	304	Administrative	298
OHAD	228	OHAD	238
Parker-Gray	76	Parker-Gray	60
Total Cases	447	Total Cases	446

FY 2021 provided for comparison

From 2021 to 2022, the number of BAR approvals remained mostly the same. BAR OHAD approvals increased, while BAR Parker-Gray approvals decreased significantly. The number of BAR OHAD approvals went up from 114 to 133, a 17% increase, while the BAR Parker-Gray approvals went down from 33 to 9, a 72% decrease. 100-Year-Old Building approval remained the same. Administrative Parker-Gray approvals went up in contrast to the BAR Parker-Gray approvals. Administrative approvals for the OHAD went down in FY 2022, from 238 to 228, a 4% decrease, while the Administrative Parker-Gray approvals went up from 60 to 76, a 27% increase. Since the proportion of approvals is heavily weighted towards OHAD, despite the major percentage changes for Parker-Gray numbers, the overall numbers when combined with OHAD are not so extreme. The total BAR approvals went down from 148 to 143, a 3% decrease, and the total administrative cases went up from 298 to 304, a 2% increase. Cumulatively, the total cases increased from 446 to 447, a .2% rise. It appears that the Parker-Gray decreases were offset by the OHAD increases which resulted in this relatively small overall increase in the total cases. The overall decrease can be attributed to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Examples of public hearing cases are highlighted below:

(1) Examples of Concept Reviews:

In FY22, The Board considered a total of 4 concept reviews, 2 in OHAD and 2 in PG.

The BAR reviewed a proposal to redevelop the properties at 615 and 621 King Street by renovating the two existing structures into a single building with ground floor retail and multifamily residential above on March 6, 2022 and May 5, 2022. The BAR approved the demolition portion of the project at the May 5, 2022 hearing. The proposed development will return to the BAR for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

A proposal to replace the existing Samuel Madden Homes on North Henry Street, 13 two-story garden style public housing buildings constructed in 1945 and containing 66 apartments, with two mixed-income, mixed-use, multi-story buildings with 529 apartments came to the BAR for two concept reviews: May 18, 2022 and June 15, 2022. Demolition of the existing buildings was approved at the June 15, 2022 hearing. The proposed development will return to the BAR for at least one more concept review prior to applying for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

(2) Examples of Certificates of Appropriateness/Permits to Demolish:

A sampling of projects approved by the BAR in FY22 includes: the approval of the demolition of a parking garage and construction of six, four-story townhouses at 101 Duke Street (BAR2021-00495 & BAR2021-00496); extending the Waterfront Common Elements Plan standard furnishings to include the 100 block of King Street; the construction of a 5-story multifamily residential building at 805 - 823North Columbus Street (BAR2021-00606); the alterations and exterior painting of the hotel at 625 First and 510 Second streets (BAR2021-00470); the reapproval of alterations to the historic warehouse at 10 Duke Street (BAR2022-00057 & BAR2022-00083); the installation of metal cable safety railing along the river promenade at 1 Pioneer Mill Way (BAR2022-00044); alterations to the historic Campagna Center at 418 South Washington Street (BAR2020-00077); the construction of a four-story residential building, a parking structure, and a four-story mixed-used building on what is now a parking lot at 116 S. Henry (BAR2022-00104) and 912 - 920 King streets (BAR2022-00103); and an amendment to previously approved plans for 699 Prince (BAR2022-00178 & BAR 2022-00179) which would reduce the amount of demolition.

(3) Appeals to City Council:

The BAR denied the Heritage development Certificate of Appropriateness (BAR2021-00341) at 900 Wolfe, 450 South Patrick, and 431 South Columbus streets on October 20, 2021. The applicant appealed, and Council overrode the BAR denial on November 13, 2021.

Work Sessions/Training:

Staff reviewed the administrative solar panel policy at the September 16, 2021 hearing. The BAR approved the policy at the October 20, 2021 hearing.

Staff presented an update to the administrative approval policy for railings at the October 20, 2021 hearing. The Board had directed staff to review the railings' policy to streamline the review process.

The BAR created an ad hoc committee to review best practices for large development projects on October 20, 2021.

The BAR held elections for new officers on December 1, 2021. James Spencer was elected chair and Christine Roberts was elected vice-chair.

Transportation & Environmental Services and Planning & Zoning gave a presentation on the economic recovery initiatives associated with the closing the 100 block of King Street to vehicular traffic at the December 15, 2021 hearing.

On February 2, 2022 the BAR voted to extend the provisional approval policy of the updated version of the *Alexandria New and Replacement Window Performance Specifications in the Historic Districts*. The provisional approval was extended for six months in order for the Design Guidelines subcommittee to meet regarding the updated policy.

Outreach:

BAR members did not conduct any outreach in FY22.

Review of National Register Nominations and Section 106 Reviews:

There were no National Register Nominations reviewed in FY22.

BAR staff performed 16 Section 106 reviews for cell antennas in FY22, including one for the Torpedo Factory. Staff also participated in a Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, and a review of the Aspire project at 1112 First Street. The Samuel Madden Homes project is also under review for Section 106 compliance and mitigation.

Goals for the Coming Year:

The part-time intern made excellent progress on the OHAD digital survey. He has been hired as a Planner I and will continue to work on the survey as part of his regular duties. We therefore expect more progress.

The pandemic and understaffing delayed progress on updating the Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines committee and staff anticipate completing the bulk of the updates in FY23.

As part of a City-wide push to address equity issues throughout the City, staff and the BAR will work to update the Historic Preservation Master Plan and will take equity into account when updating the Design Guidelines. This will most likely not be completed in FY23 but we envisage some advancement.

ATTACHMENT 1

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

COMMISSION: Board of Architectural Review (BAR)

CHAIRPERSON: James Spencer

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James Spencer (Chair)	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Christine Roberts (Vice Chair)	E	X	X		E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	/
Robert Adams	E	X	X	ed	X	Е	X	X	E	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	E	X	X	X
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Lynn Neihardt	X	X	X	Rec	/	1	1	1	./	/	1	/	1	/	/	/	1	/	1	/	/	1	1	1
Christine Sennott	X	E	X		X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	E	E	X	X	X
John Sprinkle	X	X	X		X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	E	E	X	X	X	X
Laurie Ossman	1	1	1		1	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	Е	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT, E - FOR EXCUSED, U - FOR UNEXCUSED, / - FOR NOT ON BOARD

Notes:

- 1. The BAR was in recess during August.
- July 2021 hearings were held in a hybrid format with BAR board members and staff participating
 in person and from remote locations through Zoom Webinar. September 2021 through March
 2022 hearings were held electronically with BAR board members and staff participating from
 remote locations through Zoom Webinar. April 2022 through June 2022 hearings were held in
 person.

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

N/A**

** All absences were excused and therefore not counted per Section 2-4-7(i)(2) of the City of Alexandria's Charter and Code.

APPROVED:

James Spencer, Chair

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 31, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON, CITY CLERK

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

LEE PERNA, CHAIR

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

SUBJECT:

FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

(BZA)

I. BACKGROUND

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for Fiscal Year 2022, as required by City Code section 2-4-7(i)(1). An attendance form is also attached.

The BZA is appointed by City Council and performs duties as specified under Section 15 of the State Code and Chapter 9 of the City Charter and Article 11 of the City's Zoning Ordinance. The BZA is charged with hearing and deciding Variances, Special Exceptions, and Appeals of Determinations by the Director of the Department of Planning & Zoning.

II. SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022)

FY 2022		FY 2021	
Variance Cases	8	Variance Cases	9
Special Exception Cases	9	Special Exception Cases	9
Appeal Cases	0	Appeal Cases	1
Total Cases	17	Total Cases	19

III. FY 2022 AND FY 2021 CASE COMPARISON

In Fiscal Year 2022, BZA decided a total of 17 applications: 8 Variances, 9 Special Exceptions, 0 Appeals. The Variance cases decreased from the previous year from 9 to 8.

The Special Exception cases remained the same at 9. The Appeals changed from 1 to 0. Overall, there was a 11 percent decrease in cases.

IV. FY 2022 CASE STUDIES

The following case studies from FY 2022 illustrate various complex issues that the BZA addressed:

Case Study #1: BZA Case #2021-00017, 707 South View Terrace, R-8/Residential single-family zone

In March 2022, the BZA upheld staff's recommendation of approval for the applicant's Variance request from the R-8 zone's front yard requirement. In the City's single-family zones, the front yard requirement is established by the front setbacks of the surrounding dwellings. The properties with the shallowest and deepest front yards establish the minimum and maximum front yard depth, respectively. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that a dwelling provides an open front yard that is similarly sized to the front yards of the dwellings that surround it.

For the subject property, the minimum front yard was 14.90 feet, and the maximum front yard was 52.50 feet. The subject property's existing dwelling provided a front yard of 130.50 feet. The applicant proposed to demolish the existing dwelling and construct a new single-family dwelling with a front yard of 85.00 feet.

The applicant provided a soils report that indicated the presence of high groundwater in the area where the Zoning Ordinance would have required the new dwelling to be located. The report found that the groundwater was approximately three feet below the surface. Strict application would have required the new dwelling to be located within this area. Staff found that this would unreasonably restrict the use of the property because the dwelling's basement and foundation would be constantly exposed to groundwater. Such exposure could have eventually weakened the dwelling's foundation, among other consequences. Staff also found this groundwater constituted a hardship. The BZA agreed with staff's analysis.

Case Study #2: BZA #2021-00015, 1017 Oronoco Street, RB/Residential townhouse zone

In December, the BZA upheld staff's recommendation of denial for a special exception and variance request at 1017 Oronoco Street. The applicant proposed a very modest addition (24 square feet) on the second floor of the existing dwelling. The addition, and internal renovations would have increased the total floor area by 100 square feet. This would have exceeded the maximum square footage permitted by the Zoning Ordinance by 94 square feet. The addition also would not have met the RB zone's side yard requirement. Staff found that the variance request would not have met the required standards for approval. For one, strict application of the Zoning Ordinance would have allowed the existing dwelling, which already exceeded the maximum floor area permitted by the RB

zone, to remain. Therefore, the Zoning Ordinance did not unreasonably interfere with the use of the subject property as a dwelling. Further, the floor area ratio (FAR) establishes a building's maximum size relative to the square footage of the lot on which its located. In other words, FAR sets a maximum "density" in terms of a building's square footage compared to its lot's square footage. Granting the variance would have allowed for a building size in excess of that permitted by the RB zone. The only permissible way to increase a property's floor area beyond the maximum permitted would be to change the zoning classification (rezone) the property. Because the Board is not permitted to rezone properties, this criterion for approval was not met.

V. FY 2022 MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC HEARINGS FORMAT, AND BYLAWS AND ATTENDANCE

Membership:

The Membership and Officers changed throughout the year due to several resignations and term limits. Chair Laurence Altenburg's last meeting was December 13, 2021. Vice Chair Mark Yoo assumed the role of Acting Chair at the February 14, 2022 meeting. Elections were held at the March 14, 2022 meeting where the BZA unanimously elected Lee Perna as Chair, Tim Foley as Vice Chair, and Quynn Nguyen as Secretary. In February 2022, Paul Liu was appointed to the BZA. In April 2022, Erich Chan and Mark Yoo resigned from the BZA. In June 2022, Dawn Bauman and Raj Patel were appointed to the BZA. Lee Perna, Tim Foley, Quynn Nguyen and John Waclawski continued to serve on the Board in FY2022.

Number and Format of Public Hearings:

The BZA met in 8 of the 12-months during Fiscal Year 2022, extending from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The August 2021 meeting is the normal month in which the BZA is recessed. The other 3 months in which a Public Hearing was not held due to a lack of cases submitted.

In terms of the format of the Fiscal Year 2022 Public Hearings, the three BZA Public Hearings held in 2021 on July 12, 2021, October 18, 2021, and December 13, 2021, were virtual, along with the February 14 and March 14, 2022, BZA Public Hearing. The three remaining BZA Public Hearings Public held in 2022 on April 11, 2022, May 9, 2022, and June 13, 2022, were in person. Virtual Public Hearings utilized the Zoom Platform and inperson Public Hearings were held in Council Chambers, City Hall.

Bylaws:

At the April 11, 2022, BZA Public Hearing, the Board approved an amendment to the BZA Rules of Procedures (Bylaws) to insert a section titled "Announcements" between the "Call of Roll" and the "Unfinished" business sections. The amendment was approved unanimously.

Attendance:

See Attachment I for Attendance

ATTACHMENT 1

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JULY 30, 2022

COMMISSION: Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

CHAIRPERSON: Lee Perna, Chair

		2021						2022					
Board Member (With listed Officers as of 3.14.2022)	Jul 12	Aug	Sep 21	Oct 18	Nov 8	Dec 13	Jan 10	Feb 14	Mar 14	Apr 11	May 9	Jun 13	
Lee Perna, Chair	X			Х		Х	1.7	×	X	Х	Х	Х	
Laurence Altenburg	Α			Α		Χ		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Dawn Bauman	N/A]	or election	N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Х	
Erich Chan	X	g	, g	X	ō	Х	g	Α	A	Α	N/A	N/A	
Tim Foley, Vice Chair	X	SSG	9	Х	ee	Χ	ele	X	X	Х	X	X	
Paul Liu	N/A	Recessed	Canceled	N/A	anceled	N/A	anceled	X	Х	Α	Х	Х	
Quynn Nguyen, Secretary	X	ď	Ü	Χ	Ö	Χ	Ü	A	X	Χ	Χ	Α	
Raj Patel	N/A]	10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	N/A	===	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Х	
Jon Waclawski	Α]		X		Х		X	X	Α	Х	Α	
Mark Yoo	A			Х		Х		X	X	Χ	N/A	N/A	

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT; A - ABSENT; N/A- Not Yet Appointed or Former Member at the time.

Notes:

- 1. The BZA was in recess during August 2021.
- 2. Three (3) Meetings were cancelled due to a lack of cases submitted.
- 3. Mr. Altenburg, who served as Chair, announced at the December 13, 2021 meeting that it would be his last meeting.
- 4. Mr. Yoo, who served as Vice Chair, began in January 2022 serving as Acting Chair.
- 5. Mr. Chan and Mr. Yoo resigned in April 2022.
- 6. Elections occurred at the March 2022 Meeting and Mr. Perna was elected Chair; Mr. Foley was elected Vice Chair and Ms. Nguyen was elected Secretary.
- 7. Council appointed Paul Lui (February 2022), Dawn Bauman (June 2022) and Raj Patel (June 2022to the Board of Zoning Appeals for four-year terms.

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: 0

APPROVED:

Lee Perna, Chair

Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals Annual Report July 2021– June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals includes hearing appeals from enforcement actions under the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building and Fire Codes. Within these guidelines, The Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals, is a quasi-judicial board that meets only when appeals are made relating to the Virginia building and Fire Codes.

Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- The board members are required to be knowledgeable in areas relating to building construction and/or building design. In accordance with the Virginia Building and Fire Codes, the board must meet within thirty calendar days from when an appeal is filed. The board responds to requests to meet after an appeal has been filed and does not have regularly scheduled meetings.
- In accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, the board must meet annually for training and the selection of officers as needed. The Code Administration Director will provide this training.

Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals Member Activities

• During FY 2022, the board was convened once to hear an appeal.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• Unlike other city boards and commissions, the Local Appeals Board does not set policy or actively contribute to the Council Goals and Initiatives.

Leadership

Board Members	Date Appointed	Term Expiration
Michael Wheeler*	December 2017	December 2022
Anila Angjeli	May 2018	May 2023
Aaron West	October 2019	October 2024
Kenneth Harris	June 2017	June 2022
Mary Shea	January 2019	January 2024
James Jordan**	October 2020	October 2025

- *Chairman
- ** Alternate Member
- Penny Gausman, Department of Code Administration acted as the staff liaison to Building and Fire Code Local Board of Appeals during the 2021/2022 year.

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 31, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

CARSON C. LUCARELLI, STAFF LIAISON

CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ("DRB")

SUBJECT:

FISCAL YEAR 2022 CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW

BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present this annual report for the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board (hereafter the "DRB") for fiscal year 2022 (hereafter "FY 2022"), as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(1). The DRB is comprised of two design professionals (architects Roger Lewis and Lee Quill), a City Manager designee (City Architect, Tom Canfield), a City Council Representative (Councilman R. Kirk McPike), and a citizen member (Charles Paul).

The primary role of the DRB is to review development applications within the Carlyle and Eisenhower East districts of the City. The DRB also provides design guidance to Staff and makes formal recommendations to the Alexandria Planning Commission and City Council. The DRB is scheduled to meet every other month, but only if there is a project to review. Extra meetings may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis.

The DRB met on three (3) occasions during FY 2022 and rendered opinions on two separate projects – all in various phases of the planning process. The fiscal year was also punctuated by

the continuation of the COVID-19 global pandemic; with the majority of meetings split between virtual and in-person hybrid; in accordance with the City Attorney's guidance on electronic participation.

Milestones reached include:

- Adoption of Board By-Laws and Electronic Participation Policy
- Two (2) New Appointees:
 - i. City Councilmember R. Kirk McPike
 - ii. Citizen Resident Charles Paul
- Final Approval of Block 23; a 742-unit multi-family high-rise project with 42 units of on-site affordable housing

The projects discussed during FY2021 are more expounded upon below:

I. Hearing Date: SEPTEMBER 2021

i. Item: Block 23 - Eisenhower East - Preliminary Architectural Review

In September of 2021, the DRB reviewed preliminary architecture for Block 23 – a 700+ unit multi-family development with a new east/west street connection located on the southern portion of Block 23, on Eisenhower Avenue. At the time of submission, the Applicant proposed two towers of similar height, at a density of 792-units. The DRB and Staff encouraged the Applicant to explore varying heights and architectural expressions for both buildings, while simultaneously studying slimming the base plate of the towers to create a slenderer expression. The Board also provided guidance on finessing roof-top open space, architectural individuality, pedestrian experience, streetscape conditions along all four frontages and integrated green building concepts.

ii. Item: Electronic Participation Policy for Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board Hearings and DRB By-Laws: Introduction

In accordance with the guidance passed down from the City Attorney's Office and Council, the DRB voted to unanimously adopt an Electronic Participation Policy in September of 2021. The Policy establishes an operational framework for the board to operate virtually during times of high COVID-19 transmissibility.

During the September meeting, Staff also provided the board with an introduction on a set of forthcoming by-laws, which were also being prepared at the bequest of Council and the City Attorney's Office. Similarly, the by-laws would create an overarching operational framework for conducting meetings, appointing members and defining term limits. No action was taken on this item at the September hearing.

iii. Item: Other Business - Del Pepper's retirement from Public Service

At the September DRB hearing, Staff announced the retirement of longtime Councilwoman and DRB board member Redella S. Pepper. Mrs. Pepper served on the Alexandria City Council for more than 30-years.

II. Hearing Date: NOVEMBER 2021

i. Item: Block 23 - Eisenhower East - Final Architectural Review

The DRB voted to approve Block 23's architecture in November of 2021. Following Staff and the Board's direction, the Applicant finessed the design of the towers to result in two vertical massing's of varied height. The Applicant was also applauded for slenderizing the base of each tower – which resulted in a less impactful footprint on the ground level. The DRB also instructed the Applicant to continue working with Staff in the months leading up to the May 2022 hearing on elements including the garage screening along the new roadway connection.

ii. Item: Other Business - DRB By-Laws

Following the Applicant's presentation of Block 23, the Board voted to adopt a set of operational by-laws. The by-laws were prepared under the guidance of the City Attorney and City Clerk to help guide the operational nature of the board.

iii. Item: Other Business - Citizen Member Charles Paul Introduction

At the beginning of the November 2021 DRB hearing, Staff give introduction new citizen member Charles Paul. Charles Paul's position on the board was confirmed by Council on October 13, 2021 to replace Mr. Alan Lynch; who served on the board for one (1) year. Mr. Paul lives in the Eisenhower East neighborhood and works for Meta – the company formerly known as Facebook.

III. Hearing Date: JANUARY 2022

i. Item: Block P - Carlyle.

In January of 2022, the DRB voted to approved value engineering changes to Block P. Block P is the last remaining undeveloped block in Carlyle and was approved by City Council in 2021 for two stand-alone office and senior living towers that will share a common garage podium. The changes Approved by the DRB allowed the Applicant to shave height from the medical office towers and make alterations to the approved screening for the above-grade garage screening. Changes to the southern tower's window treatment and other architectural refinements, were also approved.

The Applicant justified the changes due to a weakening office market and on-going financing related matters which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DRB attendance for FY2022 is summarized in the below table.

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ("DRB")

MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Tom Canfield, City Architect

MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep 16	Oct	Nov 18	Dec	Jan 20	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Roger Lewis*			X		X		X					
Lee Quill			X		X		X					
Councilman			n/a		n/a		X					
R. Kirk					-							
McPike**												
Tom Canfield			X		X		X					
Councilwoman	Billion		E		E	245 245	n/a				Patrick	
Del Pepper*												
Alan Lynch*			X		n/a		n/a					
Charles Paul**			n/a		X		X					

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT E - FOR EXCUSED

U – FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: N/A

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON

(APPROVED)

(Chairperson - Acting)

Thomas H. Canfield, AIA | City\Ar

Attachments:

Attachment #1: Adopted Electronic Participation Policy

Attachment #2: Adopted By-Laws

^{*}Term ended mid-year

^{**}Term began mid-year

Eisenhower East / Carlyle

Design Review Board

The Eisenhower East / Carlyle Design Review Board (DRB or the Board) reviews development proposals (including Development Site Plans, Development Special Use Permits, and Sign Plans) for compliance with the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan and Eisenhower East Design Guidelines.

MEMBERSHIP

Design Review Board Members: 5

Term: Varies, see below

Membership to Consist of:

- One (1) Member of City Council, selected for a 3-year term.
- One (1) Resident of the Eisenhower East / Carlyle area, selected annually by City Council.
- One (1) City Manager or designee, no term limit.
- Two (2) Qualified professionals skilled in architecture or urban design, selected annually by the foregoing members.

See Attachment 1 indicating geographic areas for the Eisenhower East and Carlyle districts

I. REVIEW AUTHORITY AND PRIMARY GUIDING DOCUMENTS

Section 5-611 of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance:

The City Council, through Ordinance 4442, amended Section 5-611 of the Zoning Ordinance to establish the Eisenhower East Design Review board, delineating its composition and review responsibilities.

- (A) There is hereby established by ordinance the Eisenhower East Design Review Board.
- (B) The Eisenhower East Design Review Board shall consist of five members selected as follows: (1) one member of City Council, selected by the Council following a Council election for a thee-year term, (2) the City Manager or designee, (3) one citizen member residing in the area served by the board, and selected annually by the Council, and (4) two qualified professionals skilled in architecture or urban design, who shall be selected annually by the foregoing three members.
- (C) The purpose of the Eisenhower East Design Review Board is to review applications under this ordinance, within CDD No. 2 (Eisenhower Avenue Metro) and CDD No. 11 (South Carlyle), and for properties in CDD No. 1 (Duke Street) on which development is governed

by any special use permit which authorizes or requires design review by the Carr/Norfolk Southern (Carlyle) Design Review Board. Applications within CDD No.2 and CDD No. 11 are to be reviewed for compliance with the Eisenhower East Small Area Plan and the Eisenhower East Design Guidelines, as adopted by the planning commission. Applications within CDD No. 1 are to be reviewed for compliance with the applicable urban design guidelines therein. The board will make recommendations on such applications to the planning commission and city council through the director.

- (D) The director shall send to the board a copy of any application subject to its review, and the board shall send its comments to the director in time to be sent to the planning commission together with the staff report on the application. Each applicant shall discuss their application with the board prior to filing.
- (E) The board and director shall establish a regular schedule which provides for meeting at least once per calendar quarter. Additional meetings may be called by the chair of the board and the director.
- (F) The Eisenhower East Design Review Board shall assume and perform all the functions of the Carr/Norfolk Southern (Carlyle) Design Review Board.

II. BOARD SELECTION / ELECTIONS

- The DRB initiates an annual election for a chair, with nominations presented by members of the board. DRB members may also elect additional positions (such as vice chair and secretary).
- According to Section 2-4-4 of the City Code, the DRB also selects a secretary, with the duty of "preparing minutes or reports of all meetings or actions taken at any meeting." A City staff member may be designated as the DRB secretary by action of the board (Section 2-4-10). See Communication and Outreach.
- Members can submit their resignation (and effective date) to the City Clerk or the chair of their respective committee.
- All DRB members must reapply for their appointment with the City Clerk when their term has expired. No DRB member may reapply for their appointment after serving 10 consecutive years on the board. The prevailing exception is for DRB members that were serving as of June 13, 2009 may reapply for an additional term beyond the 10-year limit.

III. COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP DUTIES

Chair and Vice Chair

The DRB chair has the main task of running meetings, including the introduction of items on

meeting agendas for presentation and discussion, and calling items for a vote.

- The chair also assists staff in proposing and reviewing meeting agenda items, meets with staff periodically to address any ongoing committee issues, and is the main author of any DRB memos, including letters of endorsement or official correspondence to City departments, Council or Planning Commission. The chair may also delegate drafting of DRB memos to staff and serve as the initial reviewer of memos before their dissemination to the DRB.
- The vice chair assists the chair in running meetings, and leads the meeting in absence of the chair. The vice chair may join the chair in meetings with City staff concerning DRB matters in a leadership capacity.
- Chair and vice chair work with staff to review the DRB annual report that is drafted by staff and sent to the City Clerk (see section VI. below).

Secretary

- The secretary acts as the first point of contact for the review of meeting notes, which are drafted by staff.
- Additionally, the secretary works with staff on DRB communication, including updating the DRB webpage (if any).

IV. REVIEW PROCEDURES

- ♦ Staff begins coordinating development reviews by informing the chair at the Concept I stage¹. The projects are formally presented to the overall board by the applicant and staff at the Concept II stage. Submissions to DRB are based on the Project Review Checklist.
- Staff will provide DRB members with a brief staff report for each project the board reviews. The information sheets will provide the basic planning data on the development proposal, including the zoning parameters, and a list of key issues that staff has identified as part of the review process.
- The DRB makes recommendations to the Planning and Zoning director that can be issued to Planning Commission and City Council as a memo or endorsement letter and through the staff report for a given project.²

¹ The Concept stages of development review are defined as the "pre-application" stage in the Zoning Ordinance. The Concept /pre-application review period occurs before an applicant submits a formal application to the Planning Commission for review.

² In rare cases, design committees are granted approval authority for portions of the review process. In the approval of Carlyle Plaza Two (DSUP2011-0031), the DRB was granted approval authority for the final architecture of buildings on the site and certain signage developed under the coordinated sign program. In general, the same approval authority applies to proposed projects within the Carlyle SUP, however confirmation of this would need to occur on a case-by-case basis. Specific action by the City Council to designate such authority is necessary.

V. MEETING PROCEDURES

Occurrence of Meetings:

♦ The DRB has agreed to procedurally convene meetings, as needed, on the third (3rd) Thursday of alternating months, as necessary. Projects to be presented and considered by the DRB must be submitted by the Applicant a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting, and must meet the zoning requirements (see checklist) as a viable project for review.

Procedures Based on Section 2-4-5 of the City Code:

- The DRB will conduct meetings on procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order and will have a Planning and Zoning staff member present to assist with any needs of the committee. The applicant for each project is tasked with presenting its project to the committee for discussion, though City staff will be present to provide any background on the development review process and for committee assistance.
- A quorum (a majority of the committee members) shall be present for any committee business to be conducted or actions to be taken. A member present but not voting shall be considered in counting a quorum.
- ◆ No action which "constitutes a recommendation or proposal for action by the city council or any other city board or commission" shall be taken without the "affirmative votes of a majority of the committee." All board votes must be taken in public session, and not by proxy (i.e. via email).

Procedures based on Section 2-4-6 of the City Code (Public participation in committee meetings):

- All DRB meetings shall be open to the public. The exception is for an executive session or closed meeting. The board chair shall consult with the City Attorney before holding a closed meeting to determine whether such a meeting is authorized and what procedures should be followed.
- "Except as may be permitted by law, all books, papers and reports or other documents produced by or under the control of a committee shall be open for public inspection and copying."
- Working with City staff, each board must provide "reasonable" public notice of the time and place of its meetings and the meeting agenda. Staff posts the meeting time and place on the City's online calendar (alexandriava.gov/calendar) and on the committee's webpage. The agenda should identify any items that would allow (or preclude) public comment.

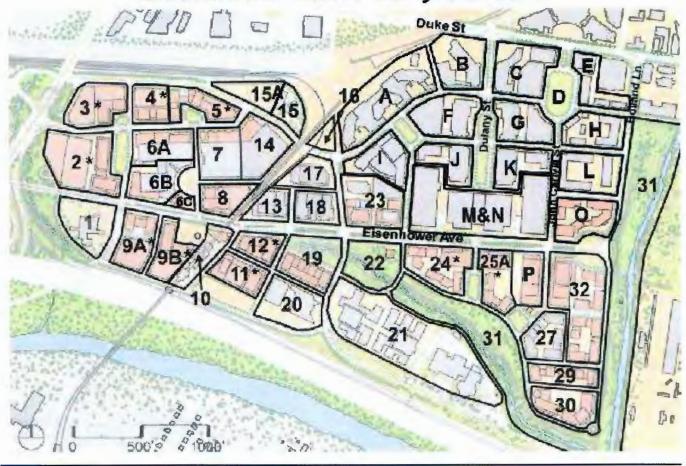
VI. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

- The DRB webpage (if any) on the City's website provides meeting agendas, notes, and development project information. Meeting agendas are posted on the City's website prior to the related meeting.
- Staff is generally tasked with preparing notes of DRB meetings (see Board Selection / Elections). Staff responsibilities include archiving and the dissemination of notes to DRB members, and the audio recording of meetings.

- Meeting notes are distributed by email to board members for their personal review. A draft of the final notes will be posted on the committee's webpage no more than 30 days after the meeting. A notation shall appear on the notes indicating whether they have been officially approved by the DRB. The board will have the opportunity to formally adopt the notes at the next meeting. The adopted notes will replace any final draft notes on the DRB's webpage.
- O Staff audio records each DRB meeting to provide an additional record of the meeting. Either staff or the DRB chair will make an announcement at the beginning of each meeting concerning the audio recording in progress, and where any speakers and presenters in attendance should stand in order to have their voice picked up by the microphone.
- ◆ The DRB is responsible for the submission of an annual report. The report summarizes the objectives and relative success of the DRB, board meetings and project reviews, and general recommendations. The annual report and attendance report is prepared by staff, reviewed and signed by the DRB chair(s), and submitted within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year or "as shortly thereafter as possible" (Section 2-4-4 of the City Code). The composition of the annual report is outlined in 2-4-4(d)(2) of the City Code.

Attachment 1: Geographic Boundaries for DRB Review and Recommendation

Eisenhower East / Carlyle Blocks



City of Alexandria, Virginia Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board Electronic Participation Policy

The following policy is established for members' remote electronic participation in Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board meetings due to:

1. A personal matter

- a. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Chair that the member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter. The member must identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter.
- b. A quorum of the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location.
- c. The Chair may approve or disapprove the request for electronic participation. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, the basis for the disapproval shall be recorded in the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board's minutes. The decision shall be based solely on the criteria in this policy, without regard to the identity of the member or matters that will be considered or voted on during the meeting.
- d. The Carlyle/Eisenhower Design Review Board shall record the specific nature of the personal matter and the remote location from which the absent member participated in the Carlyle/Eisenhower Design Review Board's minutes.
- e. Participation by the absent member due to a personal matter shall be limited in each calendar year to: (1) two (2) meetings or (2) 25% of the meetings held rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, of the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board.
- 2. A member's temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance
 - a. On or before the day of a meeting, the member shall notify the Chair that the member is unable to attend the meeting due to the member's temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents his or her physical attendance or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance.
 - b. A quorum of the Board must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location.
 - c. The Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board shall record the fact of the member's disability or other medical condition or a family member's medical condition that requires the member to provide care for such family members, thereby preventing the member's physical attendance, and the remote location from which the absent member participated in the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board's minutes.
- 3. For any remote participation, the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board shall make arrangements for the voice of the absent member or members to be heard by all persons in attendance at the meeting location

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 31, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

CARSON C. LUCARELLI, STAFF LIAISON

CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ("DRB")

SUBJECT:

FISCAL YEAR 2022 CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW

BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present this annual report for the Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board (hereafter the "DRB") for fiscal year 2022 (hereafter "FY 2022"), as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(l). The DRB is comprised of two design professionals (architects Roger Lewis and Lee Quill), a City Manager designee (City Architect, Tom Canfield), a City Council Representative (Councilman R. Kirk McPike), and a citizen member (Charles Paul).

The primary role of the DRB is to review development applications within the Carlyle and Eisenhower East districts of the City. The DRB also provides design guidance to Staff and makes formal recommendations to the Alexandria Planning Commission and City Council. The DRB is scheduled to meet every other month, but only if there is a project to review. Extra meetings may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis.

The DRB met on three (3) occasions during FY 2022 and rendered opinions on two separate projects – all in various phases of the planning process. The fiscal year was also punctuated by the continuation of the COVID-19 global pandemic; with the majority of meetings split between

virtual and in-person hybrid; in accordance with the City Attorney's guidance on electronic participation.

Milestones reached include:

- Adoption of Board By-Laws and Electronic Participation Policy
- Two (2) New Appointees:
 - i. City Councilmember R. Kirk McPike
 - ii. Citizen Resident Charles Paul
- Final Approval of Block 23; a 742-unit multi-family high-rise project with 42 units of on-site affordable housing

The projects discussed during FY2021 are more expounded upon below:

I. Hearing Date: SEPTEMBER 2021

i. Item: Block 23 - Eisenhower East - Preliminary Architectural Review

In September of 2021, the DRB reviewed preliminary architecture for Block 23 – a 700+ unit multi-family development with a new east/west street connection located on the southern portion of Block 23, on Eisenhower Avenue. At the time of submission, the Applicant proposed two towers of similar height, at a density of 792-units. The DRB and Staff encouraged the Applicant to explore varying heights and architectural expressions for both buildings, while simultaneously studying slimming the base plate of the towers to create a slenderer expression. The Board also provided guidance on finessing roof-top open space, architectural individuality, pedestrian experience, streetscape conditions along all four frontages and integrated green building concepts.

ii. Item: Electronic Participation Policy for Carlyle/Eisenhower East Design Review Board Hearings and DRB By-Laws: Introduction

In accordance with the guidance passed down from the City Attorney's Office and Council, the DRB voted to unanimously adopt an Electronic Participation Policy in September of 2021. The Policy establishes an operational framework for the board to operate virtually during times of high COVID-19 transmissibility.

During the September meeting, Staff also provided the board with an introduction on a set of forthcoming by-laws, which were also being prepared at the bequest of Council and the City Attorney's Office. Similarly, the by-laws would create an overarching operational framework for conducting meetings, appointing members and defining term limits. No action was taken on this item at the September hearing.

iii. Item: Other Business - Del Pepper's retirement from Public Service

At the September DRB hearing, Staff announced the retirement of longtime Councilwoman and DRB board member Redella S. Pepper. Mrs. Pepper served on the Alexandria City Council for more than 30-years.

II. Hearing Date: NOVEMBER 2021

i. Item: Block 23 - Eisenhower East - Final Architectural Review

The DRB voted to approve Block 23's architecture in November of 2021. Following Staff and the Board's direction, the Applicant finessed the design of the towers to result in two vertical massing's of varied height. The Applicant was also applauded for slenderizing the base of each tower – which resulted in a less impactful footprint on the ground level. The DRB also instructed the Applicant to continue working with Staff in the months leading up to the May 2022 hearing on elements including the garage screening along the new roadway connection.

ii. Item: Other Business - DRB By-Laws

Following the Applicant's presentation of Block 23, the Board voted to adopt a set of operational by-laws. The by-laws were prepared under the guidance of the City Attorney and City Clerk to help guide the operational nature of the board.

iii. Item: Other Business - Citizen Member Charles Paul Introduction

At the beginning of the November 2021 DRB hearing, Staff give introduction new citizen member Charles Paul. Charles Paul's position on the board was confirmed by Council on October 13, 2021 to replace Mr. Alan Lynch; who served on the board for one (1) year. Mr. Paul lives in the Eisenhower East neighborhood and works for Meta – the company formerly known as Facebook.

III. Hearing Date: JANUARY 2022

i. Item: Block P - Carlyle.

In January of 2022, the DRB voted to approved value engineering changes to Block P. Block P is the last remaining undeveloped block in Carlyle and was approved by City Council in 2021 for two stand-alone office and senior living towers that will share a common garage podium. The changes Approved by the DRB allowed the Applicant to shave height from the medical office towers and make alterations to the approved screening for the above-grade garage screening. Changes to the southern tower's window treatment and other architectural refinements, were also approved.

The Applicant justified the changes due to a weakening office market and on-going financing related matters which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

DRB attendance for FY2022 is summarized in the below table.

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

CARLYLE/EISENHOWER EAST DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ("DRB")

MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Tom Canfield, City Architect

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Charles Paul**			n/a		X		X					

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LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: N/A

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(APPROVED)

(Chairperson - Acting)

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Attachments:

Attachment #1: Adopted Electronic Participation Policy

Attachment #2: Adopted By-Laws

^{*}Term ended mid-year

^{**}Term began mid-year

Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Children, youth, and Families Collaborative Commission (CYFCC) includes providing advice, advocacy, and pertinent information to Alexandria City staff, City Council, School Board, and other relevant entities in order to influence policy and decisions that result in better outcomes for children, youth, and families in Alexandria. Within these guidelines, the CYFCC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

CYFCC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- Membership remained steady throughout the year and we filled all vacancies.
- This year, the CYFCC partnered with Alexandria Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy
 (ACAP) and the Substance Abuse and Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) to host a
 Youth Speak Up event focused on lessons learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic from the
 perspective of Alexandria youth.

CYFCC Member Activities

Held two retreats on September 2021 and June 2022

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• Completed a Youth Voice survey that was discussed at the June retreat and will be discussed with recommendations in the upcoming fiscal year

Goals for 2022-2023

As a result of the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission's (CYFCC) work advancing the Children Youth Community Plan (CYCP) in 2022 – 2023, Alexandria's children, youth, and families will have increased access to and awareness of mental health services; increased awareness of and access to homeless support services; meaningful instruction within our school system on social emotional and academic learning (SEAL); and youth representation across institutions and in policy making throughout the City of Alexandria.

Goal 1: As a result of the advocacy of the CYFCC, city-provided mental health services will be more accessible for all residents of the city of Alexandria.

Goal 2: As a result of the advocacy and action of the CYFCC, homeless youth in the City of Alexandria will be better identified within ACPS structures and represented in aggregate data distributed by the City's Point in Time count (PIT).

Goal 3: As a result of the advocacy and action of the CYFCC, all children in ACPS will receive daily SEAL resources including curriculum instruction time and/or restorative practices approaches.

Goal 4: As a result of the advocacy and actions of the CYFCC, youth-voice will be represented in more official City and ACPS spaces with representation on each City Board or Commission and all ACPS steering committees.

Leadership

- Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the May meeting: Jessica (Jessy) Cuddy will serve as Chair, Catherine Clinger as Chair-Elect.
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed:
 - Catherine Clinger appointed 9.14.21
 - Jay Falk appointed 2.8.22
 - Kate Harbor- appointed 3.8.22
 - Zach Lowe appointed 12.14.21
 - Zahra Rahimi appointed 3.8.22
 - Christine Raino- appointed 12,14.21
 - Jenny Rivera appointed 3.8.22
 - Nelsa Tiemtore appointed 12.14.21
 - J-Lynn Van-Pelt appointed 12.14.21
 - Nicola Harris -resigned
 - Garrison Hayes resigned
 - Jamica Littles resigned
 - Tammy Mann resigned
 - Annabelle O'Keefe resigned
 - Kelley Organek resigned
 - Maile Organek resigned
 - Dianara Saget resigned
 - Lou Whiting resigned
 - Justin Williams resigned
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - Councilman Canek Aguirre
 - Councilwoman Sarah Bagley
 - Ingrid Bynum
 - Dana Chambers
 - Catherine Clinger
 - Julie Crawford
 - Jessica Cuddy
 - Rose Dawson
 - Laura Durham
 - Jay Falk

- Kate Garvey
- Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins
- Angela Green
- Jacinta Greene
- Kate Harbor
- Nicola Harris
- Garrison Hayes
- Amanda Hazelwood
- J. Glenn Hopkins
- Kurt Huffman
- Jamica Littles
- Zach Lowe
- Mike Mackey
- Tammy Mann
- Annabelle O'Keefe
- Kelley Organek
- Maile Organek
- Zahra Rahimi
- Christine Raino
- Jenny Rievera
- Dianara Saget
- Christina Sherlock
- Heather Thornton
- Nelsa Tiemtore
- J-Lynn Van-Pelt
- Lou Whiting
- Justin Williams
- Noraine Buttar and the Department of Community and Human Services acted as the staff liaison to CYFCC during the course of the 2021/2022 year.

Attachments

- 1. Link to CYCP Report Cards
- 2. Y-VOC Assessment results
- 3. Budget letter to City Council
- 4. Budget letter to School Board

APPENDIX F. ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA CYFCC MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1, 2021 THROUGH IUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Amanda Hazelwood

2021 2022

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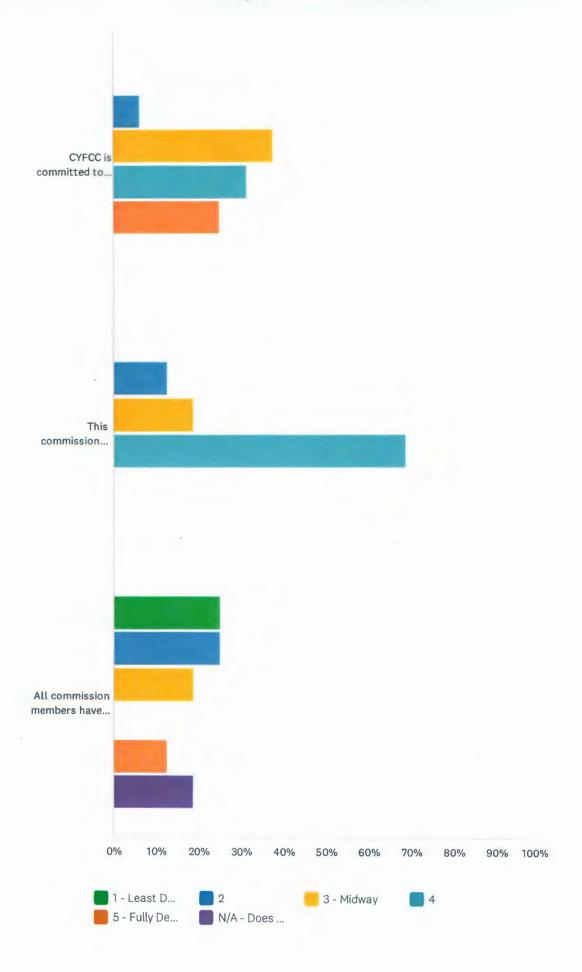
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OCTOBER 2021 - MARCH 2022 (VIRTUAL)

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Q1 Commitment to meaningful participation

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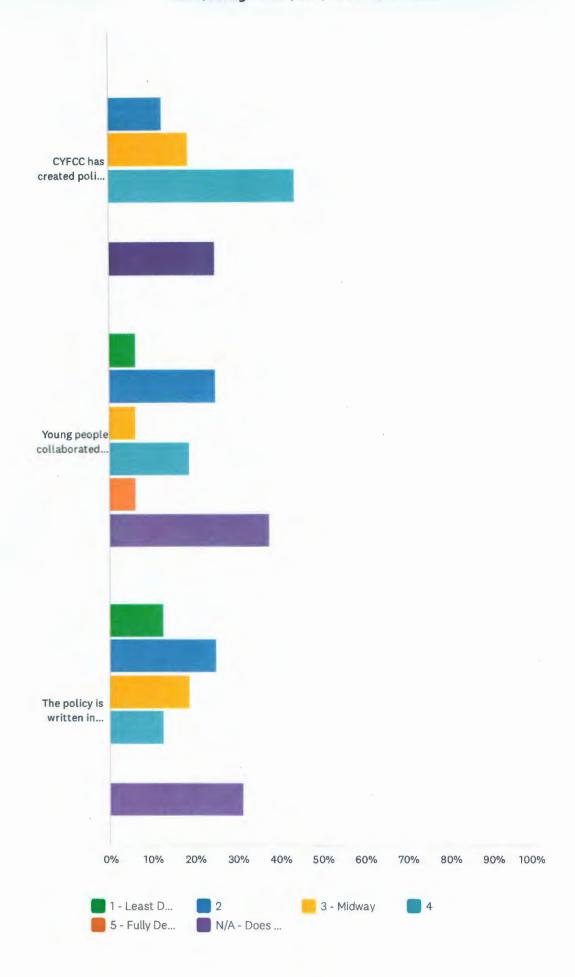


Youth/Young Adult (Y/YA) Voice on CYFCC

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CYFCC is committed to making sure that Y/YA have participation and influence equal toothers on the commission.	0.00%	6.25% 1	37.50% 6	31.25% 5	25.00% 4	0.00%	16
This commission clearly communicates this commitment to all commission members, system leaders, and other stakeholders that the commission works with.	0.00%	12.50% 2	18.75% 3	68.75% 11	0.00%	0.00%	16
All commission members have completed training or other activities that aim to: buildmeaningful partnerships between young people and adults, create an understanding of the uniquevalue that young people add to the work, and create a climate where young people are heard, valued, and respected.	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	18.75% 3	0.00%	12.50%	18.75%	16

Q2 Formal Policy

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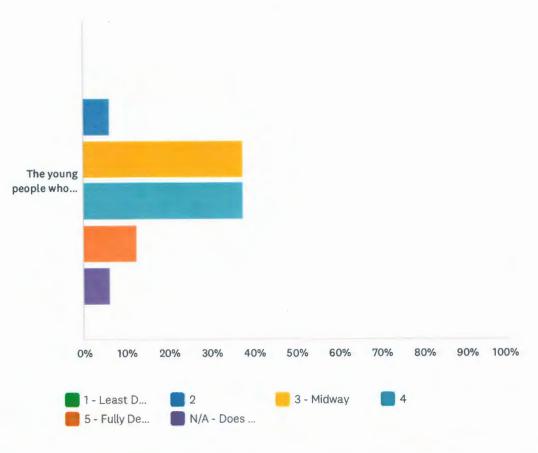


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CYFCC has created policy (e.g., by-laws, rules and/or guidelines) to make sure that Y/YA's participation and influence is equal to other CYFCC members.	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	18.75% 3	43.75% 7	0.00%	25.00% 4	16
Young people collaborated in developing this policy and it is periodically updated to reflect new circumstances.	6.25% 1	25.00% 4	6.25%	18.75% 3	6.25% 1	37.50% 6	16
The policy is written in language that young people find easy to understand.	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	0.00%	31.25% 5	16

Q3 Appropriate representation

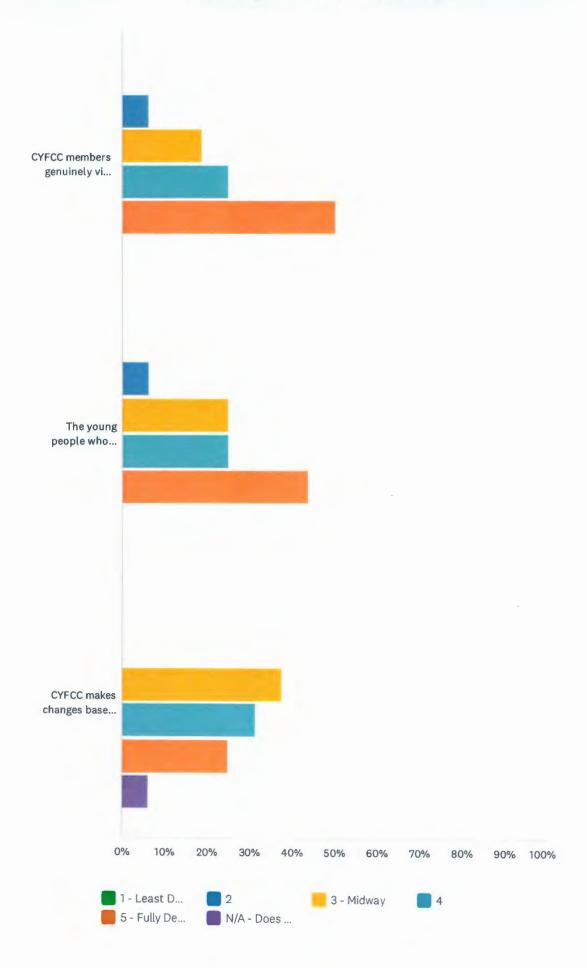
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The young people who	0.00%	6.25%	37.50%	37.50%	12.50%	6.25%	
participate on CYFCC have received, or are receiving services, and/or have similar lived experience to the young people that CYFCC serves.	0	1	6	6	2	1	16

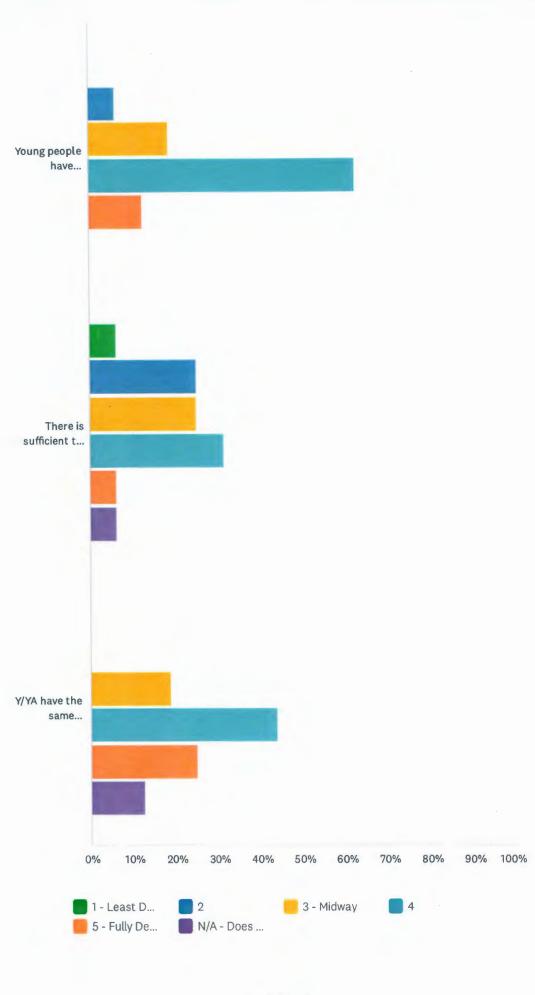
Q4 Culture of partnership

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CYFCC members genuinely view Y/YA as having valuable experience and ideas that canhelp improve the system.	0.00%	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	25.00% 4	50.00% 8	0.00%	16
The young people who participate on CYFCC are welcomed as partners, theirexperience and insights are seen as valuable, and their ideas are given the same respect andattention as other CYFCC members.	0.00%	6.25%	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	43.75% 7	0.00%	16
CYFCC makes changes based on young people's ideas about how to be moresupportive of Y/YA voice and participation.	0.00%	0.00%	37.50% 6	31.25% 5	25.00% 4	6.25% 1	16

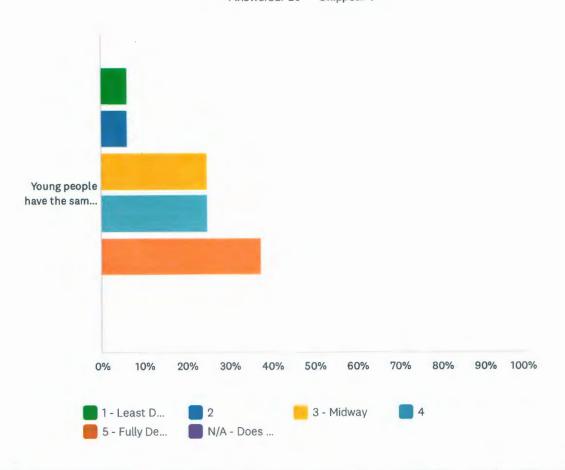
Q5 Equal participation



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Young people have opportunities to bring their own ideas to CYFCC. These ideas can beon any topic, not just on topics directly related to youth and young adults.	0.00% 0	6.25%	18.75% 3	62.50% 10	12.50%	0.00%	16
There is sufficient time on the CYFCC agenda to fully discuss and consider ideas andconcerns young people bring to CYFCC.	6.25% 1	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	31.25% 5	6.25%	6.25% 1	16
Y/YA have the same opportunities to participate in discussions, to vote, etc. as otherCYFCC members.	0.00%	0.00%	18.75% 3	43.75% 7	25.00% 4	12.50% 2	16

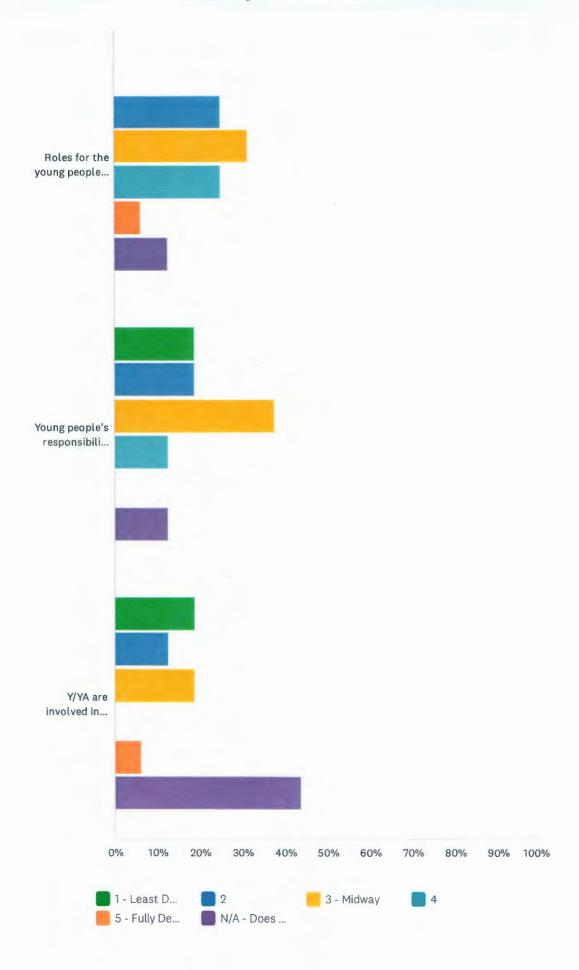
Q6 Leadership roles

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Young people have the same opportunities as other CYFCC members to take onleadership roles (e.g., leading meetings, and/or being part of the executive committee,committee/sub-committee members or chairs, etc.).	6.25%	6.25%	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	37.50% 6	0.00%	16

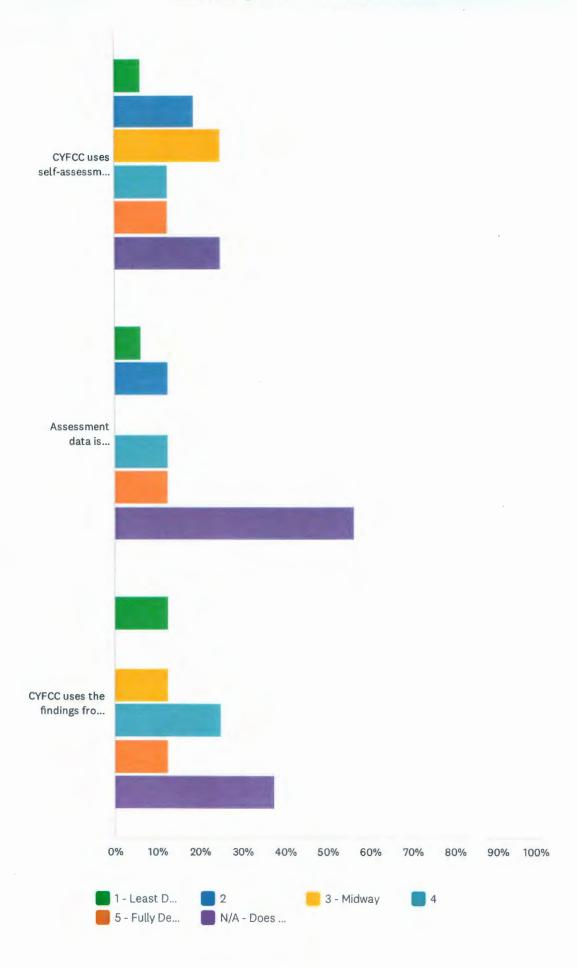
Q7 Clear roles



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Roles for the young people who	0.00%	25.00%	31.25%	25.00%	6.25%	12.50%	
participate on CYFCC are clearly defined	0	4	5	4	1	2	16
Young people's responsibilities	18.75%	18.75%	37.50%	12.50%	0.00%	12.50%	
are identified in role/position descriptions that (1) outline how Y/YAare expected to participate on committee/council, (2) describe training or coaching resources to support them, and (3) explain any related reimbursement, incentives, or recognition.		3	6	2	0	2	16
Y/YA are involved in developing and revising these role descriptions.	18.75% 3	12.50% 2	18.75% 3	0.00% 0	6.25% 1	43.75% 7	16

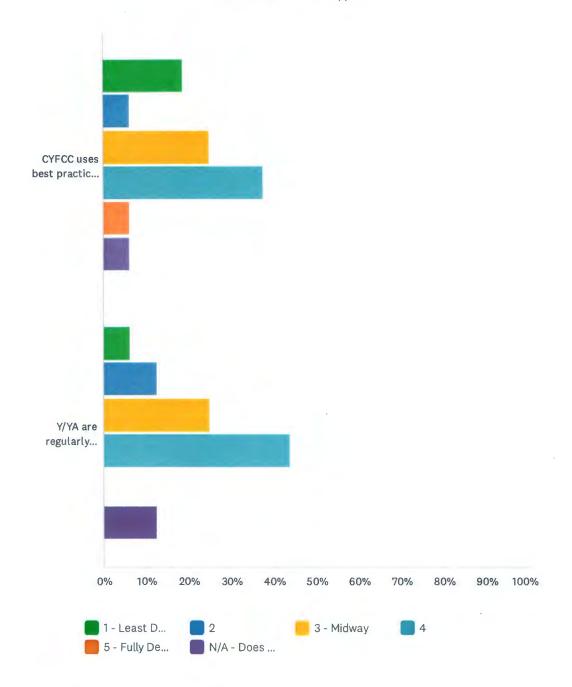
Q8 Assessment of participation efforts



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CYFCC uses self- assessments to measure meaningful Y/YA participation in its work.	6.25% 1	18.75% 3	25.00% 4	12.50% 2	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	16
Assessment data is gathered in a way that does not reveal young people's responses, and they donot experience negative consequences as a result of giving honest feedback.	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	0.00%	12.50%	12.50% 2	56.25% 9	16
CYFCC uses the findings from this assessment to improve its efforts to meaningfullyinclude young people's voices on CYFCC.	12.50% 2	0.00%	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	12.50% 2	37.50% 6	16

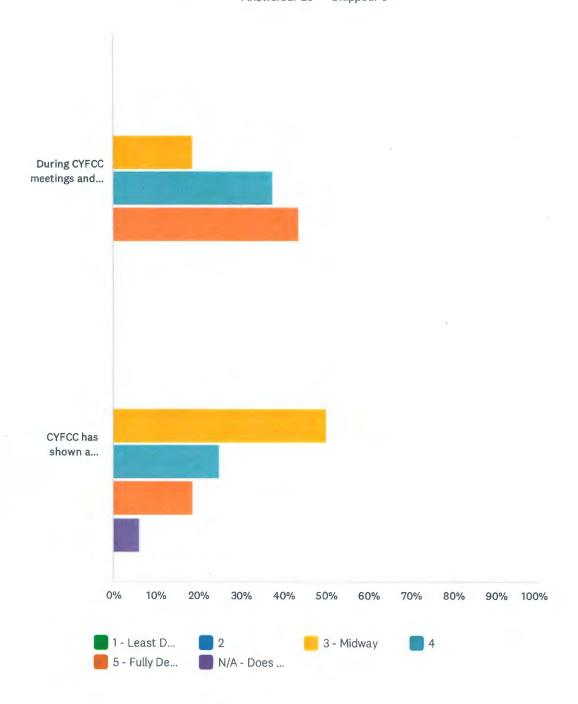
Q9 Collaborative Process

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CYFCC uses best practices to make sure that young people are fully involved in CYFCC's work. For example, there is plenty of time for discussion, learning, and exploring options before any decisions are made.	18.75% 3	6.25%	25.00% 4	37.50% 6	6.25%	6.25% 1	16
Y/YA are regularly engaged in both early work—such as choosing the issues and long-term goals to focus on as well as later work—such as making decisions about how to address these issues and goals.	6.25% 1	12.50%	25.00% 4	43.75% 7	0.00%	12.50% 2	16

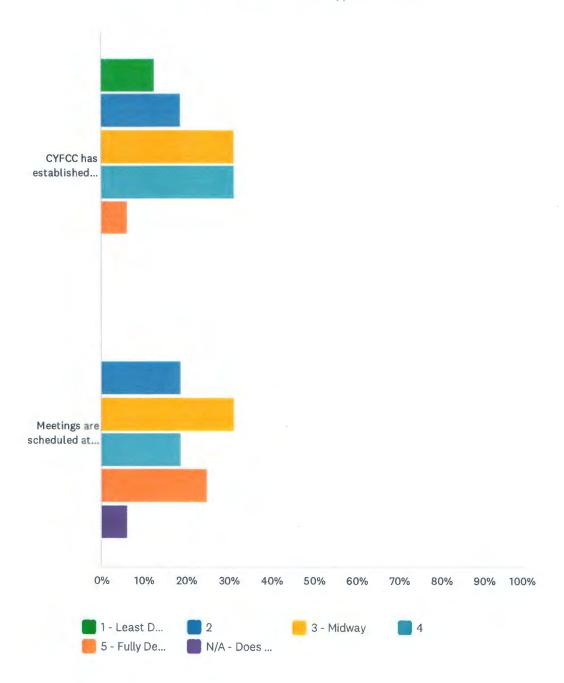
Q10 Respectful partnering



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During CYFCC meetings and	0.00%	0.00%	18.75%	37.50%	43.75%	0.00%	
other activities related to advising and decision making, CYFCC members and other attendees are consistently respectful and responsive to Y/YA ideas and suggestions.	0	0	3	6	7	0	16
CYFCC has shown a	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	25.00%	18.75%	6.25%	
willingness to act on Y/YA's input and recommendations.	0	0	8	4	3	1	16

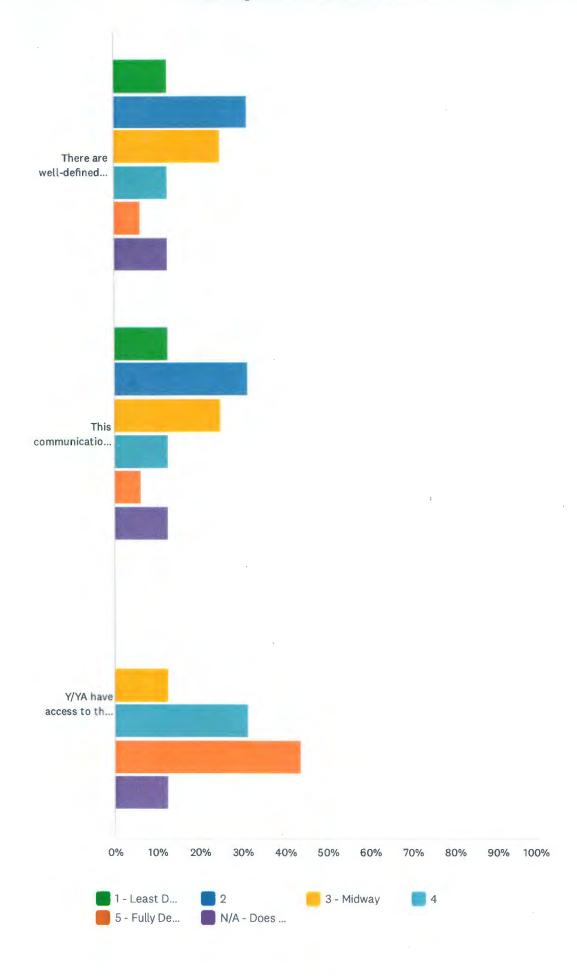
Q11 Youth-friendly meetings

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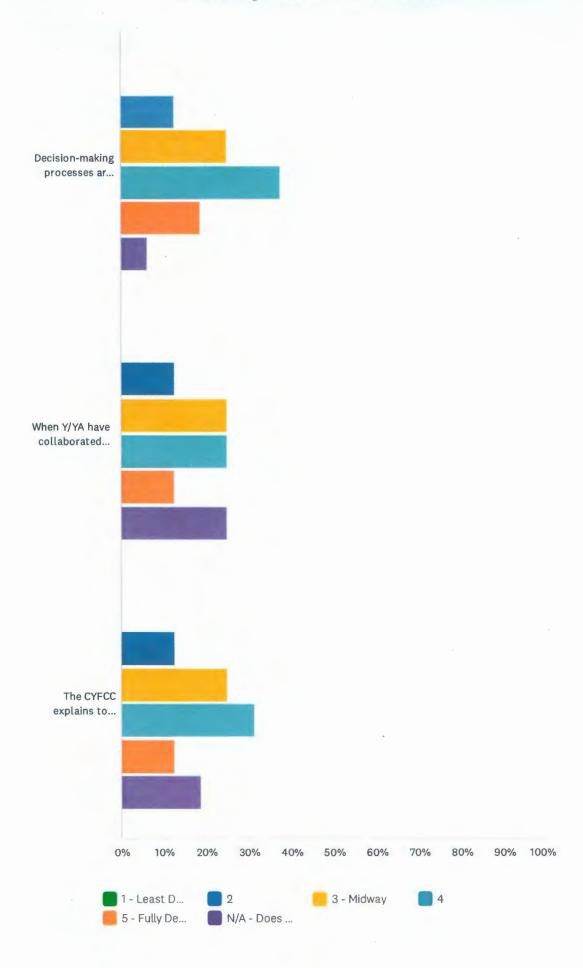
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CYFCC has established good meeting practices that encourage young people to engage in meeting activities. Good meeting practices include providing meeting materials in advance, keeping meetings short and efficient, beginning with ice-breakers or sharing time, explaining acronyms and jargon, providing food and taking regular breaks.	12.50% 2	18.75% 3	31.25% 5	31.25% 5	6.25% 1	0.00%	16
Meetings are scheduled at times and locations that Y/YA can attend.	0.00%	18.75% 3	31.25% 5	18.75% 3	25.00% 4	6.25% 1	16

Q12 Information sharing and communication



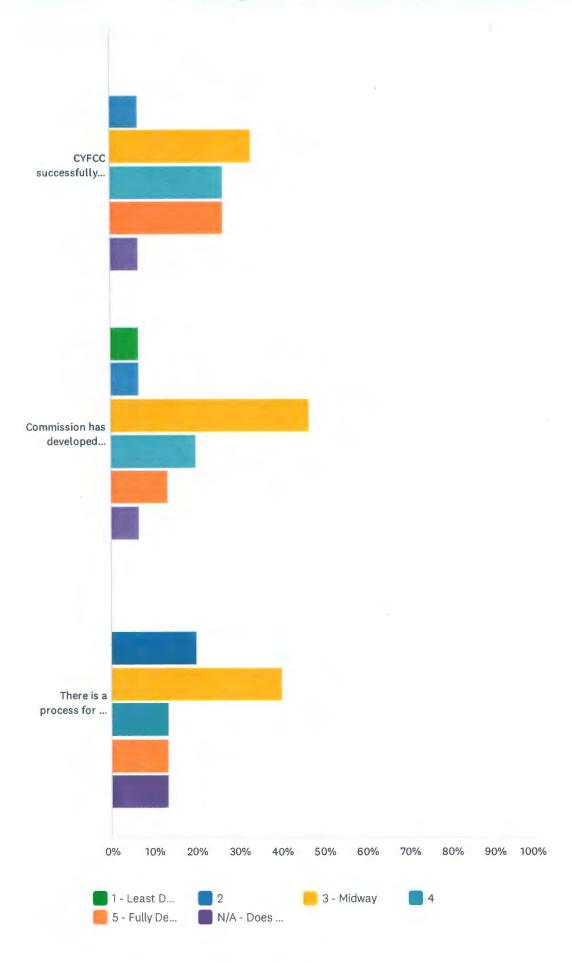
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There are well-defined ways that CYFCC members, including Y/YA, use tocommunicate and share relevant information outside of formal meetings.	12.50% 2	31.25% 5	25.00% 4	12.50% 2	6.25% 1	12.50%	16
This communication is Y/YA-friendly and accessible. It provides Y/YA leaders with accurate andsufficient information to support their meaningful participation on the CYFCC.	12.50% 2	31.25% 5	25.00% 4	12.50%	6.25% 1	12.50% 2	16
Y/YA have access to the same information as other CYFCC members.	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	31.25% 5	43.75% 7	12.50% 2	16

Q13 Transparency in decision-making



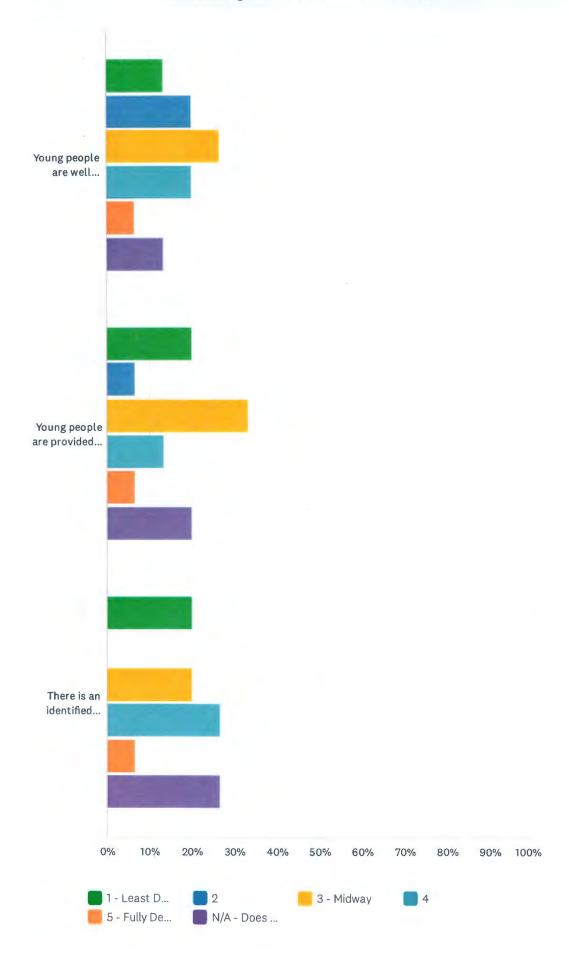
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Decision-making processes are transparent.	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	37.50% 6	18.75% 3	6.25% 1	16
When Y/YA have collaborated on a decision, the committee/council shares what actions were taken as a result.	0.00%	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	12.50% 2	25.00% 4	16
The CYFCC explains to young people how and why their participation and ideas may (or may not) contribute to system changes. For example, young people are informed if a suggestion requires a policy change that will involve external approvals that may delay or reject a Y/YA-involved decision.	0.00%	12.50%	25.00% 4	31.25% 5	12.50%	18.75% 3	16

Q14 Sufficient and consistent representation



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CYFCC successfully and consistently engages multiple Y/YA on the commission.	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	26.67% 4	26.67% 4	6.67% 1	15
Commission has developed strategies to ensure that these young people remain in these roles long enough to develop experience and confidence.	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	46.67% 7	20.00%	13.33%	6.67% 1	15
There is a process for new Y/YA to learn information about CYFCC and its work from people who have been a part of CYFCC before (e.g., orientation and review of documents, mentoring by other committee/council members, etc.).	0.00%	20.00%	40.00%	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	15

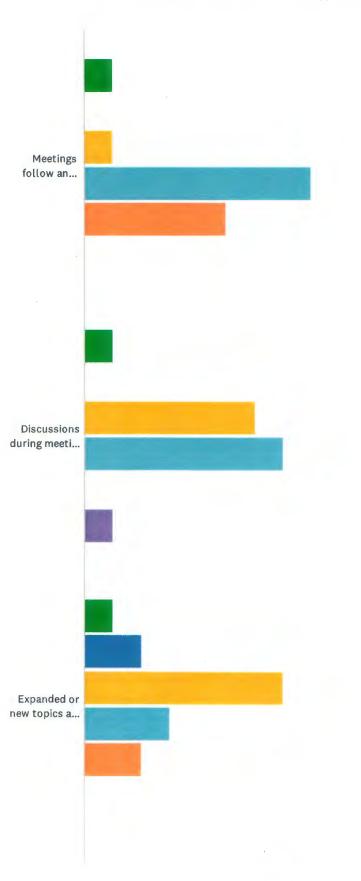
Q15 Thorough preparation

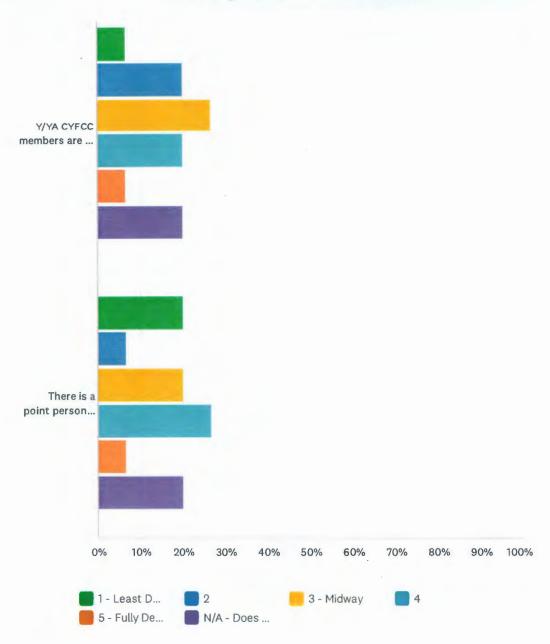


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Young people are well prepared to participate in CYFCC meetings and other activities related to advising and decision making.	13.33%	20.00%	26.67% 4	20.00%	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	15
Young people are provided training and mentoring to understand CYFCC meetingprocesses and to learn about topics that will be discussed.	20.00%	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	20.00%	15
There is an identified point person or mentor who is responsible for providing Y/YA CYFCCmembers with information and support prior to meetings.	20.00%	0.00%	20.00% 3	26.67% 4	6.67%	26.67% 4	15

Q16 Support for meaningful participation

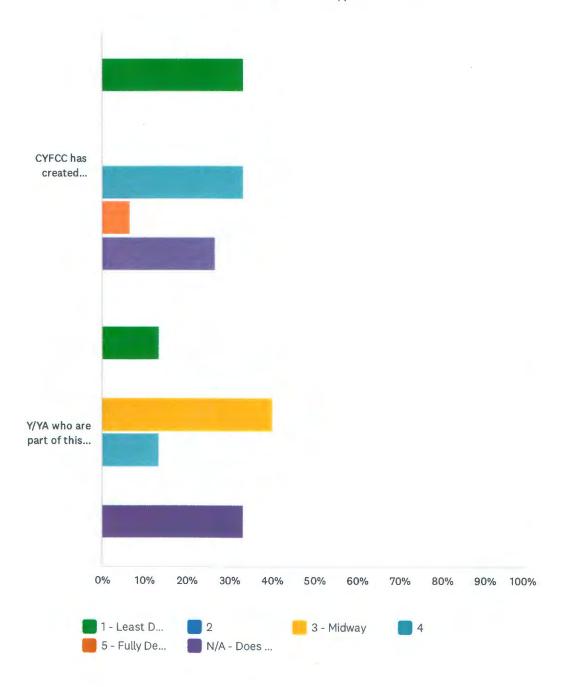
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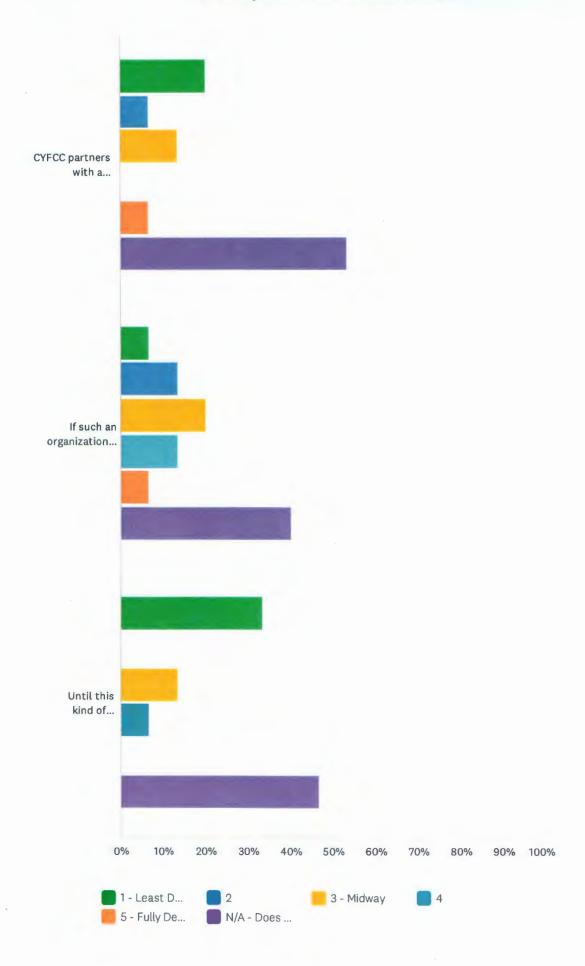
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Meetings follow an agenda that young people have received and prepared for in advance.	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	53.33% 8	33.33% 5	0.00% 0	15
Discussions during meetings are easy to understand, and CYFCC members areencouraged to ask questions whenever they want clarification.	6.67%	0.00%	40.00%	46.67% 7	0.00% 0	6.67%	15
Expanded or new topics are not introduced without context.	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	46.67% 7	20.00%	13.33% 2	0.00%	15
Y/YA CYFCC members are not asked to advise on unfamiliar topics or make decisionswithout adequate information or preparation.	6.67%	20.00%	26.67% 4	20.00%	6.67%	20.00%	15
There is a point person or mentor providing information and support for young people duringCYFCC meetings, and debriefing after meetings.	20.00%	6.67%	20.00%	26.67% 4	6.67% 1	20.00%	15

Q17 Leadership development



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CYFCC has created opportunities for young people to develop their individual leadership and participation skills within a community of supportive peers (e.g., Y/YA leadership group, Y/YA advisory board, Y/YA subcommittee, leadership training).	33.33% 5	0.00%	0.00% 0	33.33% 5	6.67%	26.67% 4	15
Y/YA who are part of this group are aware of opportunities to participate on/with CYFCC.	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	40.00% 6	13.33% 2	0.00%	33.33% 5	15

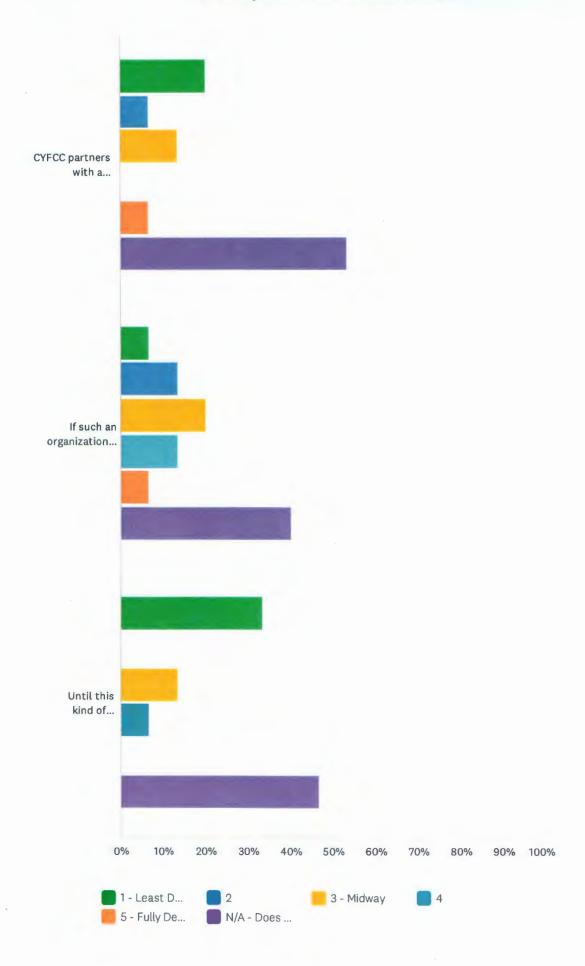
Q18 External partnering



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CYFCC partners with a youth-/young adult-run organization to support Y/YA participation on CYFCC and related activities, and pays them for their efforts.	20.00%	6.67%	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	53.33% 8	15
If such an organization does not yet exist, committee/council actively works with the systems it advises and with Y/YA with lived experience to develop one.	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	20.00%	13.33%	6.67%	40.00% 6	15
Until this kind of organization is developed, CYFCC hires someone to help support Y/YA participants. This person is either a Y/YA with lived experience or someone with relevant expertise that is selected by Y/YA members of CYFCC.	33.33% 5	0.00%	13.33% 2	6.67%	0.00% 0	46.67% 7	15

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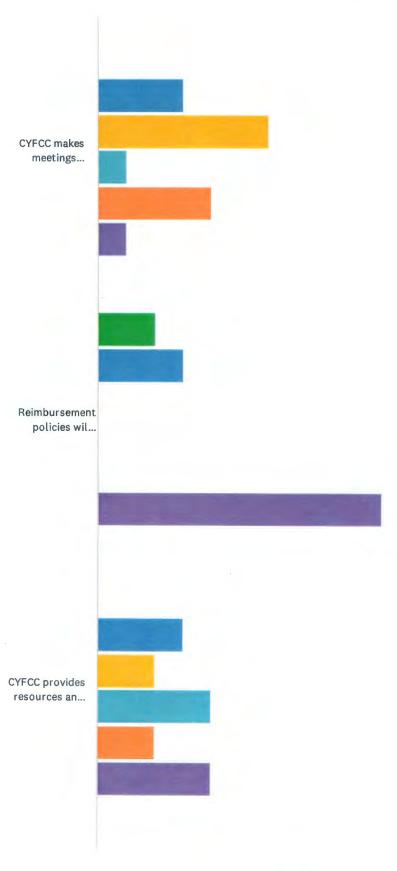
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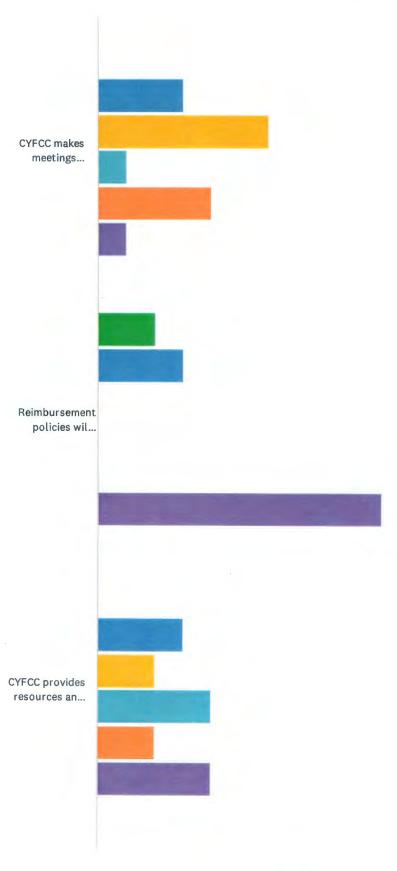
Q19 Addressing barriers to participation

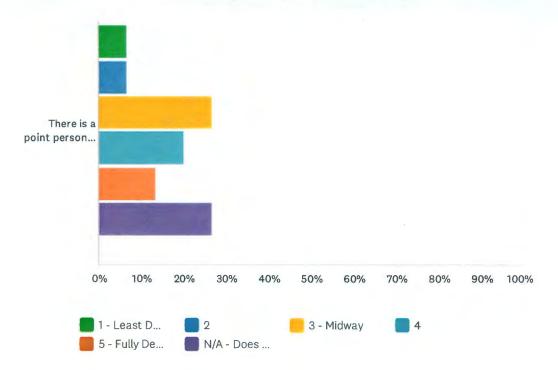




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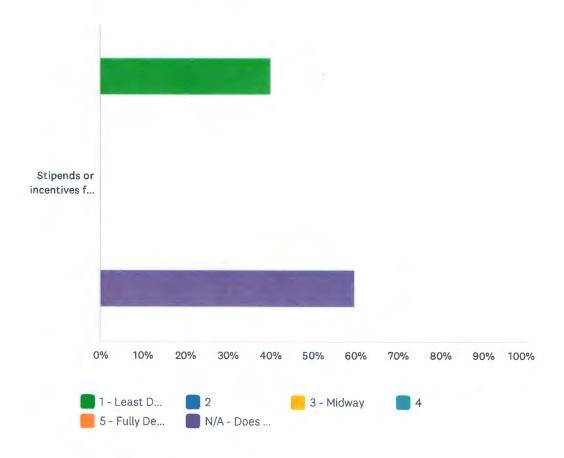




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CYFCC makes meetings accessible to young people by actively addressing thebarriers that prevent meaningful Y/YA participation. This can include meeting times,transportation, child care needs, meeting location, etc.	0.00%	20.00%	40.00% 6	6.67% 1	26.67% 4	6.67% 1	15
Reimbursement policies will cover costs of the young person's attendance (e.g. child care, hotelcosts, mileage). Reimbursement options are communicated clearly to Y/YA and are easy for themto access.	13.33% 2	20.00%	0.00% 0	0.00%	0.00% 0	66.67%	15
CYFCC provides resources and reasonable accommodations to creatively supportY/YA participation on CYFCC and in related activities.	0.00%	20.00%	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	15
There is a point person for CYFCC who communicates with Y/YA about themeeting details (e.g., locations, cancellations) and helps resolve barriers for Y/YA.	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	26.67% 4	20.00%	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	15

Q20 Stipends/incentives

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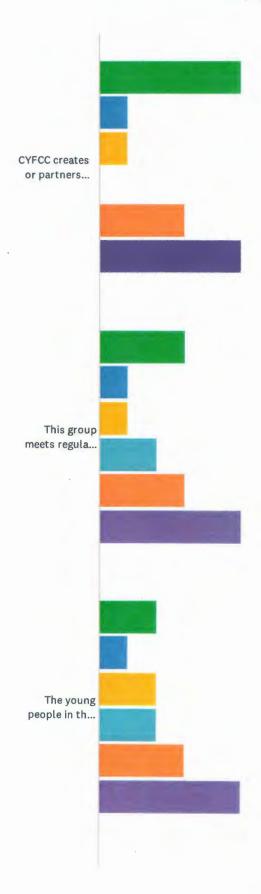


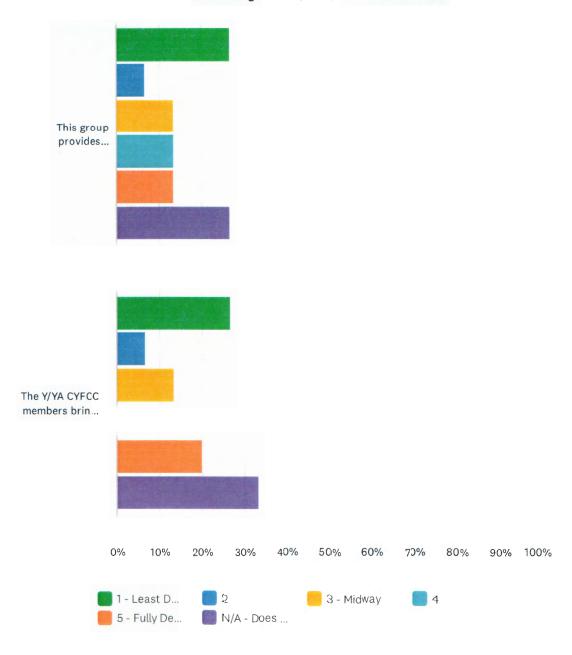
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40.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	60.00%	
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Stipends or incentives for Y/YA participation adequately reflect the time Y/YA are investing in meeting activities. This includes preparation before the meeting, travel time, transportation costs, and lodging costs. CYFCC works with young people to explore options for stipends/incentives that reflect young people's preferences. Nonmonetary incentives are endorsed by Y/YA. These incentives may include education credits for internships, recognized volunteer or community participation hours, or access to community resources through system partners.

Q21 Structure for broad engagement

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CYFCC creates or partners with a group of young people, such as a Y/YA leadership group, Y/YA advisory board or Y/YA committee. This group is led by the young people.	33.33% 5	6.67%	6.67%	0.00%	20.00%	33.33% 5	15
This group meets regularly and includes young people who have received services from the system/s that CYFCC advises.	20.00%	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	13.33%	20.00%	33.33% 5	15
The young people in this group represent the diversity (e.g., racial/ethnic, geographic, etc.) of the Y/YA served by the system(s) that CYFCC advises.	13.33%	6.67%	13.33% 2	13.33%	20.00%	33.33% 5	15
This group provides opportunities for young people to interact and to generate ideas that the Y/YA members of CYFCC can bring to CYFCC. This means that CYFCC can get the perspectives of a larger group of young people who have received services.	26.67% 4	6.67%	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	15
The Y/YA CYFCC members bring the ideas from this group to CYFCC meetings and report back to the group afterwards.	26.67% 4	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	0.00%	20.00%	33.33% 5	15

The Honorable Justin Wilson Members of City Council City of Alexandria 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council,

On behalf of the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission, we're submitting this letter advising the following recommendations in your upcoming budget discussions.

We appreciate that The City Council has prioritized implementation of the Children and Youth Community Plan (CYCP), as evidenced by the following:

- American Rescue Plan Act funding allocation Re-employment and Upskilling Project, The Unified Early Childhood Workforce Stabilization Initiative, Alexandria Guaranteed Basic Income Pilot Program, Rental Resiliency, Food Security System Advancement, Community Access and Grant Support Program, COVID-19 Eviction Prevention, LGBTQ & BIPOC Equity Project, free DASH, Out of School Time Program (OSTP) Enhanced Enrichment Programming and Financial Assistance Opportunities, Court Mental Health & Asset Builder Program.
- New positions to provide student mental, physical, and social-emotional health support Four mental health professionals, the Alexandria Mentoring Partnership coordinator, and a Public Health Nurse at the Teen Wellness Center.
- Responsiveness to issues surrounding student safety and a dedication to building positive relationships between Alexandria Police Department and youth while also valuing the upstream efforts to support student wellbeing and positive mental health.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission applauds the City for such efforts, which align with our 2025 Children and Youth Community Plan.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative commission acknowledges that there were unprecedented increases in one-time funds, and that prioritizing what initiatives should continue is challenging. We encourage the City and City Council to utilize available data on effectiveness and impact to inform these decisions.

We also recognize that close collaboration with ACPS and the School Board is critical and appreciate your ongoing efforts in this regard.

As this is the first budget season after the City Council adopted the CYCP, and in alignment with that plan, we offer the following priorities that further its goals. As you enter into your budget planning period, the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission advises that you prioritize the following:

- 1. Data and Accountability Infrastructure and Staff Support: Funding for data infrastructure and staff to improve city-wide efforts to collect data, monitor, and evaluate initiatives affecting children, youth, and families.
- 2. Maintaining and Increasing Mental Health and Social-Emotional Wellbeing Supports: Increased funding for additional community and school-based mental health providers to be deployed to targeted schools and communities. Funding to support monitoring and evaluation of these programs as they pertain to child and family wellbeing and safety.
- 3. Resources and Continued Funding for Staffing the Teen Wellness Center and other health centers that provide culturally competent sexual health services and education.
- 4. **Follow-on Funds** to continue efforts to bridge digital equity through implementing the digital equity plan, as prescribed in the unified planning process, and continuing to employ a broadband strategist and policy analyst focused on addressing this issue.

The Commission, again, thanks the City Council for adopting the Children and Youth Community Plan and for all of your efforts to make implementation of this plan financially possible since its adoption.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission looks forward to working with the City Council, the City, and ACPS to ensure this year's budget addresses the evolving needs of Alexandria's children, youth, and families. We encourage the City to consider the above priorities as our community engages in an open dialog and continues the budget discussions in this new budget season. Thank you again for the great work that you do for our city and residents.

Sincerely,

Amanda Parker-Hazelwood

Chair

Chair Elect

Jan 12, 2022

The Honorable Meagan L. Alderton and Members of the Alexandria City School Board Alexandria City Public Schools 1340 Braddock Place Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Chair Alderton and Members of School Board,

On behalf of the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission, we're submitting this letter advising the following recommendations in your Combined Funds budget discussions.

First, we appreciate that the School Board has prioritized implementation of the Children and Youth Community Plan (CYCP), as evidenced by the following:

- Use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds to
 1) promote the social and emotional well-being of our city's children through Social,
 Emotional and Academic Learning (SEAL) programs such as extended learning
 opportunities, multi-tiered systems of support, and use of social-emotional screening
 tools, 2) advance equity by expanding availability to technology resources and improving
 technological infrastructure, and, 3) improve our children and youth's physical health by
 maintaining positive indoor air quality and ventilation, and updating COVID safety
 protocols.
- Implementing the Equity for All survey, which garnered an impressive 4,981 responses
- Responsiveness to issues surrounding student safety and a dedication to building positive relationships between Alexandria Police Department and youth while also valuing the upstream efforts to support student wellbeing and positive mental health.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission applauds the School Board for such efforts, which align with our 2025 Children and Youth Community Plan. As you know, the CYFCC's role is to provide advice, advocacy, and pertinent information to Alexandria City Staff, City Council, School Board, and other relevant entities in order to influence policy and decisions that result in better outcomes for children, youth, and families in the City of Alexandria.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative commission acknowledges that there were unprecedented increases in one-time funds last year, and that prioritizing which initiatives should continue will be challenging. We encourage Central Office and the School Board to utilize available data on effectiveness and impact to inform these decisions.

We also recognize that close collaboration with the City and the City Council is critical and we appreciate your ongoing efforts in this regard.

As this is the first budget season after the School Board adopted the CYCP, and in alignment with that plan, we offer the following priorities that further its goals. As you enter into your Combined Funds budget period, the Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission advises that you prioritize *resources and full funding* for the following:

- 1. **System-Wide Restorative Practices Supports** such as training and appropriate and aligned staffing at every school, and intentionality in implementation, which was identified in the Equity for All survey as a key area for growth.
- 2. Unmet Mental and Behavioral Health Needs, specifically, funding to support the assessment and identification of unmet mental and behavioral health needs and to develop, implement, and track progress on strategies to meet identified needs.
- 3. **Comprehensive K-12 Sex Education** to support ACPS in providing sex education that is LGBTQI inclusive and includes consent, violence prevention, and refusal skills.
- 4. **Meaningfully Incorporating Youth and Family Voices** into the community listening process for budgeting and other matters.

The Commission, again, thanks the School Board for adopting the Children and Youth Community Plan and for all of your efforts to make the implementation of this plan financially possible since its adoption.

The Children, Youth, and Families Collaborative Commission looks forward to working with the School Board, ACPS, the City, and City Council to ensure this year's budgets address the evolving needs of Alexandria's children, youth, and families. We encourage the School Board to consider the above priorities as our community engages in an open dialog and continues budget discussions in this new budget season. Thank you again for the great work that you do for our children and youth.

Sincerely,

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City of Alexandria Alexandria Commission for the Arts Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts is defined by the following Roles and Responsibilities per City ordinance (Article K, Sec. 2-4-91):

Advise Alexandria City Council with regard to policies that will strengthen the arts and further public access to the arts and cultural matters identified by the City Council

Establish and periodically review criteria and standards for arts grant applications for city funds and accountability for the use of such funds;

Allocate from such funds to eligible organizations and activities as may be appropriated by the City Council for such purpose;

Review the public art annual work plan as developed by the office of the arts and a work plan task force and make recommendations to the city council as part of the budget process;

Review and approve public art project plans for specific public art projects, and to review and approve artist selection and concept development;

Create committees and task forces, as necessary, to focus on public art project development and artist selection;

Review proposals for donations of public art and commemorative art and make recommendations to the City Council;

Collaborate with the Alexandria Office of the Arts on public art project evaluations;

Support public communication and outreach as related to the arts; and,

Serve as citizen liaisons to City planning initiatives when public art is involved.

Within these guidelines, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts membership completed the following activities during its 2021-2022 year.

Commission for the Arts Policy and Membership Accomplishments

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts (Commission) maintained a quorum for all meetings from September 2021 to June 2022, with an additional meeting retreat on June 4th and no meeting in July 2022. Meetings from August 2021 to February 2022 were conducted virtually in accordance with city policy for COVID-19. Beginning in March 2022 meetings were conducted in person. The Executive Committee is comprised of four elected officers and met regularly to set meeting agendas and priorities. The officers were initially nominated by the Nominating Committee before being voted on by the Commission. Additionally, the Inclusivity, ArtReach and Grants Committees are under the guidance of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Policy and Membership Accomplishments

The Commission appointed liaisons to serve the following groups:

Alexandria Arts Alliance Torpedo Factory Art Center Stakeholder Group Waterfront Commission

The Commission continued to participate in and engaged with the following Task Forces during this fiscal year:

Public Art Annual Work Plan
Torpedo Factory Art Center Loading Dock Door Task Force
Del Ray Gateway Public Art Task Force
Old Town North Task Force
Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Review Task Force
Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Review Task Force
Public Art at the Waterfront (Site/See)
Torpedo Factory Art Center Stakeholder Group
Public Art at Burke Library
Potomac Yard Metro
Public Art at Wilkes Street Park Task Force

Policy Accomplishments

• Site/See at Waterfront Park:

- Concept approval of "I Love You" by R&R Studios for Site/See 2022 at Waterfront Park.
- Approved changes and additions to the composition of the Site/See
 Waterfront Park Project Task Force:
 - Commissioners: Christina Calloway and Tiffany Williams

Annual Workplan Task Force

 Appointed Betsy Hennigan, Gina Baum, and Thom Sullivan as Community Stakeholders to the Task Force.

• Del Ray Gateway Public Art

- Approved Beatrice Coron as Artist Selection for Colasanto Interactive Fountain/Spray Park for Del Ray Gateway Public Art.
- o Concept approval of Del Ray Gateway Public Art project.

Torpedo Factory Art Center Loading Dock Door Task Force

 Appointed Leslie Mounaime and Lisa Schumaier as Community Stakeholders to the Task Force.

Torpedo Factory

 Submitted a letter to City Council regarding Commission for the Arts recommendations requesting the city maintain public funding of the Torpedo Factory Art Center and allow Art Center artists and City residents to be a part of the decision-making process.

Old Town North Arts District

o Approved three artist selections for storm drain covers.

Grants/Arts Funding:

- o In November 2021, approved funding recommendations for arts programming totaling \$130,250 as follows: 75% of the funding requested by the 7 arts organizations scoring in the 90s, and 50% of funding by the 17 arts organizations scoring in the 80s.
- o In May 2022, approved funding recommendation of 100% funding for 17 organizations totaling \$163,000; \$11,000 in remaining funds to be used in Phase 2 of the Arts Program Sustainability Grants.

• Additional Appointments & Administrative Actions:

- Appointed Judy Heiser and Beth Coast to the Torpedo Factory Art Center Loading Dock Door Task Force.
- o Appointed Judy Heiser to the Wilkes Street Park Task Force.
- Appointed Judy Heiser and Chris Kurowski to the Grants Task Force for FY 2022 grants.
- Appointed Dawn Rogala and Paul Painter to the Grants Task Force for FY 2023 grants.
- Appointed Marcee Craighill and Tiffany Williams to the Nomination Committee.
- Nominated Marcee Craighill to Waterfront Commission.
- Appointed Judy Heiser to the Torpedo Factory Art Center Stakeholders Group.
- Appointed Paul Painter to the Annual Workplan Task Force.
- o Appointed Gayle Converse as Alexandria Arts Alliance Liaison.
- Approved Executive Committee for FY2023 to include Brian Kelley (Chair), Allison Heck (1st Vice Chair), Ryan Belmore (2nd Vice Chair), Gayle Converse (Secretary).

Commission for the Arts Member Activities

- Commissioners hosted the following informative speakers at regular Commission meetings and retreats: Patricia Washington (President and CEO of Visit Alexandria) and Zeina Azzam (Alexandria Poet Laureate).
- Commissioners frequently attended and took part in arts and cultural activities and events throughout our great City, such as opening of "I Love You" at Waterfront Park and multiple arts events put on in 2021-2022 by arts organizations supported by city grants

Leadership

Officers for FY2022 were:

- Brian Kelley, Chair
- Allison Heck, 1st Vice Chair
- Christina Calloway, 2nd Vice Chair
- Gayle Converse, Secretary

During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:

- Brian Kelley, expertise in Visual Arts
- Sophia Suarez, professional in Arts/Cultural Development
- Julie Montross, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- Catherine Ahern Barrett, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- Beth Coast, professional in Field/Arts Discipline
- Gayle Converse, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- Allison Heck, professional in Cityscape/Architecture
- Chris Kurowski, professional in Arts/Cultural Development
- Allison Nance, expertise in Visual Arts
- Caroline Schreiber, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- Kadhambari Sridhar, professional in Field/Arts Disciplines
- Matthew Stensrud, professional in Field/Arts Disciplines
- Elizabeth Lo, Student Representative
- Christina Calloway, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- Judy Heiser, Expert in Visual Arts
- Sumrien Ali, professional in Cityscape/Architecture
- Ryan Belmore, professional in Arts/Cultural Development
- Paul Painter, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- David Pritzker, professional in Field/Arts Disciplines
- Dawn Rogala, professional in Field/Arts Disciplines
- Sheryl Sims, Public at Large/Arts Consumer
- Roger Yoerges, professional in Field/Arts Disciplines

- Marcee Craighill, professional in field/Arts Disciplines
- Betty Amron, Student Representative
- Tiffany Williams, Expert in Visual Arts
- Matthew Harwood acted as the City staff liaison to the Commission for the Arts.

Attachments

- 1. Commission Committee and Liaison Reports FY 2022
- 2. Commission and grantees events/projects photographs FY 2022

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Annual Report July 2021– June 2022 Committee & Liaison Reports

Grants Committee

The Grants Committee is chaired by Chris Kurowski. During FY2022, the Arts Commissioners approved both the FY 2022 and the FY 2023 Annual Arts Program Grants. The FY 2022 Grant Force consisted of two Arts Commissioners: Chris Kurowski and Judy Heiser, and four arts administrators from the Metro DC area: Hope Cagle, ArtsFairfax; Julia Chon, a painter, muralist, and entrepreneur; Helen Criales, artist, art consultant and curator with Latela Curatorial; and author Kristen Jeffers. The Grant Task Force meeting was held on November 9, and the Arts Commission voted on the Fiscal 2022 appropriation on November 16, 2021. Twenty-four arts organizations received \$130,250. Additionally, the Arts Commission voted to set-aside \$45,000 for the cash match for the Creative Neighborhood Grant Program funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The FY 2023 Grant Task Force's make-up consisted of two Arts Commissioners: Dawn Rogala and Paul Painter and three Arts Administrators: Dawn Ama Mills-Robertson, Glen Echo Parks Partnership for Arts and Culture; Leon Scioscia, Lorton Workhouse; and Casey McEnelly, Dance USA. The Grant Task Force meeting was held on May 10, and at the May 17 Arts Commission meeting, of the 23 grant applicants reviewed, 17 met the 75% scoring baseline resulting in 100% funding of those grant requests, totaling \$163,000. The remaining \$11,000 was set-aside for the Business and Arts Collaborative Grant Program. For FY22 and FY23, the Arts Commissioners participated in feedback sessions with Program Grant applicants to address submission strengths and potential areas of improvement for future applicants.

ARTreach Committee

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA) ArtReach Committee is the umbrella committee for the ACA. Education, Advocacy and Outreach are among the current sub-committees of ArtReach. The Committee is chaired by Gayle Converse.

During the 2022 fiscal year, ArtReach has been responsible for ACA arts outreach. This includes sharing information with arts commissioners regarding performing and visual arts and written word events, as well as civic events in the city. The ACA's "Council Coffees" and ongoing encouragement for arts commissioners to attend Alexandria City Council meetings and hearing are two examples of the committee's civic outreach.

One of the primary projects ArtReach has spearheaded in 2022, is the creation of a city Arts Directory. Working closely with Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) and the Alexandria Arts Alliance, ArtReach has researched and developed a school-friendly, unbiased directory that will be ready for the 2022-23 school year.

ArtReach has recently reestablished in-person committee meetings and plans to continue its efforts to ensure arts commissioners, City Council, ACPS, arts organizations, and others share interests, ideas and information.

Inclusivity Committee

The Inclusivity Committee was chaired by Allison Heck and developed and updated the Arts Commission Bylaws to include a statement on Diversity and Inclusion to further efforts to build inclusivity through the ACA's decision-making, recruiting and composition and advice to Council on programming and funding. The update of the bylaws is below. With the formalization of the statement the Inclusivity Committee was dissolved.

Addition to ACA Bylaws:

ARTICLE III. COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is committed to equity in its operations and decision-making. The Commission supports all City efforts (e.g., ALL Alexandria) that aim to reduce and eliminate disparities and inequities experienced by Alexandria residents. The Commission aims to make recommendations with respect to diversity, equity, and inclusion and recognize Alexandrians should have equal access to art. The Commission is dedicated to encouraging the celebration of the City's diversity including, but not limited to race, religions, countries of origin, sexual orientations, ages, genders, and abilities.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Annual Report July 2021– June 2022

Commission and grantees events/projects photographs FY 2022

Office of the Arts - Public Arts Projects



July 2021 Alexandria Office of the Arts hosts conversation with former Site See artists Olalekan Jeyifous, Mark Reigelman, and Soft Lab (Image credit: City of Alexandria, Office of the Arts)



"Confluent Threads" by P1 Studio in September 2021, a public art installation at Burke Library. (Photo Credit: Brian Kelley)



"Groundswell" by Mark Reigelman installed in March 2021. (Photo Credit: Christina Calloway)



Mark Riegelman working on "Groundswell" at Waterfront Part (Site/See). (Photo Credit: Gayle Converse)



Removal of "Groundswell" by Mark Reigelman; a Site/See Waterfront Park Project. (Photo Credit: Christina Calloway)



Installation of "I Love You" by R&R Studios at Waterfront Park. (Photo Credit: Gayle Converse)



Installation of "I Love You" by R&R Studios at Waterfront Park. (Photo Credit: Gayle Converse)



"I Love You" by R&R Studios: A Site/See: New Views in Old Town Waterfront Park Project, Opening Photo March 2022 (Photo Credit: Christina Calloway)

Commissioners at Alexandria Arts Events



ACA Chair Brian Kelley, and Commissioner Sheryl Sims attend Refuge season finale of the Alexandria Choral Society. (Photo Credit: Sheryl Sims)



March 2022 Members of Commission at Alexandria Choral Society "Lux: The Dawn from on High" Gala. (Photo Credit: Christina Calloway)



ACA Chair, Brian Kelley, with founder of UpCycle, Kelley Organek, at UpCycle reopening in April 2022. (Photo Credit: Brian Kelley)

Alexandria Commission for the Arts Supporting Upcoming Projects through Social Media



Old Town North Arts District: Stormwater Drain Call for Artists, April 2021 –(Photo Credit: Christina Calloway)



Amplifying Selection of Eto Otitigbe for site specific work in Wilkes Street Park on @alexandriaartscommission Instagram, February 2021. (Image Credit: City of Alexandria, Office of the Arts).





June 2022 Commissioners Spring Retreat at Charles Houston Recreation Center (Photo Credit: Christina Calloway)

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON:	Crystal Kramer
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Jodie Rubenstein No longer on the Commission										Х	E	
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Jennifer Stowe Current Term: 3/2021-3/2024	Х	Х	Х	Х	Е	х				E	X	E
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Julie Harbour No longer on the Commission										Е	X	
Sarah Holley Current Term: 6/2021-6/2024	Х	Х	Х	Е	Х	Х				Х	X	X
Emily Eckert Current Term: 10/202-10/202	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х					X	Х

Jennifer Wetmore Current Term: 11/2021-11/2024	Х	X	Х	X	E	X			Х
Sarah Porter Current Term: 12/2021-12/2024	X	X	Х	Е	Х	X			
Maxanne "Maxie"	X	Х	X	X	X	X		å dette i	
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Rochelle Hall No longer on the Commission	X	X	Х	X	Х				
Charlotte Scherer Current Term: 2/2022-2/2025			Х	Е	Х	E			
Lee Taylor-Penn Current Term: 3/2022-3/2025				Х	Х	Е			

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT

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U – FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST	OF	THOSE	WHO	DID NOT	ATTEND 75%	OF MEETINGS:
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FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON		
(APPROVED)	(Chair	person



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June 21, 2022

Honorable Mayor Justin Wilson and Members of City Council Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Subject: Abortion Access

On behalf of the Alexandria Commission for Women (ACFW), I urge the Alexandria City Council (City Council) to affirm that the City of Alexandria supports access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services, including abortion.

In December 2021, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) heard arguments regarding the constitutional right to abortion. The case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, examines Mississippi's appeal of a lower court ruling that struck down the state's law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. In early May 2022, Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion was leaked. The draft opinion makes clear that SCOTUS plans to overturn Roe v. Wade, a landmark 1973 decision which protects the legal right to abortion, stating that "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

The leaked SCOTUS draft and forthcoming opinion in Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization come at a time when access to abortion is increasingly under attack. In the first quarter of 2022, anti-abortion politicians across the country introduced over 531 abortion restrictions, including legislation to ban abortion after six weeks of pregnancy.ⁱⁱ

Virginia has not been immune to attacks on abortion. In early 2022, state lawmakers proposed to reinstate restrictive abortion laws including a law mandating a 24-hour waiting period before a pregnant person could have an abortion and a law requiring that a pregnant person undergo an ultrasound before having an abortion.

Attacks on abortion such as these have been found to contribute to higher maternal mortality and morbidity rates, iii mental health harm, iv and increased poverty rates. Limiting access to abortion also increases the risk of domestic abuse by limiting a pregnant person's ability to leave an unsafe situation and forcing them to stay in contact with violent partners. Laws that make accessing an abortion illegal may also cause increased contact with the legal and carceral system for both individuals that access abortions and those that experience miscarriage. Each of these outcomes falls hardest on Alexandria residents that disproportionately experience health inequalities, such as individuals with low-incomes, survivors of child abuse, sexual assault, and



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domestic abuse, those experiencing personal crises, and women of color – populations the ACFW seeks to represent.

ACFW urges City Council to publicly affirm its position in support of abortion access and publicly commit to working with members of the General Assembly to protect access to abortion across the Commonwealth. Public affirmation in support of abortion access and public commitment to protecting access to abortion are critically important given the already disparate access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services present in our state, as well as the recently proposed legislation restricting abortion access.

In 2017, some 93 percent of Virginia counties had no clinics that provided abortions. Viii In 2022, the City of Alexandria, with its two abortion clinics, is a safe haven for many who travel great distances across the state to access the services these clinics provide. And while, to date, attempts by Virginia lawmakers to unravel access to abortion have failed, the future of abortion access in the Commonwealth is largely unknown.

The fact remains, however, that Virginians do not want the fundamental right to abortion stripped. According to a recent poll from the Wason Center, a plurality of Virginia voters oppose the 24-hour waiting period requirement, and a solid majority oppose an ultrasound requirement. A comparably large majority also oppose a ban on abortion at six weeks of pregnancy.

City Council must make it known to the public and to members of the General Assembly representing the City of Alexandria that access to abortion is essential, and that Alexandria is determined to remain a safe haven for abortion access.

Thank you for your attention to this sensitive matter. A decision in Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization is expected as early as late June 2022. ACFW would appreciate a response from the City Council as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please reach out to our Chair, Crystal Kramer, at crystalkrameralx@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Crystal Kramer

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Chair, Alexandria Commission for Women



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Alexandria Commission for Women Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Alexandria Commission for Women (ACFW) includes the following as stated in ACFW's Bylaws: "The Alexandria Commission for Women provides guidance and advice to the Mayor and City Council to help address and eliminate discrimination, disparities and inequities because of sex, gender or gender identity; encourages and promotes policies supporting equal opportunity for women in employment, recreational opportunities and facilities, health services, housing, education, government, community services and credit; recommends legislation and policy changes; receives complaints and advocates for those who experience discrimination or violence; conducts educational programs and other activities to support issues of importance to individuals who identify as women in Alexandria." Within these guidelines, the ACFW membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

ACFW Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- ACFW experienced membership turnover throughout the year, but all vacancies were quickly
 filled due to significant interest in being a part of the Commission. While a quorum was
 missed three months during the year (Aug, Sept, & Dec 2021), members have revised
 procedures to ensure more consistent attendance.
- All ACFW members participated in at least one subcommittee (a) Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, or (b) Affordable Housing and Transportation.
- The following ACFW members served as a liaison to another Board, Commission, or other organization:
 - o Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Elizabeth Palmer Johnson
 - o Commission on Aging Commissioner Jenn Stowe
 - o Commission on HIV/AIDS Commissioner Nicole Hutchinson
 - DASH Representative Commissioner Yvette Jiang
- Policy changes:
 - The mission statement of ACFW was amended to include advocacy for nondiscrimination based upon sex, gender or gender identity.
 - o ACFW adopted the Electronic Participation Policy
 - o Attendance policy was reiterated and a new policy to note the number of absences next to Commissioners' names on each month's meeting minutes was adopted.

ACFW Member Activities

- All ACFW members participated in at least one subcommittee (a) Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, or (b) Affordable Housing and Transportation.
- Commissioner Elizabeth Palmer Johnson maintains/organizes the schedule for Commissioners writing articles for the Zebra publication.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- Letter to City Council requesting that it publicly affirm its position in support of abortion
 access and publicly commit to working with members of the Virginia General Assembly to
 protect abortion access in the Commonwealth. City Council responded favorably to the letter,
 adopted a resolution affirming its support of abortion access, and attended an ACFW
 emergency meeting regarding abortion access.
- Successfully advocated for the passage of bills ultimately passed into law by the General Assembly with regard to additional funding for the Domestic Violence Prevention Fund and HOPE Cards.

Goals for 2022-2023

- Provide a more robust legislative package to Sarah Taylor
- Host events / programming
- Foster existing relationships and develop new relationships with City Councilmembers and other Boards and Commissions
- Increase Commissioner engagement with ACFW priority areas and community
- Focus areas for 2022-2023: (a) Reproductive Rights, (b) Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking, (c) Affordable Housing and Transportation

Leadership

- Officers for the upcoming year were elected at the May 2022 meeting: Crystal Kramer will serve as Chair, Anuja Miner as First Vice-Chair, and Shelley Brown was elected as Second Vice-Chair.
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed
 - See enclosed Attendance List with terms listed
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - See enclosed Attendance List with names of Commissioners who served during the 2021/2022 year.
- Debbie Evans and LaTanya Chinagorom of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) acted as the staff liaison to ACFW during the course of the 2020/2021 year.

Attachments

- 1. Any notable letters to City Council, date, subject See attached Letter to City Council dated 6/21/2022 RE Abortion Access
- 2. Any letters to other Advisory Groups, date, subject n/a
- 3. Any completed reports or relevant documents See attached Attendance List

The Alexandria Commission on Aging

ANNUAL REPORT July 2021—June 2022

to

The Alexandria City Council



Respectfully Submitted

By

Barbara (Babs) Waters, Chair

August 2022

COMMISSION ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2021—JUNE 2022

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

What an exciting year it has been for the Alexandria Commission on Aging (COA), due in great part, to the COA becoming adept at using available technology for the regular and committee meetings, held electronically, for the third consecutive year. Each committee worked assiduously to achieve the ambitious goals established in the Age Friendly Plan, the Commission's three-year strategic plan and began evaluating and planning for the next three-year strategic plan that will begin in the 2023 fiscal year.

Thanks to the City's Pandemic emergency pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) Community of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020, all meetings of the twenty-one (21) member commission, appointed by City Council, felt empowered to continue its meetings electronically. Fortuitously, more residents attended electronic meetings than attended in-person, pre COVID-19.

There were numerous opportunities for commissioners to participate in weekly webinars hosted by Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA), as well as monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly seminars hosted by other organizations. Four or five commission members attended webinars and programs to enrich their understanding of complex topics in senior affordable housing, equity in parks and outdoor spaces, social isolation in seniors, transportation issues pertaining to safety for older pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobile drivers as more electronic bikes and scooters became a greater part of the mix of road users in the City. Commission members were also privileged to participate on panels and forums with the Council of Governments and AARP Age Friendly Virginia. In addition, members were invited to hear from some WHO/AARP Age Friendly global communities about their work on behalf of their older populations – confirmation that regardless of geography, economic, social status, race or ethnicity, people have similar goals – to age with grace and dignity in community with others, rather than live lives in isolation.

This year the Commission celebrated Older Americans Month after a two- year hiatus and honored members of the Alexandria community for their dedicated work that enhanced the lives of older members of the population. The commission looks forward to greeting honorees in person in 2023.

Commission on Aging Liaison Commissions and Organizations

1.	Alexandria Department of Community & Human Services	15. AARP
2.	Alexandria Division of Aging and Adult Services	16. Arlington County Commission on Aging
3.	Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC)	17. At Home in Alexandria (AHA)
4.	Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria	18. Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority (ARHA)
5.	Alexandria Adult Day Services Center	19. Goodwin Living (formerly Goodwin House)
6.	Alexandria Commission on Persons With Disabilities (ACPD)	20. INOVA Alexandria Hospital
7.	Alexandria Commission for Women	21. Northern Virginia Aging Network (NVAN)
8.	Alexandria Human Rights Commission	22. Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria
9.	Alexandria Police Department	23. Public Health Advisory Committee
10.	Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities	24. Senior Center at Charles Houston
11.	Alexandria Transportation & Environmental Services	25. Senior Services of Alexandria
12.	Alexandria Commission on Employment	26. St. Martin de Porres Senior Center
13.	Northern Virginia Falls Prevention Alliance	27. Successful Aging
14.	. Community Health Assessment	28. VHC Health (formerly Virginia Hospital Center)

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is comprised of 10 members, up from 8 the prior year. They met ten (10) times during its 2021 - 2022 session even though the Committee's outreach activities were significantly curtailed due to the pandemic. All Outreach Committee meetings were held electronically.

During this past year, the Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA), along with their Senior Ambassadors, were instrumental in disseminating information about city services and events to older adults of Alexandria. Over 100 Senior Ambassadors have been trained by SSA partnering with DAAS, greatly exceeding the 2021 goal of 60. These Senior Ambassadors represent condo communities, homeowner associations, houses of worship, non-profits, businesses, and senior residences in the City of Alexandria. All Outreach Committee members have committed to becoming Senior Ambassadors as well as Dementia Friends.

In 2022, a major effort of the committee was an extensive evaluation of its accomplishments for the Alexandria Age Friendly Plan 2019 – 2021. The Committee then collaboratively made substantial progress on development of a new plan for Outreach with four (4) goals moving forward. These goals were inspired by the previous plan with the focus on social participation and communication. The Outreach Committee was invited and gave a quick overview to the Senior Ambassadors at their weekly Zoom meeting in July. We hope to build on the accomplishments and lessons learned from the previous three years.

The two (2) goals listed under social participation include:

1. People of diverse culture, race, color, nationality, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, and persons with disabilities in Alexandria have information about and access to the range of services available in the city and are engaged in civic and community life.

2. Create inclusive services for LGBTQ older adults.

The two (2) goals listed under communication include:

- 1. Communication about programs and services available to older Alexandrians and adults with disabilities is readily accessible to all in a variety of formats and languages and is presented in many and diverse venues.
- 2. Continue our relationship with SSA and establish relationships with other organizations to assist in the dissemination of information on programs and services. (SSA has been a model with their highly successful Senior Ambassador Program.)

The goals for the coming year are to continue to engage with as many as possible in diverse communities, build relationships, and recruit members from underserved communities to the committee; and continue to disseminate information that is pertinent to older adults as the older adult population in Alexandria continues to expand.

Other accomplishments for the past year include:

- Established information-sharing articles of special interest to older Muslims in Alexandria/Arlington.
- Engaged in outreach with various leaders of faith communities or their representatives to identify ways to assist seniors within the local congregations.
- Reached out to organizations to share information on the Mayor's Anti-Bullying
 Taskforce. Prepared and distributed a letter to senior facilities on the availability of
 presentations offered by the Mayor's Campaign to End Bullying Committee that
 addresses bullying in senior communities.
- Participated as a member of the Alexandria LGBTQ+ Task Force.

- Participated in the initial planning of the Annual Alexandria LGBTQ Pride Fair.
 Several members of the Outreach committee participated in the Pride Fair activities at the Charles Houston Rec Center in June 2022.
- Prepared a flyer for the DAAS table at the Pride Fair, "Older LGBTQ+ Adults –
 We're in This Together!" highlighting the need to address some of the challenges facing older LGBTQ members of our community.
- SSA and the DAAS continued to contribute/support articles in local publications, such
 as Alexandria Times, Alexandria Gazette Packet, Zebra, etc. Speakers on relevant
 subjects, such as preventing falls, have been sought out and appeared in Zoom
 presentations.

Housing Committee

During the period July 2021 through June 2022, the COA Housing Committee met eight (8) times. Due to the pandemic, and pursuant to Alexandria City Council mandates, the committee only met virtually. Nonetheless, this allowed for full participation of all committee members who may not have been able to always attend in person. The Housing Committee continued to make substantial progress in expanding affordable housing for older Alexandrians, as well as in preventing many evictions. The Chair of the Housing Committee testified twice before the City Council – once in support of the City Manager's Proposed FY 2023 Budget, and once in support of the Office of Housing's Proposed Annual Plan for the use of federal housing funds. The COA's testimony on the proposed City budget emphasized the importance of reducing the waiting list for the rent relief program. The City Council approved \$306,000, a figure the COA originally proposed, to supplement the rent relief program, essentially eliminating the waiting list. The Commission's testimony also requested the City Council update Alexandria's real property tax relief program, as Arlington County has done. The most a taxpayer can have in assets to obtain relief, excluding his or home, is \$430,000, more than \$100,000 less than the limit in place in 2013 (\$540,000), and far lower than Arlington County's current limit of \$585,880. It is important to note that the City lowered the asset limit in 2013 to closely match Arlington's lower asset limit in 2013. While Arlington County has increased its asset limit to reflect the increased tax burden on homeowners, Alexandria has frozen its limit. In testimony in support of the Proposed Annual Plan, COA supported the programs allowing older persons to age in place and renewed its support for moderate income and affordable assisted living facilities (MIAALF), such as the Chesterbrook Residences in Falls Church Virginia.

The Housing Goals are:

A. Determine prospective benefits and challenges regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

- B. Develop public and private mechanisms to enhance availability of affordable assisted living in Alexandria.
- C. Work with key organizations and individuals to incorporate "housing for a lifetime" features in both new and redeveloped housing.
- D. Establish guidelines for the inclusion of accessibility features in new affordable multifamily development that receives City funding.

In the Housing Committee meetings, the following important issues were discussed:

- A. At the October 18th meeting, the committee discussed the proposed plans for the development of the land comprising the old power plant in North Alexandria. Hillco Properties out of Chicago Illinois is the developer. The plan calls for three phases and it will be multi-use. The committee discussed possible affordable housing options, including affordable assisted living.
- B. On March 21st, Jennifer Hammer of SilverNest, a national home sharing program, provided a PowerPoint presentation on shared housing opportunities. She said the service promotes three goals: to support financial resilience; to offer affordable housing; and to encourage social engagement.
- C. On April 18th, Gaynelle Diaz and Thomas Jones made a presentation. Gaynelle is the Director of Resident and Community Services for ARHA, and Thomas is a development consultant for ARHA. They presented a PowerPoint that explained what ARHA does, and some of their redevelopment plans for the future. Gaynelle noted that ARHA has 1,081 public housing units and an additional 1,547 housing choice vouchers, both tenant-based and portable. In either program, tenants pay 30% of their adjusted gross income for rent. In response to questions, Thomas explained that ARHA receives two to three times the amount of subsidy per unit from the voucher programs than from public housing subsidies.

- D. On May 5, Housing Committee members met with the developer Hilco's representatives to propose the idea of including a moderate income and affordable assisted living facility (MIAALF) on the site. They spoke with the Hilco local development coordinator and their zoning and land use attorney. Hilco's representative expressed an interest in a continuing conversation, perhaps after the concept plan is approved. The plan includes obtaining approval for a Coordinated Development District (CDD) that encompasses the site in North Alexandria.
- E. At the June meeting, the housing program manager from the Office on Housing gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding some proposed practical changes to Section 7-700 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, which allows for up to 30% in additional density and/or an increase in height by up to 25 feet in exchange for affordable housing. One proposed change would codify the definitions for independent living and Auxiliary Grant units. Another important change would be offering developers the option of providing fewer affordable units, but with deeper housing subsidies, and discounts for non-housing costs or fees. Currently, a developer could provide units at a certain percentage of the regional AMI (e.g., 30-60%), but the ancillary fees such as meals, which would be mandatory, would not be discounted. The Office's housing program manager agreed to meet with the COA for further discussions.

Transportation Committee

Policy and Membership

Although the COVID -19 pandemic severely curtailed the Transportation Committee's onsite activities during the past year, the seven active members were able to overcome the challenges by participating in meetings, trainings and miscellaneous activities remotely via Zoom. Primary activities were around monitoring implementation of Vision Zero goals, the DASH Transit Vision Plan, dock less mobility implementation, and design strategies to attain zero traffic deaths and serious injuries.

The Transportation goals are:

- A. Assist the City to attain its Vision Zero goal of eliminating all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2028 through attainment of interim year benchmarks.
- B. Those who walk, drive, and ride a bicycle in Alexandria can do so safely
- C. DASH and WMATA provide safe, reliable, and frequent transit service for people who live, work, and play in Alexandria.

Here are of the major Transportation activities and achievements:

Vision Zero Goal

The COA completed its own walkability audits with AARP. The city reported in its Vision Zero report that 13 walk audits were completed between 2016 and 2021 under the Safe Routes to School Program covering all K-8 ACPS campuses.

The COA has an ongoing relationship with an Alexandria Police Department liaison who briefs the COA on issues of interest of older Alexandrians, including traffic safety issues.

Other activities included, but were not limited to:

- Actively engaged with City of Alexandria Transportation & Environmental Services
 (T&ES). Detailed discussions and presentations were held with T&ES at
 Transportation Committee monthly meetings with focus on aspects of the Alexandria
 Complete Streets (ACS) and Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP). In particular,
 discussions were held on how the travel choices and strategies in these plans will
 benefit older persons. The COA provided written support of the AMP, which the City
 Council approved unanimously in 2021.
- COA members participated in the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Alexandria Families for Safe Streets (AFSS) meetings and activities.
- The founder of AFSS made presentations to the Transportation Committee in April
 and the COA in June 2022 on their activities, and the Near Miss database which helps
 the city collect data that identifies problem areas where safety improvements are
 needed.
- DASH installed Mobile Eye on some in service DASH buses a camera that identifies
 pedestrian or bicycle obstacles within a blind spot. An alarm sounds if a bus continues
 to move closer to the pedestrian or cyclist. The Mobile Eye is included on all new
 DASH bus purchases.
- The COA partnered with BPAC to advocate for the addition of a third staff position to Complete Streets office as part of the FY 2023 City Budget, which will allow the city to reduce its backlog of safety projects and to meets its Vision Zero goals.

The city also issued a progress report on Vision Zero in 2021, highlighting pedestrian safety improvements undertaken as part of the Vision Zero program. The city reports having implemented improvements such as roadway marking upgrades, pedestrian refuge islands, Rectangular Beacons, Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, and leading Pedestrian Intervals citywide.

The COA provided input on and endorsed the Alexandria Mobility Plan, which the City Council approved unanimously in 2021.

Walking and Biking Goal

A Transportation committee member serves on the City's Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force which was created by City Council to provide guidance to City Council regarding a structure for scooters and other forms of micromobility that would address the community's concerns regarding these devices within the city right-of-way. We continue to advocate that escooters should not be allowed to operate on sidewalks, that there is dedicated street parking for scooters, and that the city dedicate appropriate enforcement resources.

The Task Force met several times in 2021 to craft recommendations; those recommendations were shared with and approved by the City Council in November 2021 and resulted in the creation of a permanent dockless mobility program in Alexandria. Pursuant to City Code, the City has established an overall cap for the number of dockless mobility devices in the City of 1,200 scooters and 800 e-bikes.

Maintained a COA presence in meetings of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), a community organization that focuses on promoting safe walking and biking. BPAC has been very involved with organizing training and events related to safe bicycling and walking for both adults and children. COA members participated in the bike rodeos to teach children bike safety skills. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association sponsored bike safety clinics and adult learn to ride classes.

The state General Assembly changed the yield to pedestrians in crosswalks to now require a full stop. COA members assisted BPAC in reviewing and updating signage at intersections.

In June 2022, the Walk Friendly Communities awarded Alexandria a silver rating, recognizing Alexandria's complete streets program.

Transit Goal

The COA is represented on the Alexandria Transit Vision Stakeholder Group (ATV). This group participates in the development of a study being undertaken to improve the City's current transit network and better serve City and regional transit needs.

A DASH presentation was given at a Transportation Committee meeting presenting their new system plan with new routes that will take effect in September 2021. DASH has created a DASH Rider Advisory Committee that will include older residents in DASH planning and operations. The COA had championed the idea of a DAC.

A member of the COA chairs the DASH Board that oversees the DASH system.

COA staff attended multiple briefings by DASH staff on the development of the ATV and the implementation of the New DASH Network. The Network provides significant benefits to older adults, people of color, and low-income individuals with more frequent all day bus service for these individuals.

The elimination of fares on DASH buses enhances equity and transit access. Alexandria applied for and received a state grant under the TRIP program which provides support for at least four years of free fares.

As of January 2022, DASH has achieved 95% of pre-pandemic ridership, with some routes exceeding the pre-pandemic ridership.

Members of the Transportation Committee actively attended virtual conferences, meetings, and webinars including AARP Livable Communities Transportation Workshops;

Accelerating Active Transportation Change Webinars hosted by George Mason University; and 8 80 Cities sponsored webinars. Members actively reviewed mobility information and studies that might have an impact on the aging community in Alexandria.

Health and Dementia Friendly Committee

The Health and Dementia Committee increased its membership significantly during the 2021-2022 year from 3 to 7 members, in addition to the COA hosting staff member. Like other committees of the COA, members of the Health Committee successfully conducted their business remotely during the year, but eagerly anticipate meeting each other in person in the 2022-2023 year.

The Mission of the committee is to provide training and education on dementia and senior health for the Northern VA community.

Activities and Goals:

- Continue participation in Dementia Friendly Training in collaboration with Goodwin Living and other nonprofits. Continue to encourage all COA members to be trained as Dementia Friends.
- Develop a conversation with Senator Mark Warner and invite him to speak at a citywide Dementia Friends event. Senator Warner is very supportive of issues pertaining to dementia.
- Write Congress and advocate for dementia-friendly education funding.
- Evaluate the current Age-Friendly Plan and begin the process to write the new Age-Friendly Plan.
- Support programs for Caregivers of those with dementia and help disseminate the information of available resources.
- Look at and evaluate our reaction to emergencies, such as our response to COVID-19.
- Develop a goal to address COVID-related issues specifically for the senior community to include mental health, socialization, loneliness, hygiene, and health needs.

- Engage with local media, Senior Services of Alexandria, The Zebra Press, and news outlets to spread the word about Dementia Friends and age-friendly activities.
- Actively participate in dementia and age-friendly expos and community events.
- Develop a greater voice and presence for the age-friendly health needs of the general public.
- Consider how we might move forward with greater involvement with community engagement.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration with other like-minded non-profit groups in Northern Virginia such as AARP that are engaged in activities that foster Dementia Friendly Community programs, within the state.

Civic Engagement and Employment Committee

During the 2021-2022 year, the successes of the committee are as follows:

Highlight businesses which have participated in the senior discount program,
the "Silver Service Card" which offers discounts to Alexandria residents 60+ years
old. 53 miscellaneous businesses participated in the program when the pandemic
struck in March 2020. Last year, Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) reached out
to those businesses to confirm their continued participation in the program. Cards
are distributed by Senior Services of Alexandria, At Home in Alexandria and Senior
Ambassadors.

The Priority area for the coming year is to reach out to new businesses. The goal is to reach 75 total businesses by July 2023.

- Supported development efforts for a new non-profit which will focus on "Seniors as Entrepreneurs". Expected roll-out is September 2022. Priority for the coming year is to create community awareness of the initiative and encourage seniors to enroll.
- SNAP outreach was led by SSA in partnership with DAAS and WDC. Senior
 Ambassadors were recruited to share information about the new Elderly Simplified
 Application Project (ESAP) for SNAP.
- Twenty Senior Information Corners stocked with literature related to services and programs for older adults offered by local and national non-profits and City agencies were closed during the pandemic until April 2021. Volunteers began restocking them as locations began to open to the public.

Priority for the coming year is to reopen the original 20 senior Information Corners and add 5 additional sites.

 More than one hundred Senior Ambassadors have been trained by SSA/DAAS. They continue to receive weekly emails with information to share with their communities and provide feedback on issues and concerns. Ambassadors also have a weekly Zoom call with a local expert who shares information about how their organization support older adults and answers questions from the Ambassadors. Inperson presentations were not an option this year.

Priority for the coming year is to add 15 new Ambassadors and facilitate in-person presentations at 5 community hubs.

• The Workforce Development Center's activities pertinent to the older adults are outstanding.

Workforce Development Center (WDC)

- WDC offered 10 different Career Readiness Workshops several times per week, including 3 held in Spanish, covering topics such as:
 - Networking Skills
 - Essential Skills and Transferable Skills
 - Preparing for and Navigating the Virtual Job Fair
 - Job Search Skills (also offered in Spanish)
 - Resume Building (also offered in Spanish)
 - Master the Interview (also offered in Spanish)
 - Soft Skills
 - Interview Prep
 - 1:1 Job Coaching
 - Mock Interview (offered virtually and in-person (as of May 2022)

- WDC staff facilitated 34 Hiring/Recruitment Events
- WDC staff participated in six Community Cook Out Events
- One-Hundred Eighty-Seven older adults received services via various programs and services
- Twenty older adults received intensive case management, job search support and/or training and permanent job placement
- Nine older adults were enrolled in the WDC's Work-Based Learning program (WBL)
 - Average wage during WBL was \$18.33/hour
 - So far, 6 of the 9 WBL participants were placed in permanent jobs following their work experience, earning an average wage of \$25.56/hour
- WDC's 50+ Specialist:
 - Became a Senior Ambassador via Senior Services of Alexandria's Senior Ambassador Program
 - Maintained on-going representation on the COA's Economic Development Committee (COA EDC)
 - Connected COA EDC members with the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership's Small Business Development Center for guidance and assistance with their business plan
 - Liaised between the City of Alexandria Workforce Development Center (WDC)
 and the Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services, the National Council on
 Aging, and the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCEP)

The priority areas for the coming year are:

- Working to increase employer awareness and incentives to employ older adults
- Co-facilitating older adult-related focus groups to be held at the WDC
- Implementing additional workshops with a focus on:
 - · Confidence building
 - Mental health and wellness
 - Image consultation
 - Peer to peer mentoring and support groups

Annual Commission on Aging Awards

The Excellence in Aging Awards ceremony, held virtually on May 10, 2022 honored the following members of the community: Susanne Adams—The Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award for her ten years of dedicated volunteer work to serving 250 members of At Home in Alexandria (AHA); The Lois Van Valkenburg Excellence in Aging Award for an individual was awarded to two persons—Frederick Reardon for his ten years of outstanding service as a stalwart volunteer guardian to Alexandria's most vulnerable and to Barbara (Babs) Waters for her stellar leadership as Chair of the Commission on Aging during the pandemic and her efforts in adapting the commission's work to a virtual world; The Excellence in Aging Award for an Organization was presented to Home Aid of Northern Virginia for completing one hundred fifty (150) building projects for their non-profit clients and with its partners donated over \$12 million (\$12,000,000) in labor, time, materials, and expertise.

Terri Lynch who retired as Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) in March 2022 received The Public Service Award for her seven years of outstanding service in Alexandria and as former Director of Arlington's Agency on Aging for 30 years. Terri not only guided her agency, but educated members of the COA on eligibility for public benefits in critical programs for older adults.

Awards were graciously presented by the Honorable Justin Wilson.

Legislative Accomplishments

- Endorsement of Alexandria Mobility Plan on October 14, 2021
- Scooter Task Force Recommendation on October 14, 2021
- Support for Increased Prioritization of Funding for Vision Zero and Complete Streets in FY 2023
- Support for increased funding to eliminate the waiting list for rent relief in Proposed
 City Manager's FY2023 Budget by \$306,000

Leadership

Officers

Barbara (Babs) Waters, Chair Barbara D'Agostino, Vice Chair Michael Schuster, Secretary

Expirations, Resignations and New Memberships

Victoria Almquist—December 2021 (E)

Asfaha Beyene—December 2021 (R)

Marjorie K. Conner—December 2021 (E)

Lynette Foster—April 2022 (R)

New members

Joanne Broderick—April 2022

Dawn Higgins—September 2021

William Thomas Reeder—March 2022

Jenn Stowe—September 2021—Commission for Women

Jessica Lefevere—June 2022

Membership during the reporting year

Asfaha Beyene Ellen Nelson Marjorie Connor

Barbara D'Agostino Geraldine Wallace Mary Lee Anderson

Barbara Heulat Jennifer Stowe Michael Kamin

Barbara Waters, Chair Joanne Broderick Michael Kreps

Canek Aguirre Jim Lindsay Michael Schuster

David Kaplan Karen Mckeon Ray Biegun

Dawn Higgins Lois Steele William Campbell

Del Pepper Lynette Foster William Thomas Reeder

Staff Liaisons to COA 2021-2022

Terri Lynch, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services until March 2022

Christopher C. Moore, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services beginning March 2022

Debbie Luddington – Long Term Care Coordinator, Division of Aging and Adult Services until January 2022

Pamela Austin – Aging and Disability Resources Coordinator, Division of Aging and Adult Services beginning January 2022

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A sincere thank you to all who have contributed to the success of the COA's mission during the July 2021- June 2022 year. Your dedication to the mission has been invaluable.

To the new members of the COA, a hearty welcome and thank you in advance for your contributions that will enhance the lives of older Alexandrians.

A sincere thank you is also extended to each city staff member who provided on-going support in many thoughtful ways during the year, especially: Terri Lynch and Debbie Luddington who retired and to Christopher Moore and Pamela Austin who joined the team and immediately began supporting the Commission.

The Commission continues to acknowledge the special debt of gratitude to the mayor, members of City Council and City Staff for their annual investment of personal and practical support. In so doing, you have enabled the COA to make a positive contribution in helping ensure Alexandria remains a livable City where its residents' quality of life ranks among the highest in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Nation.

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORT

July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

COMMISSION ON AGING

Chairperson: Babs Waters

Per City Council Guidelines, Members are expected to attend 75% of Meetings

X – present

E – excused

U - unexcused

Member's Name	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Asfaha Beyene	U	U	U		at the security		-			
Barbara D'Agostino	E	E	X	X	x	Х	E	X	X	X
Vice Chair										
Barbara Heulat	x	х	Х	U	U	Х	Х	Х	х	Х
Babs Waters, Chair	X	х	E	Х	Х	х	E	Х	Х	Х
Canek Aguirre					X	х	х	Х	Х	X
David Kaplan	X	x	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	E
Dawn Higgins		X	Х	Х	U	Х	E	E	Х	Х
Del Pepper	X	х	х	Х	i n	-				
Ellen Nelson	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	X	E	X	X
Geraldine Wallace			x	х	х	Х	x	Х	Х	X
Jennifer Stowe		E	Х	E	Х	Х	Х	Х	E	Х
Joanne Broderick								X	Х	Х
Jim Lindsay	X	X	X	x	E	х	X	E	E	E
Karen Mckeon								X	X	Х
Lois Steele	X	x	x	x	X	x	X	Х	Х	Х
Lynette Foster	x	Х	E	х	Х	E	E	E		
Marjorie Connor	x	E	х	х						

William Thomas Reeder					177.00		Х	Х	Х	X
William Campbell	Х	Ε	х	х	X	Х	Х	E	Ε	Х
Victoria Almquist	Х	X	х	Х						
Ray Biegun	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	х	X	X	X
Michael Schuster, Secretary	Х	х	х	x	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
Michael Kreps	х	x	х	X	x	х	X	E	E	Х
Michael Kamin	х	Х	х	U	U	Х	Х	Х	Ε	Х
Mary Lee Anderson	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	X	X	Х	Х

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:							
None							
APPROVED:							
Bahara (Babe) Waters	August 26, 2022						
Barbara (Babs) Waters, Chair	Date						

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT (ACE) ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021-JUNE 2022

The Commission was established under Section 2-4-41 of the Codes of the City of Alexandria Virginia and is governed by the authority of the Alexandria City Council as a public agency under Muncipal Ordinance 3263 approved on January 23, 1988 as amended.

Mission: The objective of the Commission is to ensure that all citizens are provided equal employment and training opportunities. The Commission is advisory and reports at least annually to City Council or more frequently when urgent issues arise. Commissioners are encouraged to engage in regular dialogue with assigned City Council Member.

In addressing this mission, ACE works closely with the city's Workforce Development Center (WDC) (https://www.alexandriava.gov/WorkforceDevelopment).

Policy and Membership Accomplishments

Again, in this year's session, Covid impacted our monthly meeting but just like last year, Monthly Meetings occupied the largest percentage of time. ACE was able to hold all its scheduled meetings except in April. ACE developed an Electronic Participation Policy that provides direction for when the use of virtual meetings is appropriate.

The meetings scheduled for April and June were held. However, a quorum could not be achieved, so it was only an informative meeting, and no votes were taken. While an ACE quorum was achieved with both in person and virtual attendees, the City Attorney issued guidance that meetings had to be in person and even if a hybrid model was used, a quorum of fifty percent of in-person attendees had to be achieved. This guidance was inconsistent with our prior understanding of the quorum rule. ACE is concerned that this quorum rule is too difficult to meet and negatively impacts the citizens' ability to serve on Boards and Commissions. ACE is particularly concerned that this quorum rule could have an adverse impact on individuals with disabilities. The passage of HB444 by the Virginia General Assembly may resolve this situation, but guidance from the City regarding this specific act has not been received.

In the 2021-2022 session ACE Commissioners spent their time on a variety of issues. The following activities were prevalent: Monthly Meeting (22.8 percent), Administrative (19.6 percent), Outreach (13.3 percent), Direct Support to the Workforce Development Center (14.2 percent), City Council Liaisons (9.6 percent), Literature Review (9.1 percent). Administrative time is largely preparation for meetings such as the preparation of agenda, minutes and making arrangements for speakers to attend the meetings. Efforts were made to keep Commissioners

aware of academic and other literature relevant to ACE objectives. This accounts for about 9% of Commissioner's time. In this "Post COVID" period as labor markets were getting back to a more normal state, the literature tended to be focused on return-to-work policies and the inability of existing labor to meet demands. The largest change in the use of Commissioner's time compared to the prior annual session was an increase in time spent providing direct support to the Workforce Development Center. Mary Lee Anderson of Senior Services and Commission on Aging attends our monthly meetings. Geoff Caldwell, Economic Opportunities Commission, also attended monthly meetings until his term at the Economic Opportunities Commission expired.

Policy and Membership Accomplishments

IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A major part of ACE's mission is to effectively communicate with Alexandria City Council members. ACE efforts in this area continued to improve. Table 1 lists the Council Members assigned to each Commissioner. Each meeting closes with a reminder to contact your assigned City Council Members and communicate the results of our meeting. During this session ACE invited a number of City Council members to speak at our monthly meeting so that ACE would be aware of the issues important to each member and communicate ACE activities to the Council Members. We focused on newer Council members and those that have exhibited an interest in the labor market issues and ACE. The following members met with ACE: Amy Jackson, Sarah Bagley, Alyia Smith-Parker Gaskins and Kirk McPike. Additionally, we also met with Mayor Justin Wilson and the Assistant City Manager for Legislation, Sarah Taylor, who also provided insight to our Council's view of different policy areas.

COORDINATION WITH THE ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Trades

Since 2020, ACE viewed employment opportunities in the trades, particularly, the construction trades, as an important element of the City's workforce. At that time there was concern that Alexandrians, particularly younger citizens, were not aware of these opportunities and that training might not be available. In January 2020, ACE contacted School Superintendent Hutching to inquire about this issue. Dr. Trisha Jacobs, Coordinator of Career Training and Education, explained that the Alexandria City Public Schools shared those concerns and had developed a program in carpentry as part of their Career Education and Training program. During this ACE session, Dr. Jacobs attended an ACE monthly meeting and provided an update on developments in their initiative.

Dr. Jacobs reported that while ACPS had hoped to roll out a training program for carpenters in the 2020-2021 school year, virtual learning due to Covid did not allow it.

However, in April, a Plan of Study for Construction Management was approved by the school board and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA). In fall 2022, the first class, Technical Drawing will be offered to these students. Students will then go on to take Material Processing and Construction Technology. As seniors, they will have the choice to take a business management course or obtain an apprenticeship. Both paths offer post-secondary options with the Carpenter's Training Center or NOVA. Dr. Jacobs has gotten NOVA and Virginia Tech to begin discussions about transfer credits. Dr. Jacob was selected as one of eight members of the national Drucker Institute Leadership cohort with Harbor Freight. This will contribute to efforts by the ACPS to measure the impact of this program.

Adult Education

An ACE Commissioner, Lenwood Roberts, directly supported the WDC's coordination with the ACPS. His primary work is specifically with their Adult Education Department. He serves as the liaison between WDC case managers whose clients are enrolled in either GED classes to complete their education or English Language Learner's (ELL) to improve their communications skills. He ensured that WDC student attendance, progress reports and other information are shared with WDC case managers and Adult Education office. In addition, he conducted pre-employment soft skills sessions, career interest assessments and job opening information with students He notified WDC case managers of any issues their clients may be experiencing, such as absenteeism.

HEALTH CARE

ACE identified Health are as a major source of employment and noted the steps that INOVA, the major health care provider, was taking to expand in the city. Commissioner Mara Benner worked with the WDC staff as she reached out to certain key Alexandria businesses that ACE would work with in meeting employment needs. In this process, she arranged for a representative of INOVA to meet with WDC staff. WDC staff and INOVA representatives had follow-up conversations since that initial meeting and the discussions have led to a positive partnership. Ms. Benner also arranged for Allan Denette, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources, to talk to ACE. He made the following observations:

- INOVA has over 20,000 employees in northern Virginia.
- They expect a shortfall of lower-paid health care employers. In the longer run they also expect a shortfall in nurses and doctors as Boomer generation retires.
- Turnover in health care continues to climb. Greater turnover at lower skill jobs.
- Alexandria Landmark expected to open in 2028. Level 2 trauma center and a cancer center. Potomac yard location will be open in 2023.
- Types of jobs INOVA has are
 - Allied health (diagnostic/pharmacy), nursing (largest hiring), doctors, nursing support, other hospital support services,
 - o Several entry-level high school degree positions
 - o Partnered with outsourced services (food, housekeeping, and some patient safety and health screening)

- Minimum wage of all positions in INOVA (including outsourced ones) pay \$15 per hour.
- Interest in developing existing team members.
- o Inova talent acquisition and WDC will work to connect and match opportunities.

DIVERSITY

The ACE mission statement includes the following: "The objective of the Commission is to ensure that all citizens are provided equal employment and training opportunities." In 2021 when the DCHS's Social Services Advisory Board developed a Statement on Diversity, ACE drafted a statement in support of the DCHS statement and indicated their own commitment to diversity and inclusion. Additional steps were taken this year in this area.

ACE reviewed "Setting a Path for a More Equitable Commonwealth" that was released on January 6, 2022. The report basically recommends the repeal of Virginia laws in the areas of voting, education, budget and finance, health, transportation, housing, criminal justice, confederate pensions and memorials and some general matters. ACE contacted Senator Adam Ebbin, Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker and Assistant City Manager Sarah G. Taylor to endorse the report and encourage them to support the recommendations of the report and repeal these antiquated and potentially harmful laws.

ACE invited Jean Kelleher, Director of the City's Human Rights Commission. The purpose of this presentation was in part, to make certain that the ACE Commissioners as well as WDC staff understood that compliance with equal employment opportunity statutes was not just a step in achieving diversity and inclusion but a legal requirement. Ms. Kelleher provided an overview of legal requirements including the City's own legislation, The Alexandria Human Rights Code (§12-4) of 1975, as amended, which prohibits discrimination against any person in housing, employment, city contracts, health and social services, public accommodations, credit and education based on race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or transgender status. She also discussed relevant federal laws that cover the Alexandria workforce.

Adrianne Gilbert of Amazon spoke to ACE about the dangers of biases when employers use Artificial Intelligence in human resource applications. Dr. Gilbert is an industrial organizational psychologist with extensive experience in examining how using artificial intelligence for human resource decisions can introduce biases against certain demographic groups such as women, African Americans, and Hispanics.

Commissioner Ron Edwards directly supported the Workforce Development Center in conducting a statistical adverse impact analysis to determine whether race or gender played a role in the movement of clients from the "ready for placement" status to actual placement. No statistically significant disparity was found. The need for other similar analyses was discussed and is being planned.

WORK INTERVENTION NETWORK

ACE Commissioner, Dr. Rand Ghayad, worked directly with the WDC to introduce them to the Work Intervention Network (WIN). (See https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/lynch-school/sites/win.html). This group of researchers seeks to "... combine the resources of existing career agencies [such as the WDC] with evidence-based practices from social sciences research." to create these workshops, WIN has an interest in helping those dealing with unemployment, underemployment, and other work-related issues. The WIN team provides research and training for employment agencies worldwide.

SKILL-BASED TRAINING

Dr. Ghayad also worked directly with the WDC in exploring how skill-based training might be utilized by employers utilizing WDC services. He is working on building an agenda of key items that WDC can consider through the use of various collaborations.

RIDESHARE

Vice Chair Stephan Ortman proposed that Rideshare be offered to WDC Clients. He noted that some of our folks get a job and struggle with transportation. The Agency for Veterans Affairs (VA) uses rideshares to support their customer base. Stephen connected with the VA innovation office. Can also be done via Uber voucher (which can have time, distance, etc. limits) or a gift card.

REVISION OF BYLAWS

ACE Commissioners Paula Moran, Stephan Ortman and Susan Picerno are drafting a revision of ACE's bylaws. There were three areas where the bylaws needed revision. Commissioner terms defined in the bylaws is not consistent with city policy where the maximum service period for an Alexandria Board and Commission was established at ten years. The bylaws do not incorporate ACE's statement on diversity. The bylaws do not incorporate the Commission's Electronic Participation Policy.

OUTREACH

- Commissioners assisted in outreach by sending flyers regarding the WDC's Summer Youth Program to relevant contacts in the city.
- Commissioners assisted in outreach by informing contacts about WDC's, "Spring Into Work Virtual Job Fair" in May.
- Commissioners attended Mock Interview training for clients, which was heavily attended by highly skilled Afghan refugees.

Goals for 2022-2023

The initial meeting for ACE for the 2022-2023 session will be held on September 13, 2022. That meeting is scheduled to focus on planning for the upcoming year and it is anticipated that some type of goals and objectives will be established at that time.

Leadership

Commissioners were elected to officer positions in May 2021. Additionally, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) staff, Katrina Ashmore, Director of the Workforce Development Center, organizes and contributes to our meetings, as does Lesa Gilbert, Director of the Center for Economic Support. ACE meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The annual session runs from September until June. Members and officers are listed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON EMPLOYMENT COMMISSIONERS

			CITY		
	TERM	TERM	COUNCIL		
COMMISSIONER	STARTS	ENDS	LIAISION	ROLE	REPRESENTS
	November	June 12	John Taylor		Business
Mara Benner	10, 2020	2022	Chapman	Commissioner	Representative
	April 5,	April 5,			Business
Lee Burbage	2022	2024		Commissioner	Representative
	April 5,	April 5,			Business
Maura Dunn	2022	2024		Commissioner	Representative
Patrick (Ron)	September	September	Justin		
Edwards	8, 2020	8, 2022	Wilson	Chair	Citizen
					Public
	October	October	Amy		Employment
Rand Ghayad	12, 2021	12, 2023	Jackson	Commissioner	Service
	June 10,	June 10,	Canek		·
Paula Moran	2020	2022	Aquirre	Secretary	Citizen
			Alyla		
			Smith-		
	June 10,	June 10,	Parker		Business
Stephan Ortman	2020	2022	Gaskins	Vice Chair	Representative
	December	December			Business
Susan Picerno	14, 2021	14, 2023		Commissioner	Representative
	March 8,	March 8,	Sarah		
Lenwood Roberts	2022	2024	Bagley	Commissioner	Citizen
					Public
	February	February 9,	Kirk		Employment
David Stamey	9, 2021	2023	McPike	Commissioner	Service
Mara Benner served	for the entire	2021-2022 ses	sion but June	was her last meet	ing.

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ADVISORY GROUP NAME] MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1. 2021 THROUGH IUNE 30. 2022

CHAIRPERSON: PATRICK RONALD EDWARDS

MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
LENWOOD ROBERTS			Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PAULA MORAN			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	X	X
STEPHAN ORTMAN			X	X	Е	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PATRICK EDWARDS			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MARA BENNER			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DAVID STAMEY	PRIC	OR TO	APPO	INTM	ENT				X	X	X	X
RAND GHAYAD	PRIC	OR TO	APPO	INTM	ENT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SUSAN PICERNO	PRIC	OR TO	APPO	INTM	ENT		X	X	X	U	X	U
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LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

NONE

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Commission on HTV/AIDS Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

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Commission on HIV/AIDS Policy and Membership Accomplishments

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 currently at six (6) members out of the 23 seats on the board. Concerns about leadership and
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 declined due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

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Goals for 2022-2023

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N/A

Submitted by:

Andrew Torre, Acting Chair

9/28/2022

Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS 2021-2023 Goals and Objectives

Goal	Objective	Activity/Activities	Outcome
1) Promote/provide awareness of	To make sure members of	- Walk to End HIV October	
HIV/AIDS trending health topics,	Alexandria City Council and		
awareness days and educational events	residents of Alexandria are aware	- December 1, World AIDS Day	Approx. 65 people attended virtually
through virtual and in-person events to	of trending topics concerning	Lead organization: Delta Sigma Theta,	
include presentations from HIV/AIDS	HIV/AID care, treatment and	Inc. Norther VA Chapter	
advocates, health professionals and	prevention; staying abreast of		
educators, personal testimony of	HIV/AIDS data and statistics in	- February 7, 2022	Approximately 55 people attended
PWLHA (persons living with HIV/AIDS)	Alexandria City as well as	National Black HIV/AID Awareness Day	virtually
individuals. Continue partnerships and	Virginia. Keeping informed of	Virtual Symposium held on February 7,	
collaborations with partner agencies	community needs such as	6:30-8:30 led by Alexandria Health	
and other groups of interest to further	housing, mental health and other	Department. The theme for 2022 was	
engage conversations.	services.	"HIV and Stigma". Presentations	
•		included: Fighting HIV & Stigma	
		presented by Anthony Guiterrez,	
•		Community Liaison for Gilead	
		Sciences; "HIV Criminalization, Stigma	
		and Trauma" by Andre Leaphart,	
		Executive Director of Access	
		Restoration Center (ARCC) and	
		"Resilience Toward Life After HIV" by	
		Patrick Ingram.	
		- June 27, 2022	22 people test for HIV
		National HIV Testing Day – Free HIV	
		testing conducted at Tenant and	
		Workers United on Mt. Vernon	
		Avenue in the Del Ray section of	
		Alexandria. Alexandria Health	
		Department staff tested 22 people on	
		Monday, June 27 from 5-7 p.m. The	
		first 10 people received gift cards	
		donated by Safeway.	

2) Provide HIV/AIDS updates and information (such as PrEP, new medications, testing protocols, and HIV/AIDS related data) at monthly meetings.		January 24, 2022 "Sexual Health Presentation" presented by Virginia Coalition for Sex Ed Reform (VCSER) and Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP).	Presentation provided to those in attendance via virtual meeting
		May 16, 2022 "HIV Vaccine Awareness" in observance of National Vaccine Awareness Day (observed May 18 each year) presented by Caitlin S. Prather, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at Inova Juniper Program.	Presentation provided to commissioners attending virtually and in person.
3) Keep Alexandria City Council and the Alexandria community/residents informed of events, statistics and trends in HIV/AIDS, polices to follow and other outreach efforts	To assure City Council and the community are aware of any significant increases in HIV rates of infection and the populations affected. To make sure they are aware of educational and awareness events to encourage participation and to inform City Council of policy changes that are occurring on suggested changes to current laws or policies.	Members of City Council are encouraged to attend regular meetings. ACOHA Chair invited City Council to attend the May 16 meeting/presentation on "HIV Vaccine Awareness". All HIV/AIDS Awareness events are announced and open to the public	

Commission on HIV/AIDS Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ADVISORY GROUP NAME] MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Catharine Rice

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MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Ma r	Apr	May	Jun
Catharine Rice			X	х		X	x	х	x		X	
Christopher Soghoian			X	x		X	x	х	X		х	
Brandon Mozoriak			X	x		X	X	X	E	i.e	X	
Tim Casey						x	X	X	х		X	
Lynda Bennett			E									
Steve Davidson				x	IL.	X	X	X	X		x	
Ricardo Alfaro			X	E		X	X	X	х	4	x	
Michelle Rief			x	x		E	E					
Kelly C. Booz							X	X	E		N/E	
Chris Lewis			N/E	N/E	1							
J.D. Maddow			X	E		E	E	x	x	1	X	
Sara Crifasi			X	E		x	X	X	x		X	
Stephen Morris						X	X	X	x	100	X	
Darrlynn Franklin			N/E	N/E		N/ E						
John Szczech			N/E	N/E								
Sandar Kanagarajan			E	X		х	N/ E	х	x		X	M.
Marcus Washington												
Vice Mayor Jackson								x	X		X	

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• Darrlynn Franklin

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Cothaine Rice (Chairperson)

IT COMMISSION Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Commission on Information Technology includes the review of the City Manager's proposed Information Technology Plan, make recommendations and advise the City of Alexandria with regard to the formation and implementation of information and telecommunications policy, and to promote and foster citizen participation in the formation of such policy. Within these guidelines, the Commission on Information Technology membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year (July 2021 – June 2022).

IT Commission Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- While COVID impacted the ability of the Commission to meet, we used virtual software to meet monthly, instead of bi-monthly, between September and May. During this period, we received and provided advice to IT Staff and monitored the IT Department city's fiber backbone build; we stayed on top of, and consistently supported, the City's effort to attract competitive Gigabit FTTH providers into our community, an effort which attracted two companies, Lumos and TING, with TING signing an agreement in the spring of 2022 to make Alexandria a new market. The Commission successfully lobbied to make the City's Digital Equity Plan eligible for Tier 1 local ARPA funding and worked with the designated city staff to address, with a three-project approach, our community's digital inclusion needs. This meant communicating often with, and receiving presentations from, Dana Wedeles, and Computer Core, (now based in Old Town who now head ups one of those projects.) We continued to brief all members on numerous federal programs to address broadband related responses to COVID (EBB, ACP, ARPA) along with state legislative bills affecting broadband deployment and VATI broadband grants. We created a Cybersecurity Committee, added 4 new members in this fiscal year, including the Vice Mayor Jackson, and were able to fill both all but two seats on the Commission.
- List participation/Coordination with other advisory groups as relevant: None
- List any policy changes: None

IT Commission Member Activities

• List any member activities, if relevant, pertaining to members: New IT Commission member, Steve Davidson, volunteered to teach Cybersecurity courses for Computer Core.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• Lobbied city staff and council to ensure the City Council's Digital Equity Plan was made eligible for Tier1 Local Recovery ARPA funds and incorporated into the city's budget.

Consistently communicated the community's interest in attracting Gigabit, FTTH competitors into the community for local internet choice.

Goals for 2022-2023

• The FY 22 goals for the IT Commission will be to continue monitoring the City's fiber backbone expansion and provide feedback on the pace of construction, ensure the City is fully engaged in its Digital Equity Plan, support competitive local gigabit fiber to the community, develop community-based education on Cybersecurity issues, and modernize the Commission's charter to incorporate its advisory role and the changing nature of technology, its uses and social impacts.

Leadership

- There will be election of new officers in September. Current officers are Catharine Rice (Chair), Christopher Soghoian (Vice Chair) and Brandon Mozoriak (Secretary)
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed:
 See below:
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals (greenrenewed terms):
 - Catharine Rice, Chair, At large Member (term renewed from January 2021 to January 2024)
 - Christopher Soghoian, Vice Chair, Delegate for Council member Justin Wilson (ongoing)
 - o Brandon Mozoriak, Secretary, City Library Board Representative
 - o Darrlynn Franklin, Delegate for Councilwoman Pepper Alternate, (term expired)
 - Christopher Lewis, At-large member (term expired Nov 21)
 - o John Szczech, At-large member (Term expired Nov 21)
 - o Justin Wilson, City Council Member
 - o Del Pepper, City Council Member (council seat expired)
 - o Ricardo Alfaro, At-large member (term renewed April 2021 through April 2024)
 - Michelle Rief, School Board Representative (term expired) replaced with Kelly Carmichael Booz in January 2022)
 - o J.D. Maddox, Higher Ed seat
 - o Sandar Kanagarajan, At large member
 - Lynda Bennett, At-large member (term expired)
 - Steve Davidson (new member Sept 21 until Sept 2024)
 - Steve Morris (new member Nov 21 until Nov 2024)
 - o Tim Casey (new member Nov 21, until Nov 2024)
 - o Sara Crifasi, At large member
 - o Marcus Washington, T.C. Williams Representative (graduated) ACPS empty seat
 - o Empty seat, Chamber of Commerce
 - o Empty seat, representative from Budget Committee

• Tory Butler, Vanetta Pledger, Patrick Eze, Ismail Fahrid, and Steven Chozik from the City's IT Department acted as the staff liaisons to the IT Commission during the course of the 2021 year.

Attachments

- 1. Any notable letters to City Council, date, subject
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Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities

FY 2022 Annual Report

Introduction

The Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities (ACPD) is a 17-member volunteer advisory body appointed by the Mayor and City Council. The ACPD comprises fourteen citizen members, a representative of the Alexandria Commission on Aging, and two representatives of the business community - one from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and one at-large. Persons with disabilities must constitute a majority of the resident at-large members. The ACPD counsels the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on policies, programs, and legislation affecting people with disabilities, advises City departments on methods and procedures to enable access to programs and services for the disabled, reviews building design plans for accessibility features, makes recommendations regarding the City's diversity plan, and provides a forum for persons with disabilities to raise concerns and air grievances.

The ACPD is organized into an executive committee, standing committees, and several ad hoc committees focusing on issues related to transportation, housing, employment, legislation, communications, and public awareness. ACPD meetings are held at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month at City Hall in the Chet & Sabra Avery Room. Additionally, the ACPD holds an annual awards presentation in June with the Mayor and the City Council to recognize the recipients of the Gerry Bertier Scholarship for higher education, the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award, and two joint awards with the Chamber of Commerce.

Membership

The ACPD is proud of its diverse composition and is grateful to all its members, who contribute their time and knowledge to advocate on behalf of people with disabilities. Namoode Khan served as staff liaison from the Office of Human Rights, and the following people served as commissioners:

Elizabeth Adams	Justin Beland	Merle Cuthrell	Naufal Kulam
Katherine Lloyd	Jeb Lopez	Alison O'Connell	Susan Picerno
Jeffrey Phillips	Jeffrey Pool	Mark Reddish	Sabrina Reilly
Alex Sprague	Nathan Towes	Thomas Valluzzi	Jen Wiser

Motions Passed

 Approving the submission of an endorsement letter for the Dockless Mobility Program, following the work of the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force.

Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities

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- Drafting a proclamation marking Brain Injury Awareness Month, approved and read out by the City Council.
- Drafting a proclamation marking Autism Awareness Month, approved and read out by the City Council.
- Drafting a letter for the Mayor and Council, advocating for the restoration of mask mandates in light of a surge in COVID-19 transmission and the attendant health risk to disabled residents.

Invited Guests

The ACPD often invites guests to its meetings to deliver updates on relevant initiatives, provide expert analysis, and facilitate collaboration between the Commission, City partners, and outside organizations. This year the ACPD hosted the following guests:

- Helena Berger, RevUp Virginia
- Susan Lydick, RevUp Virginia
- Mike Hatfield, City of Alexandria
- Neely Oplinger, The Metropolitan Washington Ear
- Nora Hart, The Metropolitan Washington Ear
- Steven Nissen, Office of Disability Employment Policy, US Dept. of Labor
- Reyma McCoy-McDeid, National Council on Independent Living

Liaisons

The ACPD provided liaisons to the following organizations:

- Commission on Aging	- Housing Affordability Advisory Committee
- Human Rights Commission	- Alexandria Mobility Plan Advisory Committee
- Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force	

Public Awareness and Awards

The Gerry Bertier Scholarship is awarded annually to a disabled student in Alexandria who is pursuing post-secondary education. This year's scholarship was awarded to Alexandria City High School student Katherine Waters.

The 2022 John Duty Collins III award was given to Steven Gordon, Assistant United States Attorney and Civil Rights Enforcement Coordinator for the Eastern District of Virginia.

This year's awards ceremony was hosted by the American Physical Therapy Association and featured a panel discussion, moderated by Katy Neas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the US Department of Education.

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Officers

ACPD officers for FY 2022 included:

- Jeffrey Pool (Chair, Oct 2019-Present)
- Susan Picerno (Vice Chair, Sep 2021-Present)

Conclusion

This year marked the ACPD's return to in-person meetings after a long time away due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are still concerned about the risk to members' safety posed by these gatherings, as a number of commissioners belong to high-risk groups, but we have complied with the rules changes and encouraged members to seek reasonable accommodation for remote attendance if they have need.

There has been considerable turnover in membership, as several commissioners moved out of the city and several terms came to their end, but the ACPD remains committed to its mission to advocate for people with disabilities who live or work in the city.

To this end, we named representatives to the Duke Street Transitway planning committee and the DASH advisory committee, and are evaluating several other roles for our members to assist city planners.

We continue to seek input and expertise from disability advocates in local and national government, nonprofits, and local services, and benefit greatly from the contributions of our small but vocal public attendees.

We will be working on several exciting initiatives in FY2023, including some new reference material for residents with disabilities, and technical discussions with city staff to explore whether building materials, software and systems in use across the city are optimized for people with disabilities.

A profound thank you goes always on behalf of our members to our Staff partners in the Office of Human Rights, and to the Mayor and City Council for your continued support of our mission.

APPENDIX F. ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ADVISORY GROUP NAME] MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1, 2021 THROUGH IUNE 30, 2022

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MEMBER'S NAME	Jan '22	Feb	Mar '22	Apr '22	May '22	Jun '22	Jul '21	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Nov '21	Dec '21
Beckman, Emily* (for M. Thomas)	-		X		Е				-			-
Cahill, Christopher* (for A. Shinns)			-		X				-			-
Casey, Sean			X		-				-			-
Collins, Debra			E		E				X			X
Crawford, Julie			X		X				X			X
Elnoubi, Abdel (Resigned)			-		-				E			X
Green, Donita (New)			-		X				-			-
Evans, Catherine			X		E				X			E
Frogale, Constance			X		E				X			X
Haddock, Donald			E		X				-			-
Hayes, Don			X		X				X			E
Jones Valderrama, Elizabeth			X		X				X			X
Kelly, Rawle* (for S. Casey)			-		X				X			X
Kemler, Lisa			X		Е				Е			X
King, Erick			X		E				X			X
Lord, David * (for C. Evans)			-		X				-			-
Mackey, Mike			X		X				X			X
Sacks, Sonja* (for D. Haddock)			-		-				-			X
Shinns, Alfreda			X		E				X			X
Thomas, Megan			-		-				-			X
Tordella, Marisa			X		Е				X			X
Vakili, Pegah - Chair			X		X				Е			X
Wangsgard, Kendall			X		Е				X			X
Willard, Adam			X		Е				E			X
Wixson, Liz			X		X				X			X
Hall-Winstead, Desha			X		X				X			X

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT

E - FOR EXCUSED

U - FOR UNEXCUSED

^{*} Representative Reported on behalf of board member

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

• Meetings suspended/held virtually due to COVID-19 Pandemic

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(APPROVED)	Dosha Hall-Winstead	9/27/22	(Liaison)

Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board is to enhance and promote the safety of City of Alexandria residents and visitors through the most effective and efficient administration of criminal and juvenile justice services. Within these guidelines, the Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 session.

Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- Membership remained steady throughout the year. During this fiscal year we maintained a quorum for every meeting. Specific designees were also identified to report on behalf of several *Ex Officio* members to ensure strong attendance.
- The board continues to incorporate information from the CCJB sub-committee meetings and will have a report at main meeting.
- The chair, Pegah Vakili unexpectedly resigned and the Vice Chair, Elizabeth Jones Valderrama took over as chair. However, Ms. Jones Valderrama's term expired and there was no active chair in place for the remainder of the year.
- The board continues to meet jointly with the Health and Safety Committee (H&SC) twice a year. The board will continue to hold separate meetings twice a year.

Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board Member Activities

- Meetings held via Zoom and all meetings were led with the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Public Hearing Announcement.
- Board acknowledged School-Board Member-Elect Mr. Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi for his service to CCJB. Mr. Elnoubi resigned from the CCJB.
- Report outs from all agencies regarding COVID-19 and how agencies are dealing with staff returning to offices and how teleworking has impacted workflow.
- Report out from Alfreda Shinns, Chief Probation Officer, that there will be a
 Regional Reentry County Forum. The purpose is to plan a multi-jurisdictional
 reentry event with the hope of incorporating a video. The Gender Responsive
 initiative doesn't not incorporate the reentry council however, Alexandria
 Probation and Parole, Guest House and OAR are to create policy, practices and

- assessment for women. The Regional Reentry County Forum covers PG County MD Jail, Manassas Detention Center, Arlington, Fairfax and Alexandria Detention Centers and Alexandria Federal Probation.
- Reports out from Desha Hall-Winstead, Director of Alexandria Criminal Justice Services (ACJS), is working a shift schedule with some telework. Drug Testing has fully resumed, as have face-to face meetings for some intakes and higher risk clients. Reported on Quarterly program statistics. FY23 Grant Application was received, submitted to DCJS and will circulate to the board. The new Pretrial Minimum Standards were received. DCJS requested that draft SOP's be submitted to Grant Monitors for review prior to finalizing with local jurisdictions.
- Reports out from Mike Mackey, Court Service Unit Director updated board on the Juvenile Detention Center study. The Center/commission has made progress relative to the recommendations for the study; however, there is a statewide juvenile justice study being completed which includes detention centers and may inform next steps as well. The Racial/Ethnic Disparities team remains on pause given the pandemic. The current cohort is focused on increasing diversity in leadership and improving outcomes. The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Coordinator began work on 12/01/21, the Court Asset Builder program through ARPA funding (counseling & social worker interns; specialized additional substance abuse work) is underway, a Supervisor Therapist has been included in the proposed 2023 budget.
- Report out from Chief Judge Kemler regarding Treatment Court. There are 5
 phases and now some in-person services (throughout the pandemic, there were
 virtual services and some related challenges). Ms. Kim Dickerson-Daniels is the
 new Treatment Court Coordinator.
- Reports out from Liz Wixson, Department of Community & Human Services, gave an update on the Co-Responder Program, which mental health clinicians team up with Alexandria Police (CIT). The focus is to respond to crisis situations most appropriately (e.g., avoiding unnecessary hospitalizations). Response has been great; the program has demonstrated great demand and excellent success. Alexandria Co-Response Program (ACORP), began in October 2021. The program is helping divert persons in crisis away from the criminal justice system and into the treatment system. Because the team only works 40 hours each week, they are unable to respond to the majority of behavioral health calls for service received by 911 operators. The City Manager's proposed FY23 budget includes a recommendation to fund a second ACORP team, which would add an additional 40 hours of service each week.

The City is working on implementing the Marcus Alert Legislation. The new law is aimed at ensuring that persons experiencing behavioral health crises are responded to in ways that meet their behavioral health needs, rather than the traditional approach which has been to respond to most behavioral health calls with police officers. The goal is to minimize the role of law enforcement in cases where there are no safety concerns and instead, respond with situation-specific behavior health approaches. The initiative includes racial equity and seeks outcomes in the least restrictive manner. Behavioral crisis is meant to be responded to with a behavioral health lens. Mr. Michael Razak is the program Coordinator.

Planning is underway to launch Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) at the Adult Detention Center (ADC). MAT is the recognized best practice approach for working with persons with an opioid use disorder.

HIDTA has agreed to fund a Therapist Supervisor position in the ADC. The new position will help provide clinical services to inmates receiving MAT services and also, work with inmates with other substance use disorders.

- Report out from Sean Casey, Sheriff, facility population is lower than average (350 capacity/270 population), much related to the pandemic. Staffing/hiring challenges were noted. Sheriff also mentioned that he is very hopeful that inmate programs will resume.
- Constance Frogale, Chief Judge, Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court expressed
 concerns relative to the Domestic Violence docket regarding waiting lists for
 Batterer's Intervention class exists (June 2022). Long waitlists lengthen
 probation and impedes the client. Discussion over the cause of the long waitlists,
 included the impact of referrals has increased as the number of persons ordered
 to probation has increased. In addition, there are 3 probation agencies in
 Alexandria (Local, State, Federal) and there is a cost problem.
- Report out from Cathryn Evans, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, Cases
 assigned to the Mental Health Initiative (MHI) docket increased by 78% between
 March 2020 and September 2021. MHI cases appear to be decreasing. Decrease
 may be attributed to Alexandria Co-Response Program (ACORP), Behavioral
 Health Alliance Relationships and CIT Training and diversion of cases where
 individuals are presenting with mental health issues.
- Report out from Emily Beckman, Assistant Public Defender, reminded everyone that Paul Pepper retired, and Megan Thomas is the new Public Defender. Ms. Beckman will represent Ms. Thomas at the CCJB meetings.
- Report out from Erik King, Capital Youth Empowerment Program Citizen Member, spoke regarding his program, including the Decoded Mentoring Program, a STEM program/pairing youth with mentors from college (before middle school) at Jefferson Houston and Cora Kelly.
- Report out from Julie Crawford, Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), noted
 that a meeting is scheduled for March to review safety data regarding school/law
 enforcement partnership. This meeting is not focused on discipline the focus is
 on law enforcement involved incidents.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

N/A

Goals for 2021-2022

The primary goal for 2021-2022 board—to fill all vacant seats on the board.
 Vacant seats include representatives for Local Educator, Citizen and Non-Profit Representative – was accomplished.

Leadership

- Officers for the 2021 year were elected at the December 2, 2021 meeting: Pegah Vakili elected as Chair, Elizabeth Jones Valderrama as Vice-Chair, Mike Mackey was elected as Secretary.
- Listed term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed:
 - City Council Appointment: Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager, Appointment: 9/09/14 Ex Officio
 - Circuit Court: Honorable Lisa Kemler, Chief Judge, Appointment: 8/13/12 Ex Officio
 - General District Court: Honorable Donald Haddock, Jr., Chief Judge, Appointment (February 2020) Ex Officio
 - Juvenile Domestic Relations Court: Honorable Constance Frogale, Chief Judge, Appointment 10/21/09 Ex Officio
 - Office of the Magistrate: Honorable Adam Willard, Chief Magistrate, Appointment 11/14/17 Ex Officio
 - Alexandria Sheriff's Office: Sean Casey, Sheriff, Appointment 01/18/22 Ex Officio, (Designee: Chief Rawle Kelly)
 - Alexandria Police Department: Don Hayes, Chief of Police, Appointment 9/11/2019 Ex Officio
 - Commonwealth Attorney's Office: Bryan Porter, The Commonwealth Attorney Appointment 5/13/14 - Ex Officio (Designee: Cathryn Evans)

- Public Defender's Office: Megan Thomas, The Public Defender; Appointment (9/01/2022 - Ex Officio (Designee: Emily Beckman)
- Administrator of the Community Services Board: Kate Garvey Appointment (February 2014) - Ex Officio (Designee: Liz Wixson - Appointment 6/13/17—to present)
- Chief of Adult Probation & Parole: Alfreda Shinns, Chief Probation & Parole, Appointment (1/13/2020) - Ex Officio
- Director of Court Services Unit: Mike Mackey, Director Court Services, Appointment 5/14/19 - Ex Officio
- Local Educator: Julie Crawford, Ed.D, Chief of Student Services & Equity, Appointment 4/06/21-4/30/23
- 4 Citizens:
 - Kendall Wangsgard 1/12/21 1/31/23
 - o Erick King 1/11/22 -1/31/24
 - o Donita Greene 3/08/22 3/31/2024
 - o Lisa Bagby 9/13/22 9/30/2024
- 2 Community Organizations:
 - Business Representative (Recommended by Chambers of Commerce):
 Elizabeth Jones Valderrama (OAR) Appointment 9/13/2022 –
 9/30/2024
 - Non-Profit Representative: Marisa Tordella, Friends of Guest House Appointment 4/06/21 - 4/30/23
- City Staff: Desha Hall-Winstead
- During the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - Judge Lisa Kemler
 - Judge Donald Haddock, Jr
 - Judge Constance Frogale
 - Magistrate Adam Willard
 - Acting Police Chief Don Haves
 - o Chief Deputy Rawle Kelly on behalf of Sheriff Sean Casey
 - Chief Deputy Cathryn Evans on behalf of Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter
 - Director Liz Wixson on behalf of Community Services Board Administrator Kate Garvey

- Assistant Public Defender Emily Beckman on behalf of Public Defender Megan Thomas
- o Deputy City Manager Debra Collins on behalf of City Council
- o Chief Probation Officer Alfreda Shinns
- o Director Mike Mackey
- o Ms. Elizabeth Jones-Valderrama
- o Ms. Marisa Tordella
- Citizens: Pegah Vakili (Resigned), Abdel-Rahman Elnoubi (Resigned),
 Erick King, Donita Greene, Kendall Wangsgard
- Desha Hall-Winstead, Director of Alexandria Criminal Justice Services, Pretrial and Local Probation for Alexandria Sheriff's Office acted as the staff liaison to Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board during the 2021/2022 year.

Attachments

- 1. Any notable letters to City Council, date, subject
- 2. Any letters to other Advisory Groups, date, subject
- 3. Any completed reports or relevant documents

Alexandria Community Policy Management Team Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

The Alexandria Community Policy Management Team (ACPMT) consists of representatives from the City Manager's office, Alexandria City Public Schools, Court Service Unit, Health Department, Community Services Board, Social Services, a family representative, and a representative from the Northern Virginia Coalition of Private Providers Associations. The ACPMT, through local policy and practice initiatives that are responsive to State code and policy, oversees the expenditure of funds to implement the mandates of the Children's Services Act (CSA). Services are provided under the CSA for at-risk children/youth in or possibly needing foster care, children/youth requiring special education and private day services through individual education plans (IEPs), and children/youth with significant problems in the home, school, or with peers, requiring multiple City agency involvement.

The ACPMT focuses on ensuring every child and youth has a permanent home by nurturing the strengths of our children/youth and their families and by creating community-based partnerships which address the challenges facing the City of Alexandria's at-risk children, youth, and families. State legislative initiatives and priorities, along with challenging fiscal times, demand that services supporting permanency planning be individualized, child, youth and family-centered, and delivered whenever possible in our community. Through CSA funding, communities are given financial incentives via State match rates which support local services.

The ACPMT continually seeks innovative action steps for constructive internal transformations to better meet the needs of Alexandria's children/youth and to contain costs. Priority is on engagement in family-centered policies and focused resources to prepare staff to deliver flexible and individualized services. The goal is to enhance a collaborative, merged system of high-quality care.

The ACPMT, while always integrating safety as a paramount consideration, is committed to keeping children and youth in their home and in the community. The policies and procedures set forth by the leadership of the ACPMT articulate the following objectives:

- 1. Preventing our children and youth from leaving the community
- 2. Bringing our children and youth home from congregate care settings
- 3. Strengthening existing, and developing new, community resources to achieve the first objective, and
- 4. Maintaining services within our budgeted allocation.

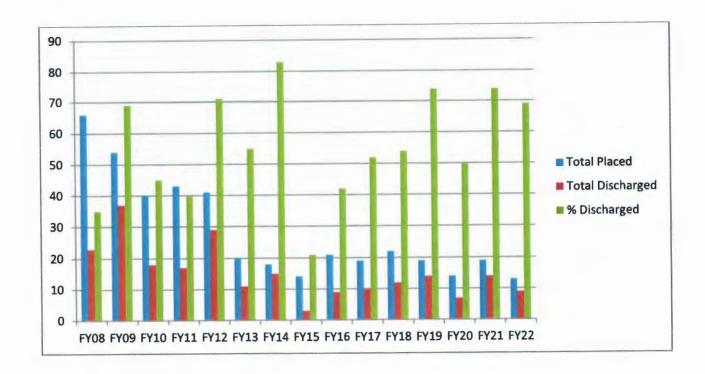
Within these guidelines, the ACPMT membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- FY22 required continuation of major adjustments due to on-going Covid-19 restrictions.
 FAPT continued utilizing a virtual meeting format to meet the service needs of children, youth, and families. It should also be noted that FAPT has experienced the highest levels of family and stakeholder engagement in its meetings over the last two fiscal years. This increase is largely attributed to the use of the virtual meeting format.
- The Family Assessment Planning Team (FAPT) process continued offering high quality service review and approvals despite being in a virtual environment. The FAPT team meets weekly, reducing the need for emergency approvals. The ACPMT assigns permanent staff to the FAPT ensuring that 20% of their work is devoted to this role. This ensures that FAPT team members are dedicated child serving staff who review, recommend, and monitor the most effective services for children and families. By focusing the FAPT functions, the ACPMT continues enhancing the quality of the funding review process while ensuring a system-wide culture to keep services within the community.
- The ACPMT embraces and supports CSA's underlying value of full family participation and engagement. To prioritize family voice, the CSB's Family Support Partner Coordinator joined the ACPMT and ACPMT Utilization Review Committee as a non-voting consultative parent representative. A CSB Family Support Partner also joined the FAPT as a consultative parent representative. Family Support Partners (FSPs) are professionals whose lived experience with their children in mental health, child welfare, special education and/or juvenile justice systems is integral to their work. FSPs are trained to create environments where family voice is heard and prioritized and their expertise on ACPMT and FAPT is invaluable. ACMPT members ensured that the City of Alexandria's legislative packet included legislation that was passed that will allow for FSPs to be full voting/equal members of ACPMT and FAPT in FY23.
- The ACPMT members engaged in the initiatives undertaken by its respective agencies to address Racial Equity. At the end of FY22 the ACPMT began employing meaningful outreach strategies to ensure the parent representative(s) are representative of clients served. ACPMT also applied a Racial Equity lens to all policy reviews and included Racial Equity as a line item on our FY22 monthly agendas.
- Representatives from ACPMT member agencies continued participation in Alexandria's
 Trauma Informed Community Network, RAISE (Resilience Alexandria: Inform. Support.
 Elevate). RAISE aims to build a more equitable, safe, trauma-informed, and resilient
 Alexandria by informing, supporting, and elevating our community.
- Residential and group home placements focused on assessment and services in support of returning children to community-based care.
- FY22 had a total of 13 children placed in congregate care settings and ended the year with four children in these settings.

- Through the work of Alexandria's Crossover Youth Practice Model Team (CYPM), legislation was passed that will allow for jurisdictions to develop memorandums of agreement in support of best practice information sharing for youth involved in multiple systems. ACPMT members from Court Service Unit, Child Welfare Services and Child & Family Behavioral Health Services are part of the CYPM team.
- The ACPMT and the CSA Office continued coordinated planning with regional localities. Collaborative engagement between private providers of services and the regional CSA Coordinators resulted in a half day in-person regional CSA Symposium held in the spring. More than 200 attendees gathered to interactively learn about the use of evidence-based practices and services to support our children, youth, and families. ACPMT members participated in a roundtable discussion on the Safe and Sound Task Force which was created to address issues of safe housing placements for children and youth in foster care.
- ACPMT members continued to work with Best Practice Court members, to include GALs
 and Judges, on expanding ways of keeping children in the community and transitioning
 children back into the community.
- ACPS social workers and counselors ensured that the allocation for IEP Wraparound funds
 was used to provide services in the home or community for children and families, supporting
 the least restrictive IEP placement.
- The CSA Team trained FAPT Case Managers with formalized dedicated modules for Child Welfare Case Workers and School Social Workers.
- CSA staff continued operations and maintained quality standards to support case workers and other community stakeholders.
- ACPMT continued to implement internal controls to minimize risks and optimize service delivery.
- For 14 years Alexandria has demonstrated proven results of successful change strategies (see graph below) and continues to be viewed as a leader in the Commonwealth.

FY08 to FY22
CSA Congregate Care Placements
Residential, Group Homes, Diagnostic Placements and Shelter Care



It is important to include incarcerated youth in the analysis of our System of Care. It is notable that during the same time frame referenced in the chart above there was a significant decrease in the number of youths incarcerated, as measured in child-care days. In FY08, there were 5,599 DJJ child-care days utilized by Alexandria, while in FY22, there were 2,294 days, representing a 59% decrease. Please see childcare days chart below (based on detention center data).

	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY 18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY 22
Alexandria	5,599	5,438	5,628	5,569	4,429	3,663	4,638	3,074	3,574	4,496	4,459	2,579	1,341	1,789	2,294

Goals for 2022-2023

The goals outlined below are in service to our beliefs. We believe that all children are best served in the Alexandria community. When exceptions occur, placements out of the home and community are of the shortest duration possible. We believe that partnering with families and youth and coordinating community services to transition or maintain children in their homes and communities is a public responsibility and that public community agencies should serve the community in this role.

- Limit use of congregate care for children/youth and look for permanent local family-based homes; when these services are needed, limit the length of stay.
- Complete a review of every policy to include lenses of racial/social equity, trauma, and family voice.
- Work to establish diverse representation among FAPT and ACMPT members with a focus on recruiting private provider and family representatives who are representative of the demographics of the people served.
- Commit to support existing Racial and Social Equity efforts within our respective agencies/areas of responsibility.
- Maximize use of Family First funding by ensuring that qualified families have access.
- Require public direct service professionals and supervisors to participate in any available cross-system training.
- CSA Team trains FAPT Case Workers, with dedicated modules for CWS, CSU, ACPS and CSB.
- Finalize the revision and translation into relevant languages of the handbook for families that explains CSA and the FAPT process.
- Finalize the revision and translation into relevant languages of the ACPMT Right to Appeal
 policy and ensure that FAPT Case Workers have copies of the policy for distribution to the
 families with whom they work.
- Ensure full use of allocated IEP Wraparound funds for children and youth with disabilities needing services in the home or community to prevent more restrictive IEP placements.

Leadership

- Officers were elected at the June 2021 meeting, serving a two-year term:
 - o Chair: Tricia Bassing, Community Services Board/DCHS
 - Vice-Chair: Meghan McGrain, Office of Management and Budget
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed
 - Cynthia Agbayani, Private Provider Representative term ended June 2022
- During the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - o Cynthia Agbayani, Private Provider Representative
 - Deborah Bowers, Health Department (excused absence)
 - o Mike Mackey, Court Service Unit
 - o Greta Rosenzweig, Social Services

- o Theresa Werner, ACPS Special Education
- o Vacant, Family Representative
- Carla Oliver, DCHS Family Support Partner Coordinator (non-voting consultant)
 in FY23, pending Council approval Ms. Oliver will be a voting Family
 Representative
- Staff liaison to the ACPMT: Sharon Minter, Chief of Family Systems/Children's Services Act Coordinator and Department of Community and Human Services

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY POLICY & MANAGEMENT TEAM] MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ju
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LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

D. Bowers - Excused Absence

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Economic Opportunity Commission Annual Report September 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Economic Opportunity Commission (EOC) shall be to serve as an advocate for the economically disadvantaged residents of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and act as an advisory board to the Alexandria Office of Community Services, which is Alexandria's community action agency. Within these guidelines, the EOC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

EOC members slogged through the year of virtual meetings with amazing enthusiasm and productivity to make a difference in 2021/2022. The commission looks forward to face-to-face meetings and taking advantage of the new hybrid opportunities.

EOC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- This past year, the EOC met remotely due to COVID-19 for 7 of the 10 meetings between July 2021 - June 2022. Of the 3 meetings which were held in-person, one did not meet quorum.
- The commission lost ten commissioners in May and December of 2021. However, five new members joined the commission throughout the year and we expect to have five more prior to the end of 2022 to cover the available seats (Two for Group 1; One for Group 2; Two for Group 3). A sustained effort was made to recruit community representatives. The EOC partnered with Volunteer Alexandria to recruit additional applicants, which has yielded 5 new applications.
- EOC set up a new system to work during the year. The new system works around the creation of a new EOC gmail account (eoc.alexandria.va@gmail.com) in order to provide a virtual working space for the members, create a library, have a place save document repositories, create an events calendar, facilitate the transition of commissioners, and overall to be in compliance of FOIA regulations.
- EOC operates with four subcommittees throughout the year, in order to cover four main areas in Housing, Food Security, Childcare, & Employment. The members on each subcommittee collaborates with city stakeholders regarding their focus area, among the stakeholders are representatives of Alexandria Office of Housing, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), DCHS Workforce Development, DCHS Center for Economic Support (OCS), Alexandria Health Department, ALIVE, Casa Chirilagua, among many others. Each monthly meeting included a guest speaker that belonged to one of those areas.

- EOC participated in the legislative package by submitting two proposals for consideration to be included in the city's legislative packet.
- In an effort to update the previous EOC needs assessment, and in order to support OCS Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) grant requirements, the commission set up a plan to update the needs assessment and sent out a data call to community leaders and stakeholders asking them for their support with information regarding food, housing, childcare and employment.
- At the end of spring a group of citizens and Africa Communities Together (ACT) participated in EOC meetings in regards to the development site of the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) Power Plant Redevelopment (Old Town North). EOC listened to their concerns and submitted a letter to the City Mayor regarding this project.

EOC Member Activities Summary

Month	Speaker & Title	Organization	Topics and Activities Description
September	Sarah Taylor, City of Alexandria Legislative Director	City of Alexandria	Legislative Agenda: Mrs. Taylor briefed the Commission on the purpose and objectives of the city's 2022 state and federal legislative agenda. The Commission was requested to provide its legislative recommendations to the City.
October	Melodie Seau, Alexandria Office of Housing	City of Alexandria	Affordable Housing: Office of Housing conducted a survey of landlords to understand particular challenges or needs within the landlord community, as well as how available eviction prevention resources were being utilized. Other topics were: - Virginia Rent Relief Program (RRP) - Financial impact due to COVID-19
October	Mary Horner, Legal Services of Northern Virginia	Nonprofit Law Firm Non-Profit	Eviction Prevention: Funding for eviction prevention and challenges: - Wave of evictions within that short period of time - COVID-19 effects in evictions - End of the State's eviction moratorium in June 2022
November	Jenn Ayers,	ALIVE	Food Security & ALIVE! Services: Discussed several programs that ALIVE! administers within Alexandria, including ALIVE! House, a women's transition

- -	Executive Director	Non-Profit	shelter; the housing program, the food
	Baccanto Director	I IVIII	program; and family assistance. Other
	Danien Johnson,		topics:
	ALIVE! House Director -		- Benchmarked pre-pandemic statistics
	AEPP Director - Client		- Opportunities for collaboration among
	Services Director		partner organizations
December	Juliette Milushev,	City of Alexandria	Childcare: The speakers gave a run down
	For making Discordant Towns		of each of the programs they offer and the conversation focused on COVID-19 effects
	Executive Director, Team Leader Children & Youth		in early childhood education. Main areas
	Services; Medicaid Waiver;		impacted due to the pandemic:
	Child Care Subsidy Programs		
			- Staff shortages
	Robin Crawley,		- Workforce development
			- Major in low income families
	Chief, Early Childhood		- Educator and virtual learning
	Services Director, City of		challenges
	Alexandria Head Start		- Staff overworked or overload of
	Program		pendings
January	Kat Ashmore,	City of Alexandria	Employment: Overview of the
			Department and services. Mrs. Ashmore
	WIOA, Youth, & Special		requested support in the following areas:
	Grants Manager, City of Alexandria,		Bring awareness to WDC's ServicesAdvocate on behalf of their clients for
	Virginia DCHS, Workforce		future Work Based Learning Funding
]	Development Center		- once ARPA dollars end
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January	Sean D. Read	Friendship Place	Employment: Friendship Place is the
·			premier housing service provider, however
	Chief Program Officer -	Non-Profit	the commission was interested in hearing
	Community Solutions,		about their Employment First Model
	David Vicente		program. This program focuses on an
	David Vicenty,		employment services model that assumes employability, offers expedited
	CWDP, Division Director,		job-readiness coaching, and helps
	AimHire		participants obtain jobs quickly.
February	Natalie Tallis,	City of Alexandria	Community Health Improvement Plan 2025 (CHIP): Q&A session regarding
	Population Health Manager		EOC six "Taking Action":
	Alexandria Health Department		Loo bin Tuning notion .
			1. Taking Action: Strategy A Identify and
,		·	support creative land use and other
			models for affordable and market-rate
,			housing.
			2. Taking Action: Strategy B Increase
			availability and lower costs of
			childcare and programming. 3. Taking Action: Strategy E Establish
			2
			policies that advance wage equity and

			 Taking Action: Strategy F Fund tech or other skills training for vulnerable populations. Taking Action: Strategy G Expand opportunities for community-centered financial resources. Taking Action: Strategy H Remove barriers to public transit
February	Matt Fitzgerald Director Virginia Office of Economic Opportunity at VDSS -	Virginia Department of Social Services	Community Services Block Grant (CSBG): Q&A session regarding: - EOC as a Board to Alexandria's Community Action Agency = OCS - Quarterly reports of services administered using CSBG funds and the resulting outcomes of these services Community Needs Assessment every 3 years, which determines where to focus our services and feeds into our overall strategic plan
March	Tamara Jovovic, Housing Program Manager – Office of Housing	City of Alexandria	Housing: Overviewed the Office of Housing's divisions, programs, and services, which include landlord-tenant services and eviction prevention, loan and technical assistance, fair housing testing and training, and home purchase assistance and training. Potential opportunities for EOC to collaborate with the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee (AHAAC) to discover gaps that the EOC might consider. Sharing perspectives with public leadership and getting involved in small area planning processes.
April ¹	Jarissa Salgado, Programs Director	Casa Chirilagua Non-Profit	Education: Overview of the Latino neighborhood and organizations programs.
May	No official speakers	Africa Communities Together Labor and Community organization	Workforce and Housing: Members of ACT requested to be included in the commission's agenda in order to talk about their concerns in regards to the hotel use at the PRGS power plant redevelopment. Concerns: Creation of low-wage jobs Affordable housing

¹ First in-person meetings. Due to the short notice, the commission was not able to meet quorum for the monthly meeting. Official matters that require a vote were moved to the following month.

			- Residents displacement
June	Sarah Taylor, City of Alexandria Legislative Director	City of Alexandria	Legislative Agenda: Q&A for the City's 2023 legislative package.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• EOC members met with Sarah Taylor, Legislative Director for the City of Alexandria, to discuss priorities for the legislative session in 2022. We submitted two proposals for consideration to be included in the city's legislative packet, one including eviction prevention and the second for lengthy SNAP application process.

The commission encouraged eviction to be for cause. In Virginia, landlords are not required to provide any reason for an eviction of tenants without leases or at the end of a tenant's lease term. No explanation other than a notice of non-renewal is required. Tenants in these circumstances can be evicted for any reason or no reason at all. EOC advocated for eviction policies to promote residential stability, avoid potential homelessness, protect low-income families, and fair play for families in unfortunate circumstances; by establishing the grounds upon which a landlord may evict a tenant, instead of just evicting tenants for any reason or no reason at all. EOC also encouraged the city to work on adopting a mediation program to mediate between landlord and tenant prior to the case going to court.

In terms of length of the SNAP application process. EOC recommended reducing the length of the SNAP application to reduce barriers and make it simpler to apply, the current application is between 8 to 10 pages long.

EOC also recommended that the renewal period for SNAP be aligned with Medicaid renewals being set for 2 years for seniors who receive monthly income like SSA, SSI, or SSDI.

In preparation for the 2023 legislative package the commission is considering proposals for Small Business Funding/Employment, Tenants Protection rights, Affordable Housing, and Childcare.

CSBG Community Needs Assessment

A major responsibility of EOC is to assure the CSBG that the city receives from the Commonwealth are properly disbursed to the targeted community members. To ensure that these disbursements are made in accordance with the guidelines, a required Community Needs

Assessment Report (CNAR) is submitted to the Commonwealth of Virginia every three years. In addition to assuring that the CSBG is being properly dispersed, the needs assessment helps identify areas where the goals are not being met and deepens the city's understanding of the struggles low income residents face and where our support efforts fall short. The importance of addressing these areas cannot be understated

Three years ago, the Economic Opportunities Commission conducted a full market research survey and our report's findings and its recommendation were gained from low income responses received from the questionnaire. Our 2019 Community Needs Assessment identified four needs for Affordable Housing, Food Security, Childcare, and Employment.

This year, because of COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission needed to develop a different strategy in order to publish the report. The commission developed a plan and an outline to work in this assignment. This year's report is going to include secondary information in order to avoid duplication of efforts and utilize all the current reports from the city stakeholders in regards to our four areas. At the end of March the commissioners reached out to 20 different stakeholders asking for their support with assessments, landscape data analysis, studies or any relevant information we could use regarding their areas of expertise. Unfortunately the response was not as expected, nevertheless we collected some good information currently being reviewed and summarized by the commissioners. The goal is to have a draft review by the end of the year.

During the planning process the commissioners realized the complexity and challenges to elaborate a full needs assessment with all their elements e.g. gather evidence, elaborate survey, conduct interviews, analyze evidence, brainstorm contribution, get to a root cause and determine next steps of improvement. All of those elements are very specific and require a greater level of expertise than the EOC currently has under their volunteer status.

RECOMMENDATION: The commissioners recommendation for the next needs assessment is for the city to allocate funding for this requirement and for EOC to collaborate with other groups such as CHIP. The four areas identified in the 2019 needs assessment were also identified by CHIP, therefore an opportunity to collaborate across city agencies.

River Generating Station (PRGS) Power Plant Redevelopment (Old Town North)

After the presentation and conversations with members of ACT, and the visit from one of the commissioners to a similar project in Boston the commissioners voted to submit a letter to the city (letter attached) in regards to the redevelopment project. The purpose of the letter was to delay any final approvals on the project until all the tools at City Council's disposal were exhausted and to take into consideration three principals:

- 1. Keep the displacement of low-income families in consideration
- 2. Consideration to reduce space allocated for ARTS and instead to increase affordable housing units.
- 3. To negotiate in good faith with the developer regarding greater benefits for our low-income residents

Leadership

- Chair, Antonio Tamariz,
- Vice-Chair, Rizwan Chaudry,Secretary, Kameron Gonzalez,

EOC Roster

List of term expiration		THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY O		
Name :	Level	Date Appointment		Expre Date
Aisha Salazar	Low Income Representative	03/08/2022	2	03/31/2024
Aminata Ly	Low Income Representative	11/09/2021	2	11/30/2023
Anya Walker	Low Income Representative	03/08/2022	2	03/08/2024
Antonio Tamariz	Elected Public Official	02/19/2021	3	01/31/2025
Berole Bekele	Elected Public Official	02/08/2022	3	02/28/2025
Christina Kang	Representative Private Sector	09/14/2021	2	09/30/2023
Janeka Cogdell	Low Income Representative	11/9/2021	2	11/30/2023
Kameron Gonzales	Representative Private Sector	09/14/2021	2	09/30/2023
Karishma Merchant	Elected Public Official	TBD	3	01/31/2025
L'allegro Smith	Elected Public Official	1/11/2022	3	01/31/2024
Jennifer Ayers	Low Income Representative	03/08/2022	2	03/31/2024
Meronne Teklu	Representative Private Sector	03/08/2022	2	03/31/2024
Rizwan Chaudry	Representative Private Sec	02/09/2021	2	02/28/2023
Geof Caldwell	Representative Private Sec	01/01/2019	3	12/31/2022
Kelly Stone	Low Income Representative	01/01/2020	2	12/31/2022

Alison Coleman and DCHS acted as the staff liaison to EOC.

What is ahead for 2022?

In the first quarter EOC is planning to complete the following activities:

- Review and update the bylaws
- Submit proposals for the legislative package of 2023.
- Finalize the needs assessment draft

Attachments

- → Attachment 1.- Letter for support to House Financial Services Committee (HFSC). 25 September, 2021
- → Attachment 2.- River Generating Station (PRGS) Power Plant Redevelopment (Old Town North) 17 June, 2022
- → Attachment 3.- Any completed reports or relevant documents_CSBG reporting.
- → Attachment 4.- EOC Meeting Attendance Report 2021-2022

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA Economic Opportunity Commission MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Antonio Tamariz

City Staff: Alison Coleman, Director of OCS & Lesa Gilbert, Director of CES

MEMBER'S NAME	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Aisha Salazar						X	Х	U	Е	U
Aminata Ly		X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Anya Walker						X	X	U	U	U
Antonio Tamariz	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	Е	X	X
Berole Bekele						X	Х	X	X	X
Christina Kang	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	E	Е	Е
Geof Caldwell	X	Х	X	X						
Janeka Cogdell	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U	U	X
Kelly Stone	X	Х	X	X						
Kameron Gonzales	X	Х	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	X	E
Karishma Merchant										X
L'allegro Smith						X	X	Х	X	X
Jennifer Ayers							X	Е	Е	X
Meronne Teklu							X	X	X	X
Mo Seifeldein	N/A	X	N/A	N/A						
Rizwan Chaudry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	E

INDICATE: X – FOR PRESENT

E – FOR EXCUSED

U - FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

- Anya Walker
- Aisha Salazar

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON.

(APPROVED)	ANTONIO TAMARIZ	(Chairperson
(APPROVED)	ANTONIO TAMARIZ	(Chairper

405 South Union Street Alexandria, VA 22314 25 September, 2021

Senator Mark Warner 703 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner

As an appointed member of the Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) in Alexandria, we have witnessed first-hand how the COVID -19 pandemic has burdened funding resources to address the immediate needs of our low-income citizens, particularly as they relate to the areas of housing, food security, child care and employment. We conduct a Needs Assessment every three years, and so these findings have not come as shock to us. Housing is number one!

The reason for my writing is to ask you for your support of the legislation on housing recently approved by the House Financial Services Committee (HFSC). The investments spelled out in the legislation will dramatically reduce house instability and homelessness in the United States and, like-wise, Alexandria.

As a member of the Senate Banking Committee, you know how critical it will be that this legislation is passed in the Senate and so we urge you to strongly support it. Please stay firm on the dollar amounts that are proposed. \$90 billion for rental assistance, \$80 billion to preserve public housing and \$37 billion in the National Housing Trust Fund, all to build and preserve home affordability for our lowest income citizens.

These dollars will be instrumental in permitting our low income citizens to break the cycle of poverty, an objective we have had and have battled for decades.

I am one of your constituents from Alexandria Virginia (we are neighbors about a block a part). As we enjoy our local neighborhood, I hope all Alexandrians can also count on you to support the less fortunate in our city. We are counting on your support to make this happen!

Sincerely yours,

Geoffrey F. Caldwell
Economic Opportunity Commissioner



Antonio Tamariz, Chair Representing Canek Aguirre, Alexandria City Council

Rizwan Chaudry, Vice-Chair Private Sector Representative

Kameron Gonzalez, Secretary Private Sector Representative

Janeka Cogdell Community Representative

Christina Kang Business Community Sector

Berole Bekele Representing Alyia Gaskins, Alexandria City Council

Aminata Ly Community Representative

Meronne Teklu Community Advocate, Representative

Anya Walker Community Representative

Aisha Salazar Virginia Cooperative Extension Community Representative

Jennifer Ayers ALIVE - Non Profit Representative

L'allegro Smith Representing John T. Chapman, Alexandria City Council

City of Alexandria

Economic Opportunities Commission River Generating Station (PRGS) Power Plant Redevelopment (Old Town North)

June 17, 2022

City Council Members 301 King Street, Suite 3500 Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of the City Council,

We write in regards to the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) Power Plant Redevelopment (Old Town North), which will bring needed opportunities to the City; including the creation of affordable housing for city residents. This project is a promising step forward for Alexandria's efforts to increase our affordable housing needs and the creation of potential jobs for residents.

We <u>urge</u> the City to delay any final approvals on this project, until all the tools at your disposal have been <u>exhausted</u> to ensure that our economically disadvantaged residents' are being heard and equally benefit from the project.

For your consideration, we very much hope you will honor the following principles:

1. Keep the displacement of low income families in consideration. After the review of the Old Town North Small Area Plan, Multimodal Transportation Study, a couple meetings with concerned residents and a visit of one of our Commissioners to the Developers' project in Boston; we believe this project represents a unique opportunity to the City and its residents. We agree with the different components that will need to work together to enhance the vitality and economic sustainability of Old Town North. The mix use of spaces described in both documents, "Old Town North

Small Area Plan" and "Multimodal Transportation Study" are of significant interest to the city residents. However, one of the major challenges facing our city is the displacement of low income families.

- 2. Consideration to reduce space allocated for ARTS and instead to increase affordable housing units. The Multimodal Transportation Study summarizes the development as "proposed development will include redeveloping the existing, unused power station site into a mixed-use development consisting of six (6) development blocks and existing pumphouse identified for potential renovation and reuse. Up to 2.5 million square feet gross square feet (GSF) of development is proposed, with a mix of office, arts, retail, residential, and hotel uses proposed throughout the site". While we are not able to organize these categories by level of importance, we believe residential and Housing Affordability outweighs other uses of spaces such as arts. There should be a consideration to reduce the space assigned to arts space and expand the number of affordable housing units in the project. Prioritizing affordable housing units will help our low income residents fight the challenges of displacement.
- 3. To negotiate in good faith with the developer regarding greater benefits for our low-income residents. While conducting our monthly meetings, a couple of times residents mentioned the similar project the developer has in Boston with greater community benefits compared to the ones offered in Alexandria. While we understand the policies and regulations for each city are different, we encourage our city officials to discuss the differences of these two projects and hopefully negotiate greater benefits for our low-income residents and labor force workers.

We appreciate the efforts that you and the City Council have undertaken in recent years to protect our most vulnerable residents from displacement. Given the location of Alexandria City in the DC area; our most vulnerable residents struggle displacement due to the high cost of living and low wages. Therefore, our fellow residents will need our vigilant concern and protection more than ever.

Sincerely,

Antonio Tamariz, Chair Economic Opportunities Commission on behalf of its members CC: Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson, and Members of City Council

¹ Potomac River Generating Station Redevelopment Coordinated Development District page 6.



CSBG 2022 Report Q1 & Q2

Feb. 16th, 2022

Mesha Hall, MSW
Family Services Specialist Supervisor

Alison Coleman, MSW
Director, Office of Community Services

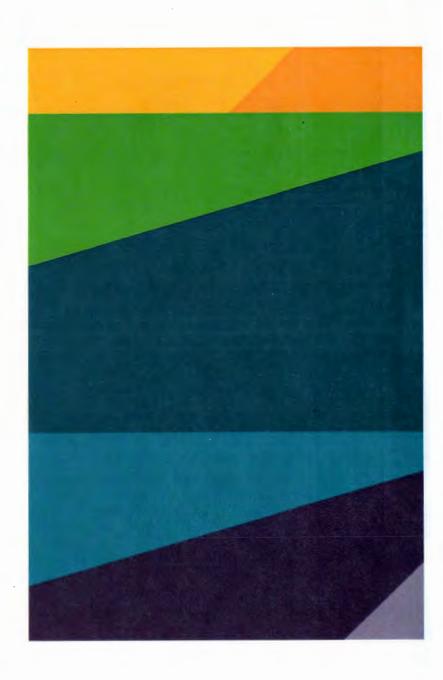
What is CSBG?

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- A federally funded anti-poverty block grant operated through a state-administered network of community action agencies
- Objective is to address the causes & symptoms of poverty through programming which empowers low-income families and individuals, revitalizes low-income communities

CSBG & EOC

- EOC is the Board to Alexandria's Community Action Agency = OCS
- EOC Board will sign off on quarterly reports of services administered using CSBG funds and the resulting outcomes of these services.
- Community Needs Assessment every 3 years, which determines where to focus our services and feeds into our overall strategic plan

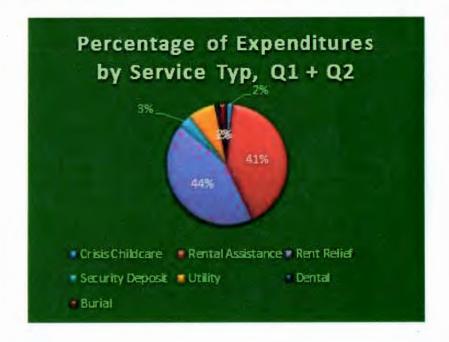


CSBG 2022 Q1 & Q2

CSBG Funding Budget FY 22 TYD	Amount Spent: Q1	Amount Spent: Q1 & Q2
CSBG Budget	\$296,813	\$296,813
CSBG Basic	\$7,870	\$92,222
CSBG TANF	\$5,633	\$13,882
Total FY22 Expenditures YTD	\$13,503	\$106,104
Percentage spent FY20 YTD	5%	36%

Amount spent for all OCS types of service

Service Type	Amount Spent Q1	Amount Spent Q2
Rent	\$50,125	\$131,788
Utilities	\$821	\$31,790
Burial	\$5,350	\$4,600
Crisis Childcare	\$7,330	\$0
Security Deposit	\$3,200	\$11,117
Dental	\$1,100	\$3,250
Total	\$67,926	\$182,545



Demographic Characteristics of Persons Served	Q1	Q2
Total number of persons served	209	369
Total number of families served:	90	148
Percentage of the population who was female	53%	53%
Percentage of the population who was male	47%	47%
Percentage of the population who were non-Hispanic or Latino	43%	45%
Percentage of the population who were Hispanic or Latino	57%	55%
Percentage of the population who have insurance coverage	65%	67%
Percentage of the population who have no health Insurance	35%	33%



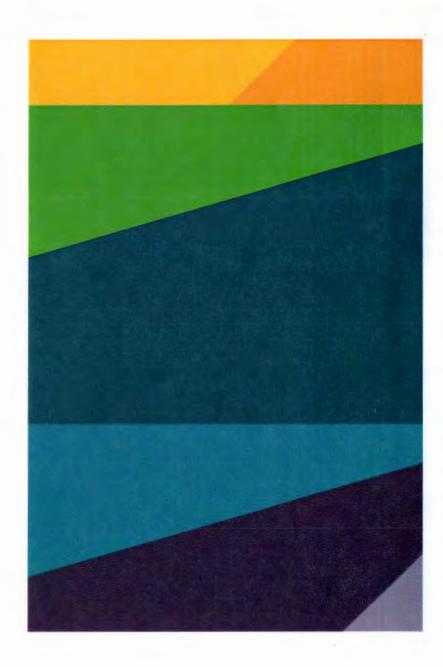
Looking ahead: Q2 & Q3

OCS will continue to support Alexandrians in:

- Total spent in Q3 so far: \$169,206
- Continue with OCS services
- Afghan Resettlement Agency Partnership
- Moving & Storage Support

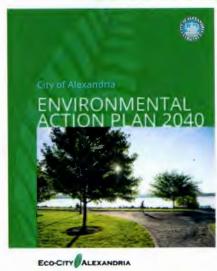
Thank you for your time!

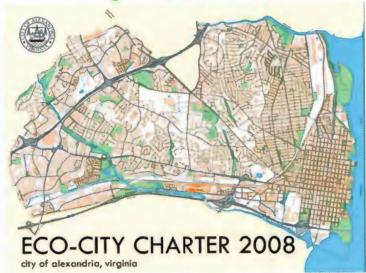
Questions & Answers





Environmental Policy Commission





FY2021 EPC ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

1. Introduction

The Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) was established under Chapter 4, Article M, of the City Code to "advise and make recommendations to the City Council and, when appropriate, to the Planning Commission and City Manager". This report provides a summary of EPC activities during Fiscal Year 2022.

2. Who We Are

The Alexandria City Council established the EPC in 1970 to advise and make recommendations to the City Council and, where appropriate, to the Planning Commission and City Manager, on matters relating to the following:

- · Climate change and environmental sustainability
- Air quality;
- · Land use:
- Noise pollution and abatement;
- · Pesticides, herbicides and contaminants;
- Solid waste;
- Water quality and supply;
- Other matters referred to the EPC by the City and citizens; and
- Other topics relating to the conservation and protection of Alexandria's environment.

The EPC, when fully appointed consists of 13 members, including five members from the field of environmental sciences, five citizen-at-large members, one member from the field of urban planning, one member with experience in Federal or state environmental statues/regulations, and one representative from the Alexandria business community. The EPC regularly works with other organizations to further the environmental goals of the City.

The following is a list of Commissioners who served on the EPC during FY2022.

Michael Bahleda ¹	Christine Maietta ¹
Eldon Boes	Amber Myers ¹
Edith Cecchini (Secretary)	Michael Olex (Vice-Chair)
Alexander Clark	Brendan Owens
Cynthia Elliott ²	William Pugh ¹
Oleksandr Faryga ²	Marta Schantz
Nicole Heckman ²	
Kathie Hoekstra (Chair)	
Jennifer Debias	

Notes: ¹Term ended in FY22; ²Term began in FY22

During this fiscal year, the commission met virtually once a month during July through March and held hybrid meetings during April through June due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All meetings were open to the public, agendas and documents considered during the meetings as well as minutes of the meetings and videos were posted to the EPC page on the City website: https://www.alexandriava.gov/EnvironmentalPolicyCommission.html

http://alexandriava.gov/EnvironmentalPolicyCommissionThroughout the year, the staff of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES), Office of Environmental Quality supported the EPC. The EPC wishes to express its thanks for the support and guidance provided by City leadership and staff.

3. EPC Annual Retreat

The EPC held its annual retreat in May 2022. The focus was on three main topics including:

- A discussion about current EPC specialty areas and recommended changes;
- A discussion and selection of EPC focus areas for next year as well as areas where EPC members felt they needed more information & understanding; and
- 3. The selection of projects/programs/extra staff to recommend to Council and Manager for the \$1.85 million reserved climate crisis/EJ fund.

4. EPC Activities and Accomplishments

The following are some of the major activities and accomplishments of the commission during FY2022:

In August, the EPC sent a letter to City Council expressing support for the proposed plastic bag ordinance. This ordinance was approved by Council and became effective as of January 1, 2022¹.

In September, the EPC approved the commission's by-laws which adds climate change as an explicit part of its mandates².

In October, the commission prepared a list of legislative priorities and sent it to the City Legislative Director for possible inclusion in the City's legislative list for 2022³.

In November, the commission sent a letter to the City Manager expressing specific budget recommendations for sustainability initiatives/projects for FY2023⁴.

In February, the commission joined the Planning Commission and Transportation Commission in sending a joint letter from all three to City Council regarding the climate crisis and recommended some critical actions for the City⁵.

In March, the commission sent a follow-up letter to Council after holding oneon-one meetings with all members of Council following the joint letter sent in February to memorialize specific actions requested of Council.⁶

In April, the commission reviewed a presentation from a Philadelphia developer who has built hundreds of affordable, net-zero housing units since 2015. The EPC then received a presentation for the redevelopment of the PRGS site from Hilco.

In May, the EPC wrote a letter to the Federal Transit Administration in support of the City grant application under the Low or No-emission Vehicles and Buses program⁷.

In June, the EPC sent a letter to the Planning Commission (PC) urging the PC to:

- (i) require the developer to provide adequate information to meet the carbon neutral targets identified in the Old Town North Small Area Plan;
- (ii) commit the developer to producing their Coordinated Sustainability Strategy (CSS) with specific, measurable, time bound details to which they can be held accountable; and
- (iii) evaluate their proposals to achieve carbon neutrality by 20308.

Also in June, the commission sent a letter to the City Council and Manager detailing which programs/projects or added staff the EPC recommended for funding paid for by the \$1.85MM climate/EJ fund⁹.

Members of the Commission also participated in the following City commissions, committees, and advisory groups in the capacity of voting members:

- Potomac Yard Metro Station Implementation Group
- Waterfront Commission
- Transportation Commission
- Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Advisory Group
- ECCAP Task Force
- Open Space Advisory Committee

6. EPC Correspondences

All EPC correspondences are posted on the EPC webpage:

www.alexandriava.gov/environmentalpolicycommission

- Letter to Council supporting Alexandria plastic bag ordinance, August 12, 2021
- 2. EPC By-Laws, approved by the commission on September 20, 2021
- 3. Kathie Hoekstra, email to Sarah Taylor, Legislative Director, EPC legislative priorities for 2022, October 25, 2021.
- Letter to City Manager Mark Jinks regarding FY2023 budget, November 1, 2021
- 5. Joint Letter from the Planning, Transportation and Environmental Policy Commissions to City Council regarding climate emergency, February 2, 2022
- Letter to City Council regarding Next Steps and FY2023 Manager's budget, March 14, 2022
- 7. Letter of support for low or no emissions Federal Transit Administration grant, May 17, 2022
- 8. Letter to Planning Commission regarding PRGS CDD and carbon neutrality analysis, June 3, 2022
- Letter to City Council and Manager on the specific projects/programs/staff recommended for funding from the \$1.85MM reserved climate/EJ fund, June 28, 2022

7. EPC Membership Recruitment and Leadership

During FY22, four members left and three new members joined the commission. At the end of June 2022, the Commission had 11 members out of a maximum of 13 members.

The Commission held its annual elections for FY2023 during its June 27, 2022, monthly meeting. Kathie Hoekstra, Michael Olex and Edith Cecchini were elected unanimously as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively.





FY2022 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY COMMISSION ATTENDANCE REPORT

Date: June 28, 2022

Commission Chair: Kathie Hoekstra

Signature: Kathie Hoekstra

			FY2022 E	nvironme	ntal Polic	cy Comm	ission At	tendance	Summa	ry					
				2021							2022				
Member's Name	30-Aug	20-Sep	25-Sep	18-Oct	20-Oct	15-Nov	13-Dec	24-Jan	28-Feb	21-Mar	18-Apr	16-May	21-May	27-Jun	% Attendance
Michael Bahleda	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α	N	86%
Eldon Boes	P	P	P	P.	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	100%
Edith Cecchini	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100%
Alexander Clark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	100%
Cynthia Elliott	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	100%
Oleksandr Faryga	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	E	P	P	Α	E	Р	86%
Nicole Heckman	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P	100%
Kathie Hoekstra	P	P	P	P	P	P	Р	P	Р	P	P	P	P	Р	100%
Jennifer Debias	P	P	P	P	Р	P	P	Α	Р	E	P	P	A	P	86%
Michael Olex	P	P	P	Р	P	P	P	P	Р	P	P	P	P	P	100%
Brendan Owens	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Р	E	P	P	P	Р	P	100%
William Pugh	P	P	Р	A	P	Р	Р	P	P	P	P	P	A	N	79%
Marta Schantz	Р	P	Р	. P	Р	Р	Р	P	E	P	P	P	P	Α	93%

P: Present; A: Absence - Unexcused; E: Absence - Excused; N: Not a member

APPENDIX F. ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE **MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON FROM JULY TO APRIL 2022: Tyler Vanice CO-CHAIRS FROM APRIL 2022: Tyler Vanice and Sue Johnson

MEMBER'S NAME	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Edgar Bates	E	E		X	X	X	E	E	Е	X	X	
Daniel Beard							U	U	U	U	U	
Claire Bennett	E	X		E	Е	X	Е	X	X	X	X	
Casey Clark							U	U.	U	U	U	
Kristen Eastlick	X			X	X	E	X	E	Е	X	E	
Robert Garbacz	E			U	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	
Sally Graham	X	X		U	U	E						
Jeanne Jacob	E	X		E	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Susan Johnson	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Chris Jones	U	U		U	U	U	U	E	E	U	U	
Stephen MacLeod												
Sean Marvin							X	X	E	X	U	
Margaret ("Mitzi") Moore	U	U					X	E	X	X	U	
Carol Myers	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Lovie Patish	U	U		E	U	U	X	U	X	U	U	
Thomas Smith	X	X		X	X	X	Е	X	X	X	E	
Jason Reardon	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	U	X	
Tyler Vanice	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	Е	X	X	
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LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

Daniel Beard Casey Clark Lovie Patish Chris Jones

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(APPROVED)	(Chairperson)

Tyler Vanice

Chair

George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee is responsible for the planning and carrying out of the City's annual George Washington Birthday celebration. Within these guidelines, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 session.

George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- · The committee passed Bylaws.
- Membership attendance at monthly meetings increased during the period where Zoom meetings were allowed.
- Once in person meetings became a requirement, there was a brief issue of gathering a quorum.
- Some organizations who have seats on the committee had never placed anyone on the committee or had joined and never returned.

Activities

- See attached list for full details of events. In brief, the following events were held:
 - o Washington Birthday Parade
 - o The "Cherry Challenge"
 - o "George Washington's Alexandria" Tours
 - o Birthnight Ball: Virtual
 - Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
 - Washington Symposium
 - o American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll
 - "Hunt for Washington"
 - o ¡Viva George! Celebrating Washington in Laredo and Alexandria Virtual
 - o Chocolate with General Washington
 - George Washington at Hooray for Books!
 - Link to Washington Birthday Parade video:
 - o https://www.facebook.com/7NewsDC/videos/265408348947229
 - Link to Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Wreath Laying:
 - o https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjsRreK9F-I&t=2s

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

 Proclamation of George Washington Birthday, month of February 2022. The festivities were dedicated to honor the Health Care Workers and First Responders who worked tirelessly during the pandemic.

Leadership

- Officers for the 2021-2022 year were as follows: Tyler Vanice Chair; Susan Johnson Vice-Chair; Jennifer Warren Secretary.
- Officers for the upcoming year, 2022-2023, were elected at the May 2022 meeting: Tyler Vanice and Sue Johnson were elected as Co-Chairs, and Carol Myers was elected as Secretary.
- Nicole Quinn, Michele Longo, and Gretchen Bulova from the Office of Historic Alexandria acted as the staff liaison to George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee during the 2021-2022 year.
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:

Edgar Bates

Daniel Beard

Claire Bennett

David Bissette

Casey Clark

Kristen Eastlick

Robert Garbacz

Sally Graham

Jeanne Jacob

Susan Johnson

Chris Jones

Stephen MacLeod

Sean Marvin

Margaret ("Mitzi") Moore

Carol Myers

Lovie Patish

Thomas Smith

Jason Reardon

Tyler Vanice

Jennifer Warren

Attachments

1. GWBCC Annual Attendance Report 2021-2022

- 2. 2022 GWBCC Summary of Events Overview
- 3. 2022 GWBCC Photos of Events
- 4. George Washington Birthday Celebration Schedule for 2022
- 5. GWBCC_Bylaws_2022_Adopted May 16 2022



George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee Alexandria, Virginia

Chocolate with Washington – February 12, 2022

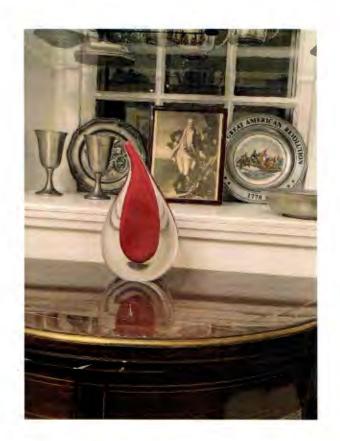








Duval House Reception - February 12, 2022









Hooray for Books! – February 13, 2022





Friendship Fire House Breakfast – February 21, 2022





Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier February 22, 2022







Armed Forces Community Covenant - February 22, 2022







George Washington Birthday Parade February 22, 2022









George Washington Birthday Parade February 22, 2022









George Washington Birthday Celebration 2022 Schedule

THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY CELEBRATION EVENT IS PUBLISHED ON www.washingtonbirthday.com by the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee (GWBCC).

Alexandria Celebrates George Washington on his 290th Birthday!

The City of Alexandria, Virginia, the adopted hometown of George Washington, celebrates his birthday each year with events throughout February. The highlight will be on February 21, 2022, when Alexandria residents and visitors will line the streets of Old Town Alexandria to cheer on the oldest and largest George Washington Birthday parade in the country. The parade features drum corps, color guards, bands, community and fraternal organizations, youth groups, local merchants, city dignitaries, and, of course, General Washington and Martha Washington. This year, the Celebration will honor Alexandria's health care workers and first responders, who will march as Parade Grand Marshals.

The Restaurant Cherry Challenge February 1-15, 2022

The "Cherry Challenge" is a competition among the finer restaurants in Alexandria. Each restaurant will develop its own cherry cocktail, appetizer, entrée, and/or dessert in honor of our distinguished native son, of course! The competing restaurants and their entries will be listed on the George Washington Birthday Celebration website and Facebook page, and the winners will be announced on Parade Day.

"Hunt for Washington" February 1-28, 2022

A fun and challenging game to uncover clues about Alexandria and George Washington. The hunt, which should take about 60-90 minutes to complete, will take individuals and families to places in Old Town Alexandria associated with the General. Start by printing a clue sheet from

www.washingtonbirthday.com at home and bring it with you as you traverse the heart of Old Town and then use your sleuthing skills to find answers to the clues. Submit your findings to gwbirthdayevents@gmail.com any time before the end of the day on February 28. There are prizes and mementos associated with this event! FREE.

American Legion Post 24 Run, Walk, n' Roll February 1-28, 2022

This George Washington Birthday Commemorative event is intended to build community and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional resiliency of participants—veterans and non-veterans alike. This month-long event during February 2022 encourages participants to run, walk and/or roll on their own for at least 24 miles in increments and routes they choose. Registration is \$24 and open until February 5, 2022. Visit https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Alexandria/GWB24RunWalkRoll for more information.

iViva George! Celebrating Washington in Laredo and Alexandria - Virtual Thursday, February 3, 2022

Alexandria has celebrated hometown legend George Washington for hundreds of years with parades and balls. Another city in America that has also celebrated with pomp and parade? Laredo, Texas. Learn from Dr. Elaine Peña, Associate Professor of American Studies at The George Washington University, about her research on these extensive festivities along the border. Afterwards, Tyler Vanice, Chair of Alexandria's George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, will join Dr. Peña as they explore the similarities and difference between Laredo and Alexandria. Dr. Peña book,

iViva George! Celebrating Washington's Birthday at the U.S.-Mexico Border, will be available for advance purchase at Gadsby's and the Alexandria History Museum. Cost is \$6 per person. Tickets are available through AlexandriaVA.gov/Shop.

"George Washington's Alexandria" Tours Every Sunday in February (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

On every Sunday in February 2022 (6th, 13th, 20th & 27th) at 2:00 p.m., you can explore historic Old Town Alexandria as George Washington knew it! This popular two-hour guided walking tour will visit sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues, including Christ Church, Light Horse Harry Lee's house, the Lord Fairfax home, Washington's townhouse, Gadsby's Tavern, Duvall Tavern, Wise's Tavern, the Carlyle House, Market Square, Ramsay House, the Apothecary Shop, and Gentry Row. To register, visit

https://www.eventbrite.com/ and search George Washington's Alexandria. FREE.

Chocolate with General Washington Saturday, February 12, 2022 2:00 p.m.

Children (and accompanying adults) are invited to spend an hour with General Washington to talk about the events of the revolution, ask questions of our first citizen, and enjoy hot chocolate and delicious comestibles. Masks will be required. Location: George Washington Masonic National Memorial. FREE.

Join George Washington at Hooray for Books! Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join General Washington as he engages youth with immersive books to children about General Washington, President's Day, and more at Hooray for Books! Recommended age group is 10 and younger. Masks will be required. Location: 1555 King Street, Alexandria, VA. FREE.

Friendship Firehouse Museum is Open Saturday, February 19, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Admission is \$2 per person and free to Alexandria residents. Younger visitors will receive a free fire hat and a take-away bag of fun activities! Guests must wear masks that cover their mouth and nose while in the building. Location: 107 S. Alfred Street.

Virtual Birthnight Banquet & Ball Saturday, February 19, 2022 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join in the celebrations that have been ongoing for hundreds of years - General Washington's Birthnight Ball. Gather your bubble to honor our first President over Zoom. Begin the evening with a video presentation about the history of this event and hear from those that have participated in it for years. Have conversations about your favorite Birthnight experience. Then the General will be available LIVE for all your questions! Lastly, enjoy English Country Dancing called by our expert Dance Master from the historic Ballroom that you can do with 1, 2, 4, 6 or 8 people at home. Period costumes of the 1790s encouraged! One virtual dance class on February 17th is included. Tickets are \$15 per person. A dinner from Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant and traditional Birthnight Ball cake from Bittersweet are available for pickup with separate purchase of \$50. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to Alexandria VA. gov/Shop.

Washington Symposium Saturday, February 26, 2022 1:00 p.m.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial hosts leading scholars of the life and legacy of George Washington. The theme of the 2022 George Washington Symposium is "The Political Education of George Washington, 1758-1774." The George Washington Symposium is held annually to honor Washington's birthday by providing the public with enlightening contemporary research on the life of George Washington. Admission is free and free parking is available.

George Washington Birthday Gala February 26, 2022

Formal (white tie optional). Reception at 5:00 p.m. Entertainment in the Memorial Theater at 6:30 p.m. Banquet in the Memorial's Grand Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. The presentation of the George Washington Memorial Award will take place during the banquet. Tickets are \$200. To purchase tickets, visit https://gwmemorial.org/. Tickets are limited.

Parade Day! Monday, February 21, 2022

Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Meet special guests and enjoy a hearty breakfast with members of this historic association. First appearance of the day of General and Martha Washington. Speaker: Mark Jinks, Retired Alexandria City Manager, relating his "hidden ghost" stories and other anecdotal experiences. Location: The Westin Alexandria Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Ticket Price: \$45, table of 10 \$400. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Bill Kehoe, Secretary, kehoefd@aol.com.

Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution 11:00 a.m.

Join the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Sons of the American Revolution as they honor the soldiers of the Revolution. Location: Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 So. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. No registration required. FREE.

Armed Forces Community Covenant Ceremony 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we honor our Nation's Veterans, Active Military, and their families with music and demonstrations. Speakers include Alexandria's Mayor and the commanders of major military installations in the metropolitan area. Sign the Covenant Document and show your support for our Military as we honor our first veteran. Location: Parade reviewing stand at King & Royal Streets. FREE.

George Washington Birthday Parade 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The nation's largest George Washington Birthday parade marches a one-mile route through the streets of his chosen hometown! Location: Old Town Alexandria. For more information, including parking, maps, route and status, visit www.washingtonbirthday.com, email mailto:gwbirthdayevents@gmail.com or call 571-384-8170. FREE.

Museums Open on Parade Day

While in Alexandria for the parade, stop by Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Regular admission applies, which means City of Alexandria residents can visit for free! Guests must wear masks that cover their mouth and nose while in the buildings.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Gadsby's Tavern Museum will have costumed guides throughout the museum sharing stories about the many people who worked in and visited the tavern, including George Washington. Location: 134 North Royal Street. Contact: Gadsby's Tavern Museum – phone (703) 746-4242

Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

The Apothecary Museum will be offering both first-floor admission as well as guided tours at 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, and 4:15. Residents interested in reserving space on a guided tour for free can call the museum at 703.746.3852. Location: 105-107 S. Fairfax Street.



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Alexandria, Virginia

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2022 George Washington Birthday Celebration Events Overview

Photos of the Parade and other February events can be viewed at http://washingtonbirthday.com/2022-event-photos.

George Washington Birthday Parade

Approximately 1400 individuals marched in the February 21, 2022 George Washington Birthday Parade, which included drum corps, color guards, bands, city and community dignitaries, community and fraternal organizations, youth groups and, of course, General Washington and Martha Washington. The weather was sunny and in the 50s, and the parade route through Old Town was lined with many thousands of spectators.

This year, the GWBCC honored Alexandria's Health Care Workers and First Responders as the Parade Grand Marshals. Health Care Workers were represented by Goodwin House & Healthcare, Inova, and Woodbine Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, and First Responders were represented by the Alexandria Fire Department.

A panel of judges gave awards in the categories of Antique Vehicles, Community & Fraternal Organizations, Community and Adult Bands, Floats, Historical Units, Honor Guards & Color Guards, Military & Drill Teams, Youth Groups, and The Spirit of George Washington. A list of winners can be viewed at http://washingtonbirthday.com/2022-parade-winners.

Sponsors of the Parade included: Platinum Sponsor - Brothers Paving & Concrete; Gold Sponsor - Microsoft Federal, Silver Sponsors - Simpson Real Estate Services and Zebra, George Washington's Preferred Hotel Sponsor - Duvall House; Bronze Sponsors - Burke & Herbert Bank; Friendship Fire Veterans Engine Association, Goodwin House & Healthcare, HBP, Inc., McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Inc., Redmon, Payton & Braswell LLP, and Wayne Valis; Supporting Sponsors – Honorable Frank Fannon IV and Kate Waller Barrett Chapter NSDAR.



Armed Forces Community Covenant Ceremony

Our Nation's Veterans, Active Military, and their families were honored at the Armed Forces Community Covenant Ceremony at the Parade Reviewing Stand immediately before the February 21 George Washington Birthday Parade. The Quantico Marine Corps band performed and the Quantico Marine Corps Color Guard presented colors. Speakers include Alexandria's Mayor and the commanders of major military installations in the metropolitan area. Participants and the public were invited to sign the Covenant Document and show their support for our Military as we honor our first veteran.



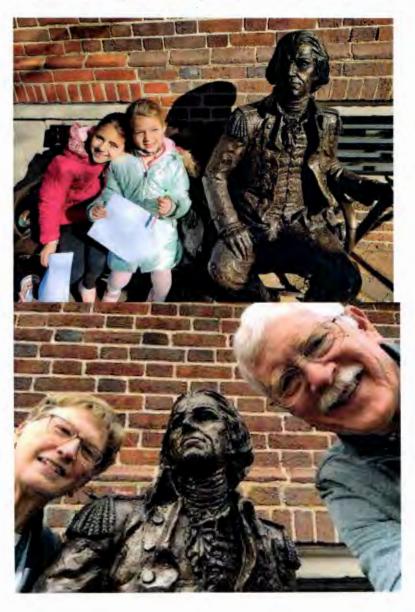
George Washington's Alexandria Guided Walking Tours

This free two-hour guided walking tour through Old Town Alexandria, given every Sunday in February, visited sites associated with Washington and his closest colleagues. Stops included Christ Church, Light Horse Harry Lee's house, the Lord Fairfax home, Washington's townhouse, Gadsby's Tavern, Duvall Tavern, Wise's Tavern, the Carlyle House, Market Square, Ramsay House, the Apothecary Shop, and Gentry Row. It was led by Danny Smith and Sue Johnson. Registrations, capped at 50 participants per tour, sold out quickly.



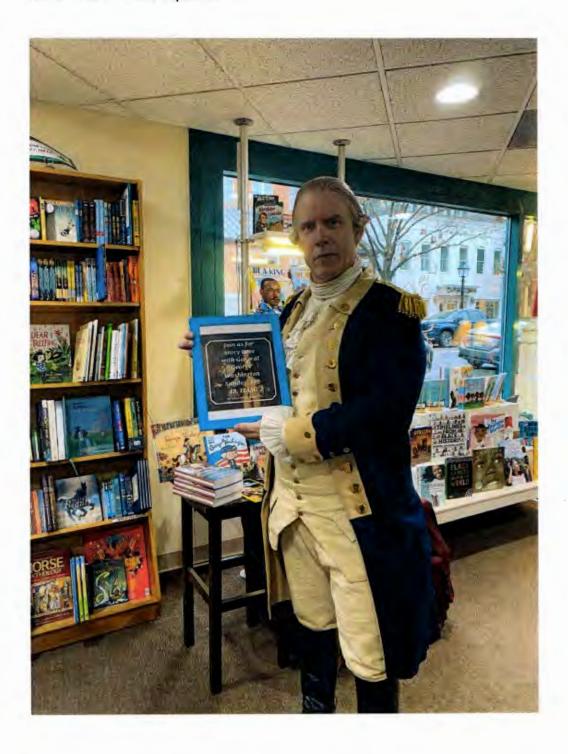
The Hunt for Washington

Individuals and families were invited to print Clue Sheets from the GWBCC website that contained clues to sites associated with Washington throughout Old Town. Participants then could walk to the sites at their chosen date and time between February 1-28 and complete questions in the Sheets. It's estimated that hundreds participated in the Hunt, and it was particularly popular with Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. Over 50 individuals and families submitted completed Clue Sheets to be eligible for a prize drawing in early March, and many sent photos taken by the statue of young Lieutenant Washington in front of Duvall House.. Three participants won a Murphy's gift certificate in the prize drawing, and three participants won a Panera Bread certificate.



Hooray for Books! Readings by George Washington

On Sunday, February 13, General Washington engaged 25 children and accompanying adults at a free event at Hooray for Books! In Alexandria, where he read from children's books about his life and answered questions.



The 2022 Cherry Challenge

Alexandria's "Cherry Challenge" culinary contest ran from February 1 through February 15 and included 20+ restaurants across the city competing to win by crafting their choice of a cherryoriented appetizer, entrée, beverage, or dessert.

The 2022 competition was contactless this year. Diners—whether dine-in or take-out—received QR codes to vote electronically for their favorite cherry entries based on three criteria: taste, presentation, and creativity. Diners rated each item from one to three cherries for a maximum score of 9 on each ballot. Point totals for each dish are divided by the number of ballots to get the average score. The highest average in each category wins.

This year's #GWCherryChallenge participant list includes Alexandria Pastry, Bastille, Café 44, Chadwicks, Cuates Grill Alexandria, Dishes of India, Lori's Table, RT's Restaurant, Sonoma Cellar, Village Brauhaus, Vaso's Mediterranean Bistro, Whiskey and Oyster, and others. The winners of the 2022 #GWCherryChallenge were:



Drink:

Winner: The Light Horse's "Cherry Rum Rum" Honorable Mention: Café 44's "Jubilee1823"



Appetizer:

Winner: Café 44's "Short Rib Crostini with Cherry Compote"

Honorable Mention: Dishes of India's



"Cherry Naan"



Entrée:

Winner: Cafe 44's "Cherry Cola Pork Sandwich"



Dessert:

Winner: Café 44's "Cherry Gelato"

Honorable Mention: Bastille's "Warm Cherry

Turnover"



The 2022 Gadsby's Tavern Museum Birthnight Ball

The virtual Birthnight Ball was a great success! Over 50 attendees who joined via Zoom, with breakout sessions that included Brian Hilton as General Washington and Gretchen Bulova, former museum director, who spoke about the history. And many enjoyed the two new videos created about the history of the event and more recent reminisces on it. (See below.) In addition, the Museum was open for Parade Day and hosted 104 guests.

Remembering the Birthnight Ball at Gadsby's Tavern Museum

Attendees from recent decades share their memories of the event and how it has changed since the 1990s. The ball was held virtually in 2021 and 2022. This short documentary was premiered at the 2022 ball.



The music used in this video was recorded in the museum's Ballroom for the album "Stepping into the 18th Century". The CD can be purchased at Gadsby's Tavern Museum or in our <u>online store</u>.

Birthnight Ball at Gadsby's: A History

Gadsby's Tavern Museum has hosted a birthnight ball in honor of George Washington since the 1790s. Washington even attended twice in 1798 and 1799. This video shares the evolution of an Alexandria tradition spanning four centuries. Produced by the staff of Gadsby's Tavern Museum for the 2022 virtual Birthnight Ball.



Masonic Fraternity Programs

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial had held its annual Symposium on February 26th. This year's theme was "The Political Education of George Washington, 1732–1774". James Ambuske, Ph.D., presented on "The Radicalization of Washington's Friends and Enemies Before the Revolution" and David O. Stewart, the recipient for the Memorial's George Washington Award, presented on "The Political Education of George Washington."

The same evening, there was a reception and Gala at the Memorial. Nearly two hundred people from around the country attended this event.

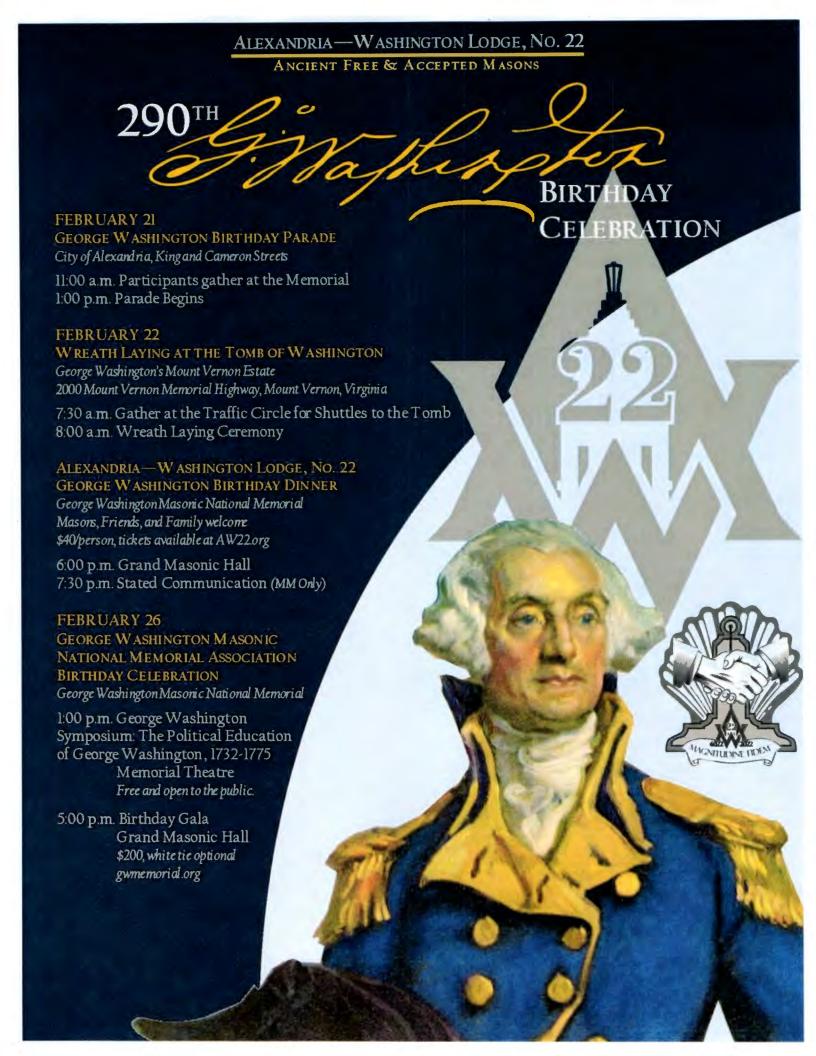
Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 had also celebrated Washington with a schedule of events.

Right. For the first time in two years, the Memorial is holding its Washington's Birthday Gala, Feb 25 2022.





Left. GWMNMA President Claire V. Tusch at Washington's Tomb Feb 25, 2022.



Hot Chocolate with George Washington

On Saturday, February 12, 2022 the GWBCC held a 1 hour long event entitled "Hot Chocolate with George Washington" at the Masonic Memorial Museum. The free event was limited to 50 attendees and was "sold-out" through EventBrite. The event began with Brian Hilton as George Washington and 35 attendees. Hot chocolate was purchased through Panera Bread. Additionally, water, sugar and chocolate chip cookies, chocolate candy, hand sanitizer, sterile gloves, were provided free to the participants.





Wreath Laying Ceremony at Old Presbyterian Meeting House

On Monday, February 21, 2022, the GWBCC with support of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter NSDAR and the George Washington Chapter VSSAR, held a 30 minute wreath laying event in the burial grounds of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. This event honors the memory of the Unknown Solder of the American Revolution buried there as well as all Veterans. The ceremony was free and was attended by approximately 60 members of the community and lineage organizations. It was open to the public without prior reservation. Before and after the event, members of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House hosted tours of the historic church. (Additionally, the Historian of the Church tolled the church bell during the ceremony presentation of the individual flowers laid upon the tomb. This bell is forged from parts of the original bell which tolled when the death of Gen. George Washington was announced). The 2022 program is attached on the following pages.







President of the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution and Virginia State Regent Daughters of the American Revolution



Regent, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter NSDAR



President, George Washington Chapter VSSAR





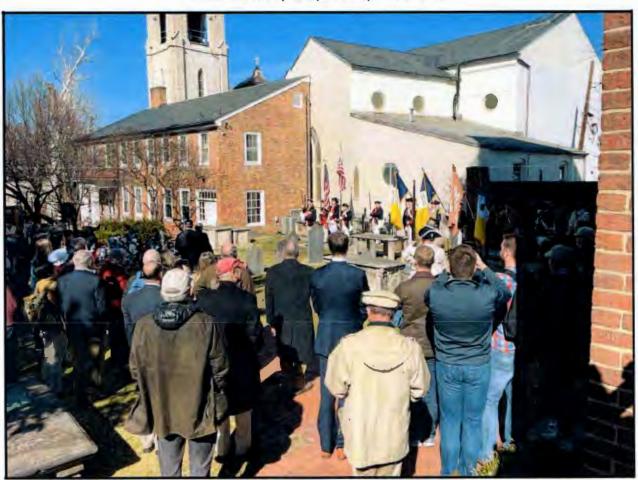
Representatives from the National Society and Virginia Society, Children of the American Revolution







Attendees line up to lay a rose upon the Tomb.



Large crowd attended the ceremony. This is the view in the OPMH burial grounds towards the Tomb.





George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee February 21, 2022

➢ Wreath Laying Ceremony
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Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution



Old Presbyterian Meeting House Churchyard Burial Ground Alexandria, Virginia

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution ~ Wreath Laying Ceremony

The Colors are Presented

VASSAR Color Guard

Sean Carrigan - Col James Wood II Paul Christensen - Col James Wood II

Dave Cook - Past President Fairfax Resolves Dale Corey - Past President Col James Wood II

Thomas (Chip) Daniel - President Col James Wood II

Leamon Duncan - Vice President Col William Grayson

David Huxsoll - President Fairfax Resolves Andrew Mills - Col William Grayson

Jack Mills - Col William Grayson Ken Morris - Past President George Mason

Brett Osborn - Col James Wood II Allan Phillips - Col James Wood II

Bill Schwetke - Past President Culpeper Minutemen and NSSAR National Trustee

Barry Schwoerer - Vice President Sgt. Maj John Champe Mike Weyler - Past President Col William Grayson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Sharon White - First Vice Regent, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Welcome

Richard E. Rankin - President, George Washington Chapter,

Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Welcome. As we celebrate the 290th anniversary of the birth of General Washington, we also pay our respects to Alexandria's unknown soldier of the American Revolution buried here, and honor all of our Veterans, American Patriots, who sacrificed their lives and fortunes for the cause. Additionally, on this President's Day, we acknowledge and extend heartfelt thanks for our Community's First Responders, Police and Healthcare employees who worked tirelessly through the pandemic.

Opening Prayer

Kathy Jacobs - Chaplain, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NSDAR

Heavenly Father, we stand before You deeply grateful for the valor of those Soldiers who have laid down their lives in service to our country. We ask You to help us, to forever remember their dedication, bravery, and sacrifice for our freedoms. We ask for Your blessing upon our First Responders, Police, and Healthcare workers. In Your Holy name, we pray. Amen

Virginia State Regent

LeAnn Turbyfill Greetings from the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution

Virginia Society President

Bruce Meyer Greetings from the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Placing of Their Wreaths

LeAnn Turbyfill - Virginia State Regent Daughters of the American Revolution

Bruce Meyer - President, Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution

Sara Cox - State President, Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution

Stacy Wajciechowski - Senior State President, Virginia Society Children of the American Revolution

Sharla Rausch - District V Director, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution

Michael E. Weyler - Governor, Order of the Founders & Patriots of America

Fritz J. Barth - President, George Mason Chapter, VASSAR

Chip Daniel - President, George Mason Chapter, VASSAR
- President, Colonel James Wood II Chapter

Leamon Duncan - Vice President, Colonel William Grayson Chapter, VASSAR

David Huxsoll - President, Fairfax Resolves Chapter, VASSAR

Kate Hooten - Regent, Thomas Lee Chapter, NSDAR
Nancy Weinberg - Regent, Arlington House Chapter, NSDAR

Placing of Their Wreaths (continued)

Bill Schwetke - National Trustee, Culpeper Minutemen Chapter NSSAR

Barry Schwoerer - Vice President, Sgt. Major John Champe Chapter

Clotilda Cassidy - Regent, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NSDAR

Richard E. Renkin - President, George Washington Chapter, VASSAR

Prayer

Rev. Tom Costa, Susan Costa - as George Washington's Minister the Rev. Massey and Mrs. Massey

"Strengthen and comfort, O Lord, all who mourn for the loss of loved ones now departed this life. Some have died in the service of our Country; and some, having served this Nation both in war and in peace, are now at rest. Be with those who mourn in their sorrow. Support them in their loneliness. Grant that they may know that nothing in life, not even death, can separate them from Your love declared so eloquently, in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen (From the VFW Chaplain's manual)

The Colors are Retired

Closing

Clotilda Cassidy

- Regent, Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NSDAR

The George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution, extend a sincere thank you to all who participated and attended today. With a special thank you to the members of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House who are the devoted caretakers of this historic church and burial ground.

Benediction

Rev. Tom Costa

- Recitation of the Tomb Inscription

"Here lies a soldier of the Revolution whose identity is known but to God. His was an idealism that recognized a Supreme Being, that planted religious liberty on our shores, that overthrew despotism, that established a people's government, that wrote a Constitution setting metes and bounds of delegated authority, that fixed a standard of value upon men above gold and lifted high the torch of civil liberty along the pathway of mankind. In ourselves his soul exists as part of ours, his memory's mansion."

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William Tyler Page

Opening of the Tomb Gate

Tobin Tracey

- Old Presbyterian Meeting House

"Please come forward if you would like to place a flower upon the Tomb as Psalm 37, from The Book of Common Prayer, 1662, is read."

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution History

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March 31, 1929 Evening Star, District of Columbia.

Children of the American Revolution Will Dedicate Memorial

A memorial to an unknown soldier of the Revolutionary War will be dedicated in the cemetery of the old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Friday, April 19, at 2:30 pm. under the sponsorship of the Children of the American Revolution, who will be in an annual convention here at that time.

The history of this unknown soldier's resting place was first brought to light in this generation by Mrs. Mary G. Powell, who called it to the attention of the American Legion post of Alexandria, which unveiled a temporary marker on Washington's birthday last year designating the grave.

According to Mrs. Josiah A. Van Orsdel, national president of the Children of the American Revolution, "This grave was not 'unknown' for the church records show that January 9, 1821, an unknown soldier of the Revolutionary War was interred. This record also tells that when excavations were being made on the land adjoining the cemetery the workmen happened to dig beyond their line and unearthed a munitions chest containing human bones, a pair of military spurs and something of a uniform, identifying the occupant of the grave as a Revolutionary soldier. Reverently, the remains were interred and so recorded in the church books."

Plans include construction of the monument over the grave of the same sort of stone as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the World War. Tribute will be paid at the spot on April 19, because that date is the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord. The Children of the American Revolution throughout the United States are giving 10 cents each for the monument. *End.*

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November 12, 1950 Evening Star, District of Columbia.

The First Unknown Soldier

While Armistice Day draws the attention of untold thousands to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, the grave of an unknown soldier of the Revolutionary War in Alexandria is known to relatively few persons. It is in the church yard of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at 321 South Fairfax Street.

The church was built in 1774 and the unknown soldier is believed to have died at Alexandria when the city was a hospitalization center during the Revolution. Probably because of the necessity for hasty burials, an ammunition box was used as his coffin.

The grave apparently was forgotten until 1821 when excavators accidentally dug into it. Fragments of the uniform and insignia identified the grave as that of a Revolutionary soldier.

The grave was moved a few feet to avoid the excavation work and again was closed. The reburial is noted with only a single line in the old church burial records for 1821. It reads: "June 19—An old Revolutionary soldier from Kentucky."

The grave again was forgotten for more than a century until it was marked by the Alexandria American Legion in 1928. A year later, a monument was placed over it by the National Society Children of the American Revolution. *End*.

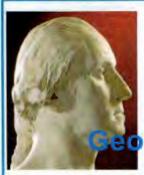
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George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

Birth Ast Celebration Column C

From the time of the Revolutionary War, the City has celebrated George Washington's birthday with parades, performances, and dances. In 1976, the present George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee was formed to organize and carry out the City's annual celebration. Its members are appointed by the Alexandria City Council and include representatives from the American Legion, the Masonic Fraternity, the Federation of Civic Associations, the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society, the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Citizens of Alexandria at large. All meetings are held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial on the third Monday of every month, except January and February. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. The citizens of Alexandria are welcome to attend these meetings either in person or virtually as the City designates.

Email gwbirthdayevents@gmail.com for more information.









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March, 2022

February GW Chapter Meeting



Below: Dr. Douglas Bradburn, President & CEO of Mount Vernon was presented with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his stewardship of Mt. Vernon's legacy. At left is President Rankin and right is Joe Dooley.

Dr. Bradburn's appreciation letter to our chapter appears elsewhere in this monthly newsletter.

Above: Former NSSAR President General Joe Dooley, Dr. Douglas Bradburn and GW President Richard Rankin.



Right:
President Rankin
presenting
Dr. Bradburn
with a small
replica of the
Houdon bust.





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Corner

Compatriots:

February is the Super Bowl for all things Washington and this month did not disappoint.



At our February 5th Chapter Meeting, our guest speaker was Dr. Doug Bradburn, President & CEO of Mount Vernon. Dr. Bradburn presented a behind-the-scenes look at Mount Vernon's current progress and upcoming challenges. Afterwards, our chapter presented Dr. Bradburn with the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for his stewardship of Mt. Vernon's legacy. Dr. Bradburn's appreciation letter to our chapter appears elsewhere in this monthly newsletter.

At the conclusion of our meeting, many members drove to Mt. Vernon to attend the VASSAR Memorial Services for William "Billy" Lee, Patriot of the American Revolution. In spite of the bitter cold, many SAR and DAR chapters participated and presented wreaths to pay their respects to Washington's loyal manservant. I had the honor of presenting our chapter wreath. On February 21, the George Washington Birthday Celebration returned to Alexandria to large crowds and spring-like temperatures. On that Monday morning, we gathered at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolution behind the Presbyterian Meeting House in Old Town for the annual wreath laying ceremony co-hosted by the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, NSDAR and the George Washington Chapter. We were joined by dozens of other SAR chapter members and 22 VASSAR Color Guard members. The newly-installed VASSAR President, Bruce Meyer, joined us and presented remarks and the VASSAR wreath. I had the honor of presenting our chapter wreath at the tomb. In the afternoon, our chapter members ioined with other VASSAR chapters and the VASSAR Color Guard to march

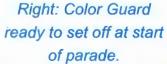
Washington Birthday Parade. The parade was organized by the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee on behalf of Alexandria. Our chapter has a standing member on the 19-person committee; many thanks to Compatriot Edgar Bates for ably representing the SAR on this important committee.

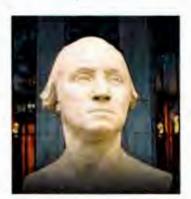
The next day was Washington's 290th Birthday. Accordingly, our chapter held a wreath laying at Washington's Tomb. Dr. Doug Bradburn, President of Mt. Vernon. joined us and presented remarks. VASSAR President Bruce Meyer joined me as we presented our chapter wreath in front of Washington's Tomb. The Tuesday evening finished with a National Celebration of Washington's 290th birthday on-line with programming from Mt. Vernon presenting noted guests and historians. The evening fireworks exploding over the Potomac and highlighting the Washington Mansion was a fitting end to 48 hours of the many birthday celebrations.

Looking ahead, our March 12 chapter meeting will feature David Smith as our featured speaker. David Smith will discuss his book, "The Armstrong Brothers". It is a story of three brothers from Pennsylvania serving during the Revolutionary War up until 1783. We will also have an updated report on the chapter's grave marking efforts and the recording of more PRS cemeteries in Virginia. At our April 9 chapter meeting, Dr. H.W. Brands will present his newly released book, "Our First Civil War," about the struggles between loyalists and patriots. We will also present a tutorial demonstration of our chapter's website software, Wild Apricot. At our May 14 chapter meeting, we will be recognizing our chapter nominated JROTC candidate, Cadet Kyle Lovejoy. Cadet Lovejoy won the VASSAR Enhanced JROTC Competition and now advances to the National Competition. Cadet Lovejoy and his parents will be our guests during our May 14 meeting.

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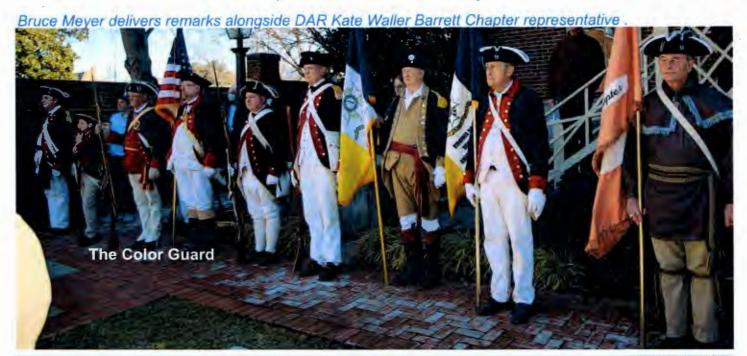


Tomb of The Unknown Revolutionary Soldier at The Old Presbyterian Meeting





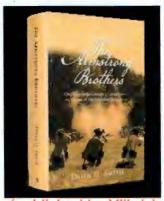
Above: GW President Richard Rankin places rose on tomb and at right VASSAR President



Another happening from the Old Presbyterian Meeting House.
Last October Rand Pixa was awarded a Certificate of Distinguished Service (along with other committee members) for his work on the Wild Apricot project, and a Bronze Roger Sherman Medal for his service as Treasurer and Master of all things Zoom. Past GW President Tom Roth was able to properly present them to Rand in person.



march Gw Chapter Guest Speaker



David O. Smith, COL, USA (Ret.) reveals the story of 'The Armstrong Brothers' New historical study details one Pennsylvania family's contribution to victory in the American Revolution.

Author David O. Smith, in his latest publication titled "The Armstrong Brothers"

(published by Xlibris), invites readers to witness the American Revolution through the eyes of three young Pennsylvanians living on the frontier and see how it changed the course of their lives. This is the story of three brothers, James, John and Hamilton Armstrong, whose combined wartime experiences encompassed almost the totality of the American Revolution from Canada in the north to South Carolina in the south and along the western frontier. At the outset of the Revolution, two joined the Continental Army, rose from the ranks to become officers, and served until the army was disbanded in 1783. The youngest brother remained home to work the farm, protected the family, and served in militia and "ranger" units that defended the frontier from repeated attacks from hostile Indian tribes. Through their journey, readers will learn how difficult it was to achieve American independence, how often the issue was in doubt, and the enormous debt people owe to the soldiers who fought for it.

"The Armstrong Brothers" will be of interest to those who are interested in early American history, military history in general, and/or the American Revolution in particular.



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Corner (from Page 2)

Our next chapter meeting will be this week on March 12. Please visit our chapter website (www.gwsar.org) and go to the "Events" tab to register and pay on-line with one easy click. Enjoy our upcoming Spring programs.

Richard E. Rankin
President, George Washington Chapter



"A citizen, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."-Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, December 26, 1799.

"To his equals he was condescending, to his inferiors kind, and to the dear object of his affections exemplarily tender."--Henry Lee, December 26, 1799

President	Richard Rankin: 703-538-5805
Vice President	Rand Pixa: 703-622-7001
Treasurer	Bill Wilson: 301-523-2690
Secretary	Scott Walker: 703-216-4798
Registrar	Richard Sherman: 301-654-6319

The George Washington Chapter was chartered in its present form on April 2, 1954. With over 250 members, it is Virginia's largest SAR chapter. Meetings customarily are held at 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month (June, July & August excepted) at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Immediate Past President:

Tom Roth: 703-739-8811

Ride Share: Members in need of a ride to a Chapter meeting or a Chapter-sponsored event may contact the Amenities Committee Chairman, Don Reynolds, at (703) 765-4947. This newsletter is temporarily edited by Pete Farley. Inputs from Chapter officers, committee chairmen, and fellow Compatriots are always needed. Please send your inputs and comments to nyyno7@cox.net or call 703-585-3163.



March through the years with George Washington

- 1674 on the 1st--Patent including Mt. Vernon land issued to John Washington.
- 1761 on the 14th--Washington takes legal possession of Mt. Vernon.
- 1776 on the 11th--Washington forms the Life Guard.
- 1776 on the 17th--Washington leads Continental Army into Boston.
- 1781 on the 1st--Articles of Confederation go into effect.
- 1783 on the 15th--Washington delivers Newburgh address.
- 1785 on the 25th--Washington hosts Mt. Vernon Conference.
- 1787 on the 28th--Washington agrees to serve as delegate at Constitutional Convention.
- 1789 on the 4th--The Constitution goes into effect.
- 1793 on the 4th--Washington takes oath for second term as president.



241st Anniversary of the Crossing of the Dan





Washington Chapter at the 241st
Anniversary Commemoration of the
Crossing of the Dan, in South Boston,
Virginia. The ceremony was held
inside, but the wreath laying was at
the site of the crossing (bright but
cold day). The "7th Virginia Regiment
of the Continental Line" had a number
of members shooting muskets of the
period and one rifle of the period.
They also had a three-pound cannon
which they fired off.

Knight Essay & JROTC Enhanced Cadet Award

Cadet Lovejoy received the JROTC
Outstanding Cadet Award for the state.
Cadet Lovejoy is shown with his

parents at right & Below is Cadet Lovejoy with VASSAR President





Chapter Registrar and VASSAR Knight Essay
Chairman Rich Sherman (right), with VASSAR
President Jeff Thomas presenting certificate & medal
to this year's essay winner Kashyi Ramani.

upcoming Events

March 12, 2022–Saturday: 11:30 am
George Washington Chapter
Hybrid Zoom Meeting
Belle Haven Country Club
Alexandria, VA
Speaker: David O Smith, author of the
Revolutionary War through the
experiences of "The Armstrong Brothers"
Please confirm attendance on Chapter Website
under Events tab; On-line luncheon payment
option available on Chapter Website.

March 16, 2022–Wednesday: Wreath-Laying at the Tomb of James Madison Montpelier, Orange, VA

April 9, 2022–Saturday: 11:30 am
George Washington Chapter
Hybrid Zoom Meeting
Belle Haven Country Club
Alexandria, VA
Speaker: Prof. H. W. Brands, author of his
headlining book, Our First Civil War Please
confirm attendance on Chapter Website

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April 9, 2022—Saturday: 11:00 am Multi-Chapter Event Graves Mountain Lodge For more information, see

option available on Chapter Website.

https://www.gwsar.org/Events

May14, 2022—Saturday: 11:30 am
George Washington Chapter
Hybrid Zoom Meeting
Belle Haven Country Club
Alexandria, VA
Speaker: Prof. V. Scott Kaufmann, on
the impact on the Revolutionary War
of the campaigns of Francis Marion.
Please confirm attendance on Chapter Website
under Events tab; On-line luncheon payment
option available on Chapter Website.

Members' Note: Details for events are updated on the Chapter website at www.gwsar.org. Please remember that you must be logged in to view SAR member's-only events in addition to public events.

Speaker (from Page 2)

It should also be of regional interest in Pennsylvania because the three brothers grew up along what was then the frontier in Northumberland County and because many of the battles described occurred in or near the state.

David O. Smith is a distinguished fellow with the South Asia Program at the Stimson Center, a nonpartisan policy research center in Washington, D.C., and an independent consultant to Sandia National Laboratories on issues related to South Asia. He regularly participates in quasi-official (Track 2) engagements with senior Pakistan and India officials sponsored by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, the Woodrow Wilson International Center, and the U.S. Institute for Peace in Washington D.C. Smith retired from government service in May 2012 after serving in a senior position in the Defense Intelligence Agency. Prior to that, he was senior country director for Pakistan in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) in the Department of Defense. During 31 years of active duty service in the U.S. Army, he spent 22 years dealing with politicomilitary issues in the Near East and South Asia, including two three-year tours of duty as U.S. Army Attaché in Pakistan. He retired as a colonel. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and the Pakistan Army Command and Staff College. Smith is also the author of "The Quetta Experience: A Study of Attitudes and Values Within the Pakistan Army" and "The Wellington Experience: A Study of Attitudes and Values Within the Indian Army."



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George wasnington Chapter and VASSAR Annual Meeting

On February 11-12, 2022 the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution (VASSAR) held its Annual Meeting at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Among the highlights, R. Bruce Meyer was installed as the 102th VASSAR President by Troy Foxwell, Vice President General of the Mid-Atlantic District, NSSAR. Our chapter saw 13 members and two spouses attend the meetings.

Over the course of the two-day meetings, the George Washington Chapter was recognized multiple times for the achievements of its individual members and the Chapter as a whole, and for the achievements of individuals sponsored by our various Chapter Public Safety and Youth Awards programs.

In terms of State Officers, Ernie Coggins was elected State First Vice President; Tom Roth was reelected as State Historian; Dave Thomas was re-appointed by President Meyer as an Assistant VASSAR Registrar; and Richard Rankin to serve as a Vice President of the new Northern Region. For Individual Awards, Jamie Callender was awarded Webmaster of the Year. VASSAR established a new state level public service award this year named the "John Blair Public Service Award". Fittingly, John presented the first such award given to a chapter which enters a candidate in all five public safety awards categories. More Individual Awards were awarded as follows: Patriot Grave Marking Medal (Ernie Coggins and Tom Roth); Virginia Society Medal (Paul Walden); Silver Roger Sherman Medal (Ernie Coggins and Tom Roth); Lafayette Medal (multiple Oak Leaf Clusters to Jamie Callender, Greg Bodge and Craig Batten).

As to Chapter Awards, we received 7 streamers (ribbons): the Best Chapter Website 2021; Sponsor, Best JROTC Cadet 2021; Participant, Youth Programs & Contests 2021; Chapter Excellence Award 2021; Lift Your Voice 2021-22; 100% Participation-Flag Retirement Program 2021; and Participant-Flag Retirement Program 2021. There was a Star for the Chapter Excellence Award denoting contributions to the Leatherwood Project. Although no actual award was presented, our chapter placed Second in the Scrapbook Competition.

I was delighted to see so many of our members at the Annual Meeting and the long list of awards presented to our chapter and also to our chapter members.

Richard E. Rankin



Above: GW Past President and our resident photographer Tom Roth is shown with Dr. Bradburn and Joe Dooley.

The Editor's ancestor, Summers Co. in WV.





MOUNT * VERNON

February 8, 2022

Richard E. Rankin, President George Washington Chapter Virginia Society, SAR P.O. Box 77 Mount Vernon, VA 22121

Richard,

Thank you for your kind invitation to speak at the George Washington Chapter meeting on February 5 to provide a behind-the-scenes look at Mount Vernon's current progress and upcoming challenges. I was particularly happy with the enthusiasm shown by so many SAR members about Mount Vernon's legacy and was happy to answer questions, which were very much on point.

I was honored to receive the prestigious SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal. Thank you very much, and I appreciate the SAR's support for our stewardship of Mount Vernon's legacy. I look forward to my next opportunity to see you at the estate.

The work of the SAR is critical and allied to the mission of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, which is to help Americans understand the legacy and sacrifice that helped create the freedoms that we so enjoy.

My very best regards.

Douglas Bradburn, Ph. D.

President & CEO

Douglas Bradburn, Ph.D. President & CEO

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ALEXANDRIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FY 2022 Annual Report

This report of the Alexandria Human Right Commission (HRC) highlights the activities that were accomplished by the Commission during the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

The Human Rights Commission was established in 1975 with the passage of Alexandria's Human Rights Ordinance. Since its enactment, the original ordinance has undergone several revisions and amendments.

The Commission is comprised of 14 citizen members appointed by the Alexandria City Council. Nine members are "at large"; the remaining five seats are designated for representatives of other City Commissions and Boards: Commission on Persons with Disabilities, Commission on Aging, Commission for Women, Economic Opportunities Commission, and Landlord-Tenant Relations Board.

The Human Rights Commission is charged with ensuring that equal rights are afforded to all individuals who live, work, and visit in the City of Alexandria regardless of their race, sex, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, age, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or transgender status. More specifically, the Commission advises the City Manager, Mayor and City Council on matters related to human rights, educates the community on responsibilities and protections under the ordinance, and adjudicates specific complaints.

The Human Rights Commission is grateful to all its members, who contribute their time and knowledge to promote human rights and eliminate discrimination in the City of Alexandria. Jean Kelleher, Director of the Office of Human Rights, serves as the staff liaison to the Commission and manages a staff of seven, including three investigators and the City's ADA Program Manager, who review, investigate, and conciliate complaints of unlawful discrimination. The Office of Human Rights staff also participates in outreach efforts and conducts training on diversity and discrimination.

Commission Priorities and Achievements:

The Commission agreed to the following priorities for the year:

- Fair and affordable housing, and taxes on elderly homeowners in Alexandria
- Fair policing, including transferring funds from police to Mental Health programs, and police training on Mental Health issues
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Implementation of Citizen Policing Review Board
- Immigration and citizenship
- Racial, gender, and religious equity
- Education and the impact of COVID-19 on equitable education.

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- Fully funded K-12 programs
- Meeting with the ACPS Superintendent
- School Resource Officer (SRO) Program
- Voting rights
- Meeting with new City leaders, City Department Heads, and other officials regarding public safety, diversity, equity, and accessibility
- Oversight of complaints handled by the Office of Human Rights and facilitation of the filing of complaints. Data review to identify systemic inequality.
- Technology and its impact on human rights
- Creation of a rainbow crosswalk in the City (The Commission drafted a letter to City Council asking the City to create a PRIDE crosswalk (rainbow crosswalk) in a prominent intersection in Old Town, to recognize people of color and LGBTQ+ residents and visitors. The City denied the request citing safety and potential liability concerns of City staff, but the Commission is working to make the idea a reality.

Guest Speakers:

- T&ES Principal Planner Jen Slesinger did a presentation on the Alexandria Mobility Plan.
- Darrlynn Franklin, President of the NAACP, Alexandria Chapter talked about the history and mission of the organization and had a discussion on current issues impacting City of Alexandria.
- The City's Legislative Director and Assistant City Manager, Sarah Taylor, gave a presentation on this year's legislative session and the expectations given the change in the balance of power in the General Assembly. She informed that there might be changes to the final redistricting map. Some other topics of discussion were: The prioritization of minimum wage and the future of other basic protections that may be rollbacked; The status of Virginia's law under contributory negligence; Bill 659 and its limitations.
- Hon. Mark Levine gave a presentation on the state of voting rights in Virginia and nationwide. He talked about important voting rights bills that have become the law in Virginia and other important bills that are pending approval, particularly the automatic restoration of voting rights for felons, among others.
- Acting Alexandria Police Chief, Don Hayes, gave a presentation on the diversity aspect of the Police Department, the challenges and the outreach efforts the department is undertaking in order to recruit diverse officers. He gave an overview of the Police department's sworn employees by rank, a proposed cadet program and the Teen Academy.
- Ken Rose, Tom Fitzpatrick from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Desha Hall-Winstead, Director of Pretrial Services in Alexandria gave a presentation on the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument and how it is applied in the City of Alexandria.
- Goodman Okpara from the Office of Housing gave a presentation regarding the Fair Housing testing results.

- Natalie Talis from the Alexandria Health Department gave a presentation on COVID-19 in the City and talked about challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned along with AHD's outreach efforts in underserved communities.
- Diane Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities, talked about
 the functions of the department. The Commission discussed the challenges it is facing
 with the rainbow crosswalk idea that the Commission originally put forth before
 City Council about a year-and-a-half ago, and brainstormed ideas on how to make it
 happen.

Issues raised/discussed:

- Removing the word "handicapped' from the Virginia Code
- Advocating for a change in legislation regarding Contributory Negligence.
- Shutdown of 3G networks and the impact on the elderly and underserved communities.
- Director Jean Kelleher was interviewed by a news outlet regarding a hate crime in the city. The Office of Human Rights has decided that it will now start tracking hate incidents in the City.

Commission Goals for FY 2023

The Human Rights Commission has set the following goals for the fiscal year:

- Community engagement (collaboration to reach underserved communities) with teams of Commissioners and Human Rights Office staff
 - o New resource materials & enhanced webpage
- Promoting the Office of Human Rights' and the Commission's role in addressing discriminatory practices in housing
- Meeting with community and advocacy groups in locations throughout City
- Meeting w/City Department Heads & ACPS Superintendent on issues that might give rise to discrimination
 - ACPS & APD –SRO's; student violence; trans & queer children; discipline & special education
 - o Language Access
- Meeting with Citizen Climate Group on environmental equity
- Inviting Jaqueline Tucker to speak about the ALL Alexandria Race and Social Equity initiative, the City Council Resolution & measurable goals
- Seeking support for Rainbow Crosswalks (LGBTQ+ public art project)
- Analysis of Board & Commission appointment data from Legistar
- Analysis of Workforce Utilization & Applicant Tracking data from NeoGov
- Adding Source of Income as a protected class in the City Human Rights Code

Conclusion

FY 2022 was a difficult year because the COVID-19 pandemic was still a high risk, but it was a better year than FY 2021 for the Human Rights Commission. Although the Commission was not able to go out in the community to conduct outreach events, the Commission was able to start conducting their meetings in person starting in April of 2022. Even with the difficulty of the pandemic, the Commission and the Office of Human Rights worked diligently to achieve their objectives of promoting human rights and eliminating discrimination in the City of Alexandria.

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA **ALEXANDRIA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION** MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Matt Harris

MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Danielle Beach	X		X	X	E	X	Е	Е	X	X	Е	E
Justin Beland											X	X
Marc Bendick, Jr.												X
Lisl Brunner, Vice Chair	X		X	X	X	Е	X	X	X	X	X	X
Michelle Cho	X		X	X	X	Е	X	U.	X	Е	X	X
Janeka Cogdell	U		X	X	X	X	X	U	U	U	Е	Е
Kevin Edwards, Vice Chair	Е		X	X	X	Е	X	X	X			
Lynette Foster	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	U		
Christopher Harris	X		U	X	X	X	Е	Е	X	X		
Matt Harris, Chair	X		X	X	Е	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Susan Kellom	E		X	U	Е	X	X	X	X	X	X	E
Katherine Lloyd	X		X	X	X	X						
Katherine O'Connell									X	U	X	X
C. Elizabeth "PJ" Palmer Johnson	X		Х	X	X	X	Х	X	X	U	X	Е
William Tom Reeder, Jr.											X	X
David Rigsby	X		X	X	Е	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scott Schwartz	X		E	Е	X	X	E	E	X	X	Е	X
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U - FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

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(APPROVED)	Murk	(Chairperson

Alexandria Independent Community Policing Review Board Annual Report

September 7, 2022

I. Summary/Introduction

Per Alexandria ordinance 5337, the Alexandria Community Policing Review Board is to produce a public report to the City Council by September of each fiscal year of its activities for the prior fiscal year, along with any comments and recommendations. The Board began meeting in January 2022, and has been diligently working on readiness requirements in the ordinance such as hiring an Independent Policing Auditor/Investigator, drafting bylaws, and completing training.

II. Selection of the Independent Auditor

The Board has had a significant role in the selection of the Independent Auditor position. It has received advice from the City Attorney's Office on the selection process, and has reviewed and discussed the resumes of the applicants identified by Polihire, the search firm hired by the City Manager's Office to find candidates for the position. On May 4, the Board met with the City Manager to discuss the hiring process for the Auditor position and the candidate resumes they had reviewed thus far. On May 13, Board Chair Todd Pilot and and Vice Chair Emily Flores met with Kenyatta Uzzell, CEO of Polihire, to better understand the selection process and to provide feedback on the Board's view of the role of the Auditor and the background and characteristics they saw as important for the position. Polihire identified four candidates. The Board interviewed the four candidates and asked the City Council to interview three of the four candidates.

III. Bylaws

The Board requires the assistance of the Auditor to implement its bylaws, pursuant to Code Section 2-4-224(b), which ultimately require adoption by City Council to go into effect. *Id.*Nevertheless, the Board has already prepared an initial draft of the bylaws. On March 2, the board established a bylaws subcommittee, which met regularly and prepared a complete draft of the bylaws. The bylaws subcommittee has regularly updated the full board on the bylaws during the Board's regular meetings.

IV. Training

The ordinance has a number of training requirements for Board members. The inaugural Board members were required to complete their annual training requirements within six months of their appointment. Code Sec. 2-4-226. It has been a challenge trying to schedule and complete twelve months of training within six months.¹ Nevertheless, as of the date of this report, the Board members

¹ On a motion by the Board, Board member Rob Krupicka spoke to the Mayor to request that the City Code be amended to extend the six-month training deadline. The Mayor indicated to Mr. Krupicka that an amendment may not be necessary if the Board members were able to complete the required training by September 30, 2022.

are expected to have completed their training requirements by the end of September 2022. For each member, this training will include:

- Presentation on the Board's powers and duties under Title 2, Chapter 4, Article AAA of the City Code (the Independent Community Policing Review Board Article) by Meghan Roberts and Robert Porter of the City Attorney's Office;
- Presentation on the Board's obligations under FOIA, conflict of interest and ethics rules, and Roberts Rules of Order by David Lanier of the City Attorney's Office;
- Presentation on use of force by APD Sgt. Ryan Staab;
- Presentation on the investigative process of the APD Office of External Affairs and Professional Responsibility by Sgt. Jeff Harrington, with assistance from Sgt. Aloysius Asonglefac;
- Three ride-alongs with the APD; and
- Eight hours of National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement training webinars.

V. Goals/Benchmarks for Coming Year

- Enact bylaws and investigation procedures
- Get Auditor, Board Chair and Board Vice Chair involved in NACOLE and registered for NACOLE conferences, encourage other Board members to get involved with NACOLE
- Execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the APD
- Create an intake process and tracking system
- Issue the Board Readiness Resolution
- Begin reviewing investigative cases
- Make available videos of meetings on website
- Review of APD policies
- Meet with community groups, the APD, and police union.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd A. Pilot, Chair Emily Flores, Vice Chair

City of Alexandria VA - Member Attendance Report - 2022

Independent Community Policing Review Board

Member	Jan 17, 2022	Feb 02, 2022	Mar 02, 2022
Christopher Lewis	P	P	Р
Francisco Duran	P	R P	P. Land
Jeanne Otoole	P	P	Р
Darrlynn Franklin	P. P.		P
Rob Krupicka	P	Р	Р
Ingris Moran	P	Partin Partin Partin	P
Todd Pilot	P	Р	Р
Emily Flores		P	P

Present:	7	8	8
Absent:	0	0	0
Excused:	0	0	0

^{*} P = Present

^{*} A = Absent

^{*} E = Excused

^{*} C = Canceled

Apr 06, 2022	May 06, 2022	Jun 01, 2022	Jul 06, 2022	Aug 03, 2022	TOTALS
P	P	P	Р	Р	100.0%
Р	A	A	P	P P	75.0%
P	P	P	Р	P	100.0%
P	P	P	A		87.5%
P	Р	P	Р	P	100.0%
P	P	P	P P		100.0%
P	Р	P	Р	P	100.0%
P	P	P	P	P	87.5%
8	7	7	7	8	95.24%
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0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

DATE:

September 8, 2022

Directors

Dwight Dunton

TO:

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council

Chair

CC:

Hon. Justin Wilson, Mayor

Members of City Council

Jennifer Atkins

Vice Chair

FROM:

Directors of the Alexandria Industrial Development Authority (IDA)

through Stephanie Landrum, IDA Administrator

Christopher Hartman

Secretary

RE:

IDA Annual Report (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick

Thomas Hyde

Eric Strickland

Pursuant to Alexandria's City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(1), attached is the Alexandria IDA's Annual Report for the most recent completed fiscal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Counsel to the AIDA

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

The Report includes a current list of IDA board members and their attendance records for FY 2022. No member of the IDA was absent without excuse for greater than 25 percent of the IDA's meetings.

Staff to the AIDA Stephanie Landrum Christina Mindrup

AEDP, Inc.

The IDA completed two bond transactions this year, working with organizations who have utilized tax exempt financing to grow facilities and investment for decades. Episcopal High School financed the costs of designing, constructing and equipping a new health center and two new dormitories, while Goodwin House refinanced their outstanding debt to recognize substantial savings across multiple facilities in Northern Virginia.

At the end of this most recent fiscal year, in June 2022, the Authority facilitated a "first of its kind" project by facilitating a blend of taxable and tax exempt bonds for the Hotel Heron- the financing, wholly owned by the hotel developer, will be backed by taxes and fees generated by the hotel once it is open and operational.

Our financing activity noted above, along with smaller receipts from pooled financing programs, collectively yielded 2022 IDA fees (all paid to the City to support economic development activities) of just over \$315,000.

Over the past 24 years (since the beginning of FY1998) we have processed 88 applications, issued more than \$1.5 billion in bonds and collected in excess of \$3.7 million in fees, which are dedicated for economic development purposes. No losses have ever been incurred by the IDA or the City over the history of this program. The IDA's bond issuances continue to be at no cost or liability to the City or the IDA, which are immune by state law from liability for the repayment of the bonds that the IDA issues and from associated costs and interest, and the IDA is represented in transactions by skilled legal counsel at the expense of borrowers and not the City.

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This year, as in the past, the IDA received extraordinary support from our administrator, AEDP President & CEO Stephanie Landrum, our legal counsel, Michael W. Graff of McGuireWoods LLP, and City Finance Director Kendel Taylor.

The IDA Board continued its review of its structure, procedures and capabilities in order to best serve the City and its economic development goals, and engaged in a strategic conversation with new City Manager Jim Parajon in June 2022. The Authority did not make any notable changes to procedures, policies, or functions during this fiscal year(s) reporting period.

In addition to the attendance report, please find attached to this memo minutes from each Authority meeting held in FY2022 and a list of applications processed during the fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Landrum, President & CEO, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, Inc. at 703/739-3820.

ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1. 2021 THROUGH IUNE 30. 2022

CHAIRPERSON:	DWIGHT DUNTON	

MEMBER'S NAME	Aug '21	Sep '21	Oct '21	Apr 11, '22	Apr 25, '22	May '22	Jun '22
Dwight Dunton	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jennifer Atkins	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Christopher Hartman	X	X	X	E	X	X	X
Lisa Edouard	X	X	X	Е	X	X	E
Dak Hardwick	X	X	X	X	X	E	E
Thomas Hyde*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	X	X
Ken Notis*	X	E	X	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eric Strickland	X	X	X	X	X	E	X

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT

E - FOR EXCUSED

U - FOR UNEXCUSED

*NOTE: Notis resigned in April 2022; Hyde was appointed to the IDA in May 2022.

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

NONE

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON(APPROVED)

Administrator & Assistant Secretary (Chairperson)

on behalf of Dwight Dunton, Chair

Directors

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes August 4, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Christopher Hartman

Vice Chair

Secretary

Present:

Dwight Dunton

Jennifer Atkins

Chris Hartman

Lisa Edouard Dak Hardwick

Ken Notis Eric Strickland

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick

Ken Notis

Eric Strickland

Also Present:

Boota de Butts, Episcopal High School

Michael Graff, Jr., McGuire Woods LLP

Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Kendel Taylor, City of Alexandria

Counsel to the AIDA

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

I. Call to Order

Chair Dwight Dunton called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm and welcomed Authority

members and guests.

Staff to the AIDA

Stephanie Landrum

Christina Mindrup

AEDP. Inc.

II. Approval of June 30, 2021 Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Dunton entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the June 30, 2021

meeting.

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved and Ken Notis seconded a motion to approve the

minutes. The motion was passed 5-0; Dunton, Atkins, Edouard, Hardwick,

Notis.

III. Consideration of the Final Bond Resolution for Episcopal High School

IDA Counsel Mike Graff provided background on the bond issuances and he and Boota de

Butts, CFO for Episcopal High School answered questions from the Authority.

Motion: Chris Hartman moved and Jennifer Atkins seconded a motion to approve the

resolution. The motion was passed 6-0; Dunton, Atkins, Hartman, Edouard,

Hardwick, Notis.

IV. **Old Business**

a. Update on Landmark Mall Redevelopment Agreements

Stephanie Landrum provided an overview of actions related to the Landmark Mall redevelopment following the last IDA meeting on June 30, 2021 to include overview of a memo from the City Manager, dated July 30, 2021 and review of the final executed grant agreement between the City of Alexandria and the IDA. Ms. Landrum also

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explained the current timeline for next steps in acquisition of the Landmark property, to include an application for property owners' insurance and a request for a determination letter from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

b. Rescheduling IDA Strategic Planning Session

The Authority discussed options to convene to conduct a strategic planning session. A poll will be circulated to identify a date to hold an in-person meeting outdoors following current CDC guidelines for gatherings.

V. New Business

a. Review of existing Tri-Party agreement between the IDA-City of Alexandria-AEDP

Chair Dunton provided an overview of the existing 2007 agreement and the recitals included within.

b. Overview of fees collected by the IDA in recent years

Ms. Landrum provided an overview of fee collection activity from Fiscal Year 2015 through Fiscal Year 2021 and explained how the monies have been spent on economic development projects as defined in the existing Tri-Party agreement.

VI. Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 the IDA convened in a Closed Meeting, under section 6: Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected.

Motion: Ken Notis moved and Lisa Edouard seconded a motion to move into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711. The motion was passed unanimously.

Motion: Jennifer Atkins moved and Ken Notis seconded a motion to pass the resolution attached regarding closed session. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. New Business, continued

c. Reminder about upcoming term expirations

Chair Dunton reminded members with expiring terms in September 2021to reapply through the City's Boards and Commissions online portal.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dunton adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

A recording of the meeting can be found online at:

https://alexandriaecon.org/about-aedp/partners/industrial-development-authority/

Directors

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes September 15, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Christopher Hartman

Vice Chair

Secretary

Present:

Dwight Dunton

Jennifer Atkins

Chris Hartman Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick Eric Strickland

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick

Ken Notis

Eric Strickland

Also Present:

Julian Gonsalves, City of Alexandria

Michael Graff, Jr., McGuire Woods LLP

Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Ryan Touhill, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

I. Call to Order

Counsel to the AIDA
Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

Chair Dwight Dunton called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm and welcomed Authority members and guests.

II. Approval of August 4, 2021 Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Dunton entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting.

Staff to the AIDA
Stephanie Landrum
Christina Mindrup
AEDP, Inc.

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved and Jen Atkins seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed 5-0; Dunton, Atkins, Hartman, Edouard,

Hardwick.

III. Landmark Mall Redevelopment Update

Julian Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager for the City of Alexandria provided a number of updates to the Authority about the Landmark Mall redevelopment project (see attached presentation). Following the presentation, Authority members asked a number of questions and then took the following actions.

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved and Lisa Edouard seconded a motion to amend the

previous IDA resolution to expand the authority of the IDA officers to execute documents related to the Landmark Community Development Authority. The motion was passed 6-0; Dunton, Atkins, Hartman, Edouard,

Hardwick, Strickland.

Authority members instructed the IDA staff to find out more information about standard and acceptable insurance requirements and risk profiles, and to monitor any changes that might be warranted given the ongoing negotiations related to the environmental study findings.

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Old Business IV.

None.

V. **New Business**

IDA members were provided a copy of the submitted FY2021 annual report.

VI.

Adjournment
There being no further business, Chair Dunton adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Retreat

Authority members, counsel and staff participated in their annual retreat following the business meeting.

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Landmark Update

Industrial Development Authority
of the
City of Alexandria

September 15, 2021



Agenda



- Environmental Update
- Community Development Authority Memorandum of Understanding
- City/IDA Roles for Landmark
- Other Items
 - Insurance Update
 - Tri-Party Agreement

Environmental Update – IDA Site



- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment May, 2021 Completed
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment Completed August, 2021
- Preliminary Environmental Cost Ranges Estimated
- Developer has \$5 million budgeted
- Parties Discussing Environmental Cost Management Issues
- Virginia DEQ comfort letter for Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser (BFPP) Anticipated

What is a Community Development Authority (CDA)?



- A financing tool authorized by the State Code that enables local governments partner with the private sector to provide infrastructure or services
- A separate political subdivision created by the locality for a specific development
- May include voluntary special assessments imposed on landowners
- Request initiated and agreed to by landowners
- Fairfax County (Mosaic District), Arlington County (Ballston Quarter), and other Virginia localities have created CDAs to facilitate development and redevelopment.

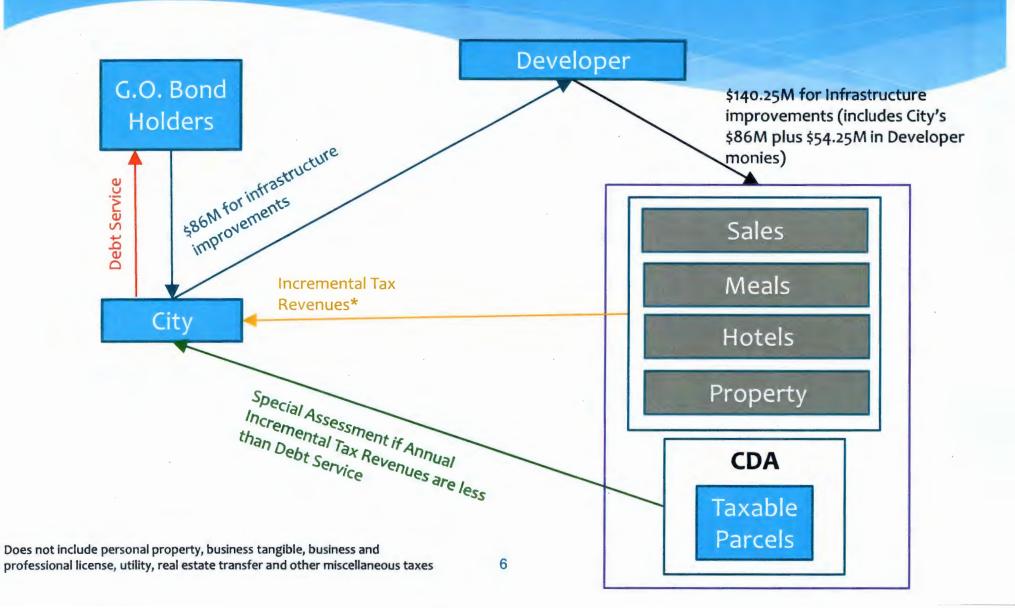
Purpose of Landmark Community Development Authority



- To facilitate the repayment of \$86 million in infrastructure improvement bonds
- To serve as backstop entity to levy additional assessments on taxable property if incremental taxes generated are not sufficient to pay debt service
- Not applicable to Inova real estate except for
 - a) Private medical office uses (likely)
 - b) If Inova property is no longer tax exempt (highly unlikely)

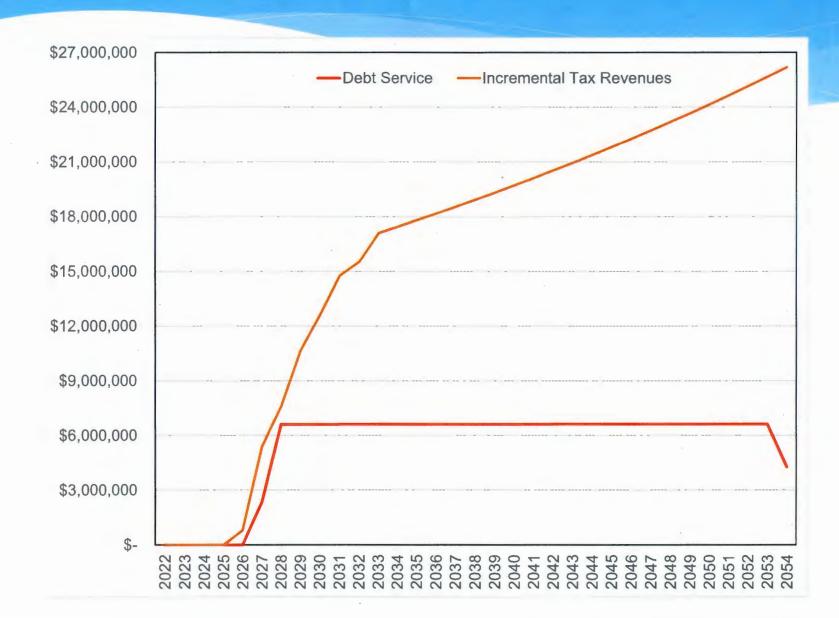
Landmark Infrastructure Improvement Financing Plan





Incremental Tax Revenues Vs. Debt Service





City/IDA Roles for Landmark



- City/IDA roles matrix prepared
- Through its regulatory and infrastructure investment role, City is involved through the construction period
- City to conduct due diligence with IDA review
- Not anticipated for IDA to need to undertake original staff work at least until after construction is complete

Other Items



Insurance

- Access Agreement and Ground Lease have insurance requirements for the Developer and Inova, and indemnification provisions that apply to the IDA
- Received Commercial General Liability quote for IDA for FY22; awaiting revised quote to better align with commencement of ownership
- Once construction begins, additional insurance may be sought
- Tri-Party Agreement
 - Draft agreement can be prepared once IDA develops "term sheet" type outline

<u>Directors</u>

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes October 5, 2021 5:00 p.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Christopher Hartman

Vice Chair

Secretary

Present:

Dwight Dunton

Jennifer Atkins

Chris Hartman

Lisa Edouard
Dak Hardwick

Ken Notis

Eric Strickland

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick

Ken Notis

Eric Strickland

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

Staff to the AIDA

AEDP, Inc.

Stephanie Landrum Christina Mindrup Also Present:

Michael Graff, Jr., McGuire Woods LLP

Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Ryan Touhill, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Counsel to the AIDA

I. Call to Order

Chair Dwight Dunton called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm and welcomed Authority members and guests.

II. Approval of September 15, 2021 Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Dunton entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting.

minutes. The motion was passed 5-0-1; Dunton, Atkins, Hartman, Edouard,

Motion: Lisa Edouard moved and Chris Hartman seconded a motion to approve the

Hardwick; Notis abstaining.

III. Landmark Mall Redevelopment Update

Stephanie Landrum provided an updated timeline for the expected real estate closing and document execution, noting that Assistant City Manager Julian Gonsalves advised that both are expected to happen prior to November 1, 2021. Ms. Landrum also reported that the City has requested a decision from the Authority on coverage levels for general and excess liability insurance protecting the IDA as the new owner of the Landmark property, following closing. The Authority reviewed the coverage options, expressed the desire to have an insurance broker available in the future to advise on appropriate coverage levels, and in the interest of th pending real estate closing, received the City recommendation to take "the lower coverage."

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved, and Lisa Edouard seconded a motion to accept the

amount of insurance coverage recommended by the City (\$1 million general and \$5 million excess liability) with the understanding that the City will pay these policy premiums on behalf of the IDA. The motion was passed

unanimously, 7-0.

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IV. Old Business- Retreat follow-up items

The Authority reviewed and discussed the following items generated as part of the Authority's retreat on September 15, 2021:

- Topic: Scheduling a session with facilitator?

 Action: Chair Dunton will connect staff with a pro-bono facilitator; staff will circulate multiple four-hour meeting times for consideration; session to be scheduled in a reasonably expedition timeframe when a critical mass of the Authority are available
- Topic: Review of outline for mission, vision, purpose session
 Action: Send document to facilitator in advance of session; assign as homework to Authority in advance of the session
- Topic: Scope of work for legal assistance
 Action: Governance Committee to work with legal counsel to complete, as outlined
- Topic: Tri-Party Agreement Term Sheet

 Action: Governance Committee to take all comments, work with legal counsel to complete a final draft of the agreement for IDA action; change signatories to professional staff where applicable
- Topic: Review of Proposed City/IDA Roles for Landmark
 Action: Real Estate Committee to review this document in detail and provide feedback
 to the City before finalizing
- Topic: New Committee structure

 Action: Membership of the four new committees was finalized; each committee will create a charter outlining their scope of work
 - o Communications- Notis
 - o Finance Committee- Hartman and Strickland
 - o Governance- Atkins and Hardwick
 - Real Estate- Dunton and Edouard
- Topic: Meeting schedules and frequency

Action: Committees agreed to meet in between the monthly Authority meeting and to provide written reports one week before the monthly IDA meeting; staff was asked to circulate a poll to identify an alternative date/time for the authority's regular monthly meeting

- Topic: Other

Action: The creation of a draft budget was assigned to the Finance Committee; the Governance Committee was assigned the task of determining if the Authority could use an alternative name (other than IDA); staff was asked to look into ways to share the Committees' work and reports via shared drive or website

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dunton adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

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Directors

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes April 11, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Christopher Hartman

Vice Chair

Secretary

Present:

Dwight Dunton

Jennifer Atkins

Dak Hardwick

Eric Strickland

Also Present:

Michael Graff, Jr., McGuire Woods LLP

Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Xan Smith, Goodwin House

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick

Eric Strickland

VACANT DIRECTOR

I. Call to Order

Chair Dwight Dunton called the meeting to order at 5:43 pm and welcomed Authority members and guests.

Counsel to the AIDA

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

II. Approval of October 5, 2021 Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Dunton entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting.

Staff to the AIDA

Stephanie Landrum Christina Mindrup

AEDP, Inc.

Motion: Jennifer Atkins moved and Dak Hardwick seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Consideration of an Application and Resolution supporting the Issuance of Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$190,000,000 for Goodwin House

Michael Graff, counsel to the IDA, provided the Authority with an overview of the issuance request and Xan Smith, CFO with Goodwin House explained how the refinancing would support the organization's operations and growth.

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved and Jennifer Atkins seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Landmark Mall Redevelopment Updates

Stephanie Landrum provided the following project updates to the Authority:

- Updated project timeline- Groundbreaking May 12th
- Request from INOVA to apply for Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP)
- Request to resolve Street Dedication issue
- West End Business Improvement District organization underway
- Future bond issuance

V. Old Business

The Authority received updates from the following Committees:

- Governance- a draft tri-party City/IDA/AEDP agreement and term sheet has been drafted and will be shared with the City for next steps; draft bylaws will be created over the coming weeks
- Finance- reviewed City budget timeline and milestones and looked through sample budgets from IDAs in other localities; generated revenue and expense categories and recommended inclusion of request from City for seed funding (\$250,000) and the balance of the "IDA fund" in the tri-party agreement draft
- Real Estate- discussed new potential projects on the horizon, including arts assets in Old Town North
- Communications- created a workplan for outreach and website updates
 Authority members were reminded to respond to correspondence from the City Clerk
 regarding filing of Financial Disclosure forms.

IV. New Business

As part of the discussions about Old Town North arts assets, the Authority discussed efforts underway to acquire commercial condominiums constructed for arts uses and required by Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Alexandria to be provided at no lease cost for 30 years to arts catalysts. The Authority, via consensus, approved staff to procure an appraiser to provide the required information to craft a purchase offer on real estate in the arts and cultural district.

Ms. Landrum and Mr. Graff gave the Authority an overview of the 699 Prince Street Hotel Heron project and described the proposed bond financing that the Authority will consider at a future meeting.

The committee agreed that their next meeting would be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dunton adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

Directors

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes April 25, 2022 8:00 a.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Christopher Hartman

Vice Chair

Secretary

Present:

Dwight Dunton

Jennifer Atkins

Chris Hartman

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick Eric Strickland

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick

Eric Strickland

VACANT DIRECTOR

Also Present:

Bill Cummings, May Riegler Properties

Michael Graff, Jr., McGuire Woods LLP

Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Eric May, May Riegler Properties

Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Kendel Taylor, City of Alexandria

Counsel to the AIDA

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

I. Call to Order

Chair Dwight Dunton called the meeting to order at 8:06 am and welcomed Authority members and guests.

Staff to the AIDA

Stephanie Landrum Christina Mindrup

AEDP, Inc.

II. Approval of April 11, 2022 Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Dunton entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved and Jennifer Atkins seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed 3-0-1; Hardwick, Atkins, Dunton in favor; Hartman abstaining.

III. Consideration of an Application and Resolution supporting the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the Hotel Heron

Stephanie Landrum gave the Authority an overview of the 699 Prince Street Hotel Heron project, describing the approvals already obtained from the City of Alexandria and the pending Tourism Development Financing Program (TDFP) application. Eric May, Principal and Bill Cummings, VP of Finance and Asset Management with May Riegler provided an overview of their project, the capital stack, and the proposed bond financing. Mike Graff gave a brief overview of the bond resolution and answered questions from Authority members.

Motion: Dak Hardwick moved and Chris Hartman seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was passed 5-0; Hardwick, Hartman, Dunton, Atkins, Strickland.

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IV. Old Business

Christina Mindrup provided an overview and update on efforts to acquire commercial assets in the Old Town North small area that are dedicated for arts users for 30 years, as part of a density bonus program initiated by the City. The Authority reviewed current development sites utilizing the density bonus, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding mechanism in place between the City and developers to facilitate transactions with the arts users, and ways that the Authority might assist with implementing the City's vision to have arts catalysts occupy space in Old Town North.

Following an in-depth discussion about the Authority's Mission, Vision and purpose, members agreed that the Authority has tools that could be helpful in implementing the City's vision for Old Town North.

Motion: Eric Strickland moved and Jennifer Atkins seconded a motion to approve the attached resolution to be shared with City leaders and administrators, as appropriate. The motion was passed 5-0; Strickland, Atkins, Dunton, Hartman, Edouard.

The Authority was reminded that the vacant position on the IDA has been advertised through the City Clerk, with applications due by 5:00 PM on April 29, 2022.

The Authority also received updates on the work of the following Committees:

- Governance- the draft tri-party City/IDA/AEDP term sheet has been shared with the City Attorney's office; draft bylaws will be created over the coming weeks
- Finance- reviewed City budget timeline and milestones and looked through sample budgets from IDAs in other localities; recommended inclusion of request from City for seed funding (\$250,000) and the balance of the "IDA fund" in the tri-party agreement draft; working on a draft budget and plan for independent IDA bank account(s)
- Real Estate- discussed new potential projects on the horizon, including arts assets in Old Town North; inserted "right of first offer" into tri-party agreement term sheet; planned outreach to City to discuss opportunities to review assets; will review Landmark "Roles and Responsibilities"
- Communications- created a workplan for outreach and website updates

V. New Business

The Authority agreed that their next full meeting would be held in mid-May at 8:00 am, with committees meeting prior to that date, and ready to report out at the full meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dunton adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am.

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

Directors

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes May 20, 2022 8:00 a.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Vice Chair

Secretary

Present:

Dwight Dunton

Jennifer Atkins

Chris Hartman

Lisa Edouard (via zoom)

Tom Hyde

Christopher Hartman

Also Present:

Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (via zoom)

Lisa Edouard **Dak Hardwick** Tom Hyde **Eric Strickland**

I. Call to Order

Chair Dwight Dunton called the meeting to order at 8:05 am and welcomed Authority members and guests. The Authority acknowledged the electronic participation of one member. allowed per the Authority's adopted electronic participation policy.

Counsel to the AIDA

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

II. <u>Introduction of New Authority Member</u>
Chair Dunton welcomed Tom Hyde to the Authority, congratulating him on his appointment by City Council on May 10, 2022. Mr. Hyde introduced himself, providing some background on his personal and professional experience and interests.

Staff to the AIDA Stephanie Landrum

Christina Mindrup

AEDP, Inc.

III. Approval of April 25, 2022 Meeting Summary Minutes

Chair Dunton entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Jennifer Atkins moved and Chris Hartman seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed 4-0-1; Atkins, Hartman, Dunton, Edouard in favor, Hyde abstaining.

IV. DRAFT Vision and Mission Discussion

Stephanie Landrum walked the Authority through a conversation about the City of Alexandria's vision for Alexandria in 2022 as well as the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership's (AEDP) mission and vision as background for continued discussions to define the Authority's mission and vision. Authority members brainstormed and directed staff to draft a mission/vision statements for further discussion.

V. Old Business

Ms. Landrum reported that demolition of the Landmark Mall buildings, some of which stand on land owned by the IDA, began earlier in the month. The IDA staff continues to manage questions and inquiries on behalf of the Authority related to levels of insurance coverage and environmental remediation documents. Preliminary conversations have also begun about the

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formation of a Business Improvement District (BID) on the Landmark site. A proposal is expected to be considered by City Council in the fall- the IDA-owned land in the district is exempt from any additional BID tax, per the purchase agreement. In the future, the IDA or its tenant, INOVA Alexandria Hospital, may agree to participate in the BID voluntarily.

Christina Mindrup gave the Authority an overview of the opportunities for acquisition of assets in the Old Town North Arts and Cultural District. The Authority encouraged staff to continue discussions and negotiations to acquire the assets at no or minimal cost. Staff advised that the IDA would be kept up-to-date on activity at each meeting, and official action by the IDA would be required prior to any conveyance or acquisition; any issuing or borrowing of funds to pay for tenant improvements in these assets; or execution of a lease with a tenant for any IDA-owned assets.

The Authority also received updates on the work of the following Committees:

- Governance- the draft tri-party City/IDA/AEDP term sheet is still under review with the City Attorney's office; draft bylaws will be created over the coming weeks; the Committee recommends that the IDA officers meet with the AEDP officers to discuss the tri-party agreement and shared interests
- Finance- following recent bond issuance activity, the current balance of funds in the "IDA account" is approximately \$500,000
- Real Estate- continued review of the Landmark "Roles and Responsibilities"
- Communications- AEDP staff will implement the webpage recommendations of the Committee

IV. New Business

The Authority discussed their next meeting agenda, which will include a discussion with the new City Manager, Jim Parajon. Future meeting dates for the summer will be determined over the coming weeks.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Dunton adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

<u>Directors</u>

Dwight Dunton

Chair

Summary Minutes June 17, 2022 8:00 a.m.

Jennifer Atkins

Vice Chair

Present:

Dwight Dunton (via zoom)

Jennifer Atkins

Chris Hartman

Tom Hyde

Eric Strickland

Christopher Hartman Secretary

Also Present:

Michael Graff, McGuire Woods

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Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (via zoom Christina Mindrup, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

Jim Parajon, City of Alexandria

Kendel Taylor, City of Alexandria

Lisa Edouard

Dak Hardwick Tom Hyde

Eric Strickland

Counsel to the AIDA

Michael W. Graff, Jr.

McGuireWoods LLP

Staff to the AIDA

Stephanie Landrum Christina Mindrup

AEDP. Inc.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Jen Atkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 am and welcomed Authority members and guests. The Authority acknowledged the electronic participation of one member, allowed per the Authority's adopted electronic participation policy.

II. Approval of May 20, 2022 Meeting Summary Minutes

Vice Chair Atkins entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Chris Hartman moved and Dwight Dunton seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed 4-0-1; Hartman, Dunton, Atkins, Strickland, in favor Hudo chataining

in favor, Hyde abstaining.

III. Discussion with City Manager Jim Parajon

Authority members had a conversation with new City Manager about the historic role of the Industrial Development Authority, new projects and initiatives the group is pursuing to further economic development priorities, and the Manager's vision and observations about ways the IDA might support other City priorities. The group agreed that a number of follow-up conversations should take place over the coming months.

IV. Old Business

In the interest of time, Old Business items were postponed to a future meeting.

V. New Business

Authority members agreed that summer meetings would be called on an as needed basis, and that Committees should continue to meet.

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VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice Chair Atkins adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

PENDING AUTHORITY APPROVAL

Stephanie Landrum, Assistant Secretary

Alexandria Industrial Development Authority Applications Approved/Bonds Issued FY2022: July 2021-June 2022

DATE AMOU		AMOUNT	APPLICANT	LENDER	FEE		
Aug. 2021	\$	60,000,000	Episcopal High School	TD Bank	\$	178,500	
Apr. 2022	\$		Goodwin House		\$	5,000	**
May 2022	\$	190,000,000	Goodwin House		\$	128,519	**
Apr. 2022	\$	-	Hotel Heron		\$	3,500	*

TOTALS: \$250,000,000 3 new applications \$315,519

Income from oth	er sources:			
Jul 2021		Issuers Fees from Pooled Program	Wells Fargo	\$310.03
Jan 2022		Issuers Fees from Pooled Program	Wells Fargo	\$246.95

TOTAL Fees collected in FY2022: \$316,076

Overview of Program
FY1999 - FY 2022
Bonds Issued Fees Collected
\$1,535,928,486 \$3,735,480

^{*} Balance Due (Application fee paid previously)

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CHAIRPERSON:	Ronnie Naugle	
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Landlord Tenant Relations Board Annual Report July 2021– June 2022

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- Consider grievances of landlords and tenants when grievances are referred to the Board by City staff
- Act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on public policies affecting landlords and tenants
- Formulate and recommend legislative proposals to City Council
- Develop and publish guidelines and summaries regarding the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants, and
- Participate in educational activities relating to landlord-tenant issues.

Within these guidelines, the Landlord Tenant Relations Board completed the following activities during its 2021/2022 fiscal year.

MEMBERS SERVING DURING FISCAL YEAR FY 2022

The following members served on the Landlord Tenant Relations Board during Fiscal Year 2022:

- Geraldine Baldwin Tenant (term Apr 05, 2022 to Apr 30, 2024)
- Razvan Cernucan Landlord (Term Sep 08, 2020 to Sep 30, 2022)
- Jessica Giroux Landlord (Resigned January 2022)
- Olivia Jenkins Landlord (Mar 08, 2022 to Mar 31, 2024)
- Deshauntra Martin Landlord (Appointed January 2022, Resigned March 2022)
- Bonnie Naugle Tenant Chair (Term Feb 08, 2022 to Feb 29, 2024)
- Katherine O'Connell Tenant (appointed December 2021 through Dec 2023), also LTRB representative to the City Human Rights Commission
- Elijah St. Dennis Homeowner (term June 09, 2021 to Jun 30, 2023)
- Elliot Waters Homeowner-Vice Chair (term Sep 14, 2021 to Sep 30, 2023)

CITY STAFF

The Landlord Tenant Relations Board is staffed by the Office of Housing. Melodie Seau, Landlord Tenant Relations Division Chief, and Gwendolyn Lassiter, Landlord Tenant Investigator provided staff support to the Board during Fiscal Year 2022. Samuel Gates, Management Analyst; Kimberly Cadena, Housing Analyst; and Kenneth Turscak, Housing Analyst provided technical support for virtual and hybrid meetings. Melodie Seau also serves as citizen officer/secretary.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Review of Relocation Plans

In September 2021 the Landlord Tenant Relations Board (LTRB) held a public hearing and reviewed the relocation plan for the condominium conversion of the Mill Apartments on North Washington Street.

In November 2021 the Board held a public hearing on Sheltered Homes of Alexandria (SHA) and Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC) Relocation Plan for the Seminary Road Homeownership Project.

In December 2021 the Board held a public hearing on the relocation plan for the Wesley Housing Development Corporations redevelopment of ParcView Apartments.

Annual Apartment Managers' Seminar

In July 2021 the Landlord Tenant Relations Board and the Office of Housing hosted a virtual training opportunity for property managers and real estate professionals. Mahalia "Mally" Dryden Mason, Fair Housing Specialist with the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation conducted training for fair housing certification of property managers and real estate continuing education credits. The training included a new state law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of source of income in rental housing.

Legislation Review

January through March 2022, staff liaison Melodie Seau provided overviews of legislation being considering in the General Assembly and status reports for each bill. This activity will inform future LTRB legislative recommendations to City Council.

Presentations

To help inform our board members, presentations were invited on the topics of affordable housing, DASH Bus no-fare service, the Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan, the role of the federal and local government in housing discrimination in the early 20th century, and the history of the LTRB. These presentations are detailed in the board's minutes.

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Kathleen Schloeder (City Council Appointee)
Oscar Fitzgerald (Library Company Representative)
Canek Aguirre (City Council Representative)

Park & Recreation Commission Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Park & Recreation Commission is to advise City Council in matters relating to parkland, recreation and culture, and participates in planning recreational activities and services through its advice to Council, and the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Within these guidelines, the Park & Recreation Commission membership completed the following activities during its 2021-2022 year.

Park & Recreation Policy and Membership Accomplishments

Membership remained consistent through the year. The Commission held five virtual and five inperson meetings from July 2021 through June 2022 and maintained at quorum during the year. Although the Commission continues to be successful in vacancy recruitment, the Commission will consider avenues to increase diversity of the membership in future recruitment opportunities.

- List participation/Coordination with other advisory groups as relevant:
 - One-member representative assigned/appointed to the following advisory groups and/or committees:
 - Beauregard Corridor Plan Task Force
 - o Eisenhower West Small Area Plan Advisory Group
 - o Eisenhower East Small Area Plan Advisory Group
 - o Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group
 - Waterfront Commission
 - o Youth Sports Advisory Committee
 - o High School Project Superintendent Stakeholder Group
 - o MacArthur Modernization Superintendent Stakeholder Group
 - List any policy changes
 - o None

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

• The Commission unanimously endorsed the plan put forth by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities to add field lighting to five proposed locations: Francis C Hammond Middle School, Patrick Henry K-8 School, Jefferson Houston K-8 School, George Washington Middle School and Eugene Simpson Stadium Park. A multitude of new construction and modernization projects have limited the availability of field capacity during a time in which the City has experienced a significant increase in demand for recreational resources by both our student population as well as our fellow citizens.

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- The Commission expresses our support for the Arlandria —Chirilagua Small Area Plan Update. The Commission was recently presented with the Small Area Plan update on two occasions, May 21, 2021, and September 23, 2021. It has been reassuring to see the plan progress over the past two years, through an intensive community engagement progress using social media and pop-up events, especially to engage our Spanish speaking residents. The plan addresses community feedback for open spaces that act like extensions of home, providing safe, welcoming, and comfortable ways to socialize with neighbors and community within walking distance.
- The Commission reviewed, made recommendations and endorsed multiple Park Projects, Small Area Plans and Develop Special Use Permit development projects including:
 - Oakville Park
 - Potomac Yard Park #1 & #2
 - North Potomac Yard Park
 - Taylor Run Stream Restoration
 - Joseph Hensley Park Plan Amendment
 - Wilkes Street Park

- Upland Park
- Carlyle Park
- North Circle Park
- Landmark Mall Small Area Plan Amendment
- Armistead L. Booth Park Environmental Exception
- Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan

Commission activities and addition work accomplished may be found by visiting https://www.alexandriava.gov/25560

Goals for 2022-2023

- The Commission will continue to:
 - Work with Alexandria residents and staff to evaluate existing recreation programs and to make recommendations to enhance and expand programs in order to serve the diverse needs of all of the City's residents.
 - Hold public hearings on future Department projects and work with staff to ensure budget proposals reflect future CIP facility additions and renovations, as well as the operational needs of the Department.

- Work on issues pertaining to parkland and facility needs in support of City Council's Strategic Master Plan, RPCA Strategic Master Plan; City Open Space Master Plan, and Capital Facilities Maintenance Program
- o Initiate cooperative and coordinated planning with the Alexandria City Public School System in developing mutual benefiting opportunities on current school sites that are scheduled for redevelopment and expansion in the coming decade.
- o To ensure the preservation of existing open space and to expand open space as useable open space for the community and not turned over for commercial gain or solely to meet Clean Water mandates.

Leadership

- Officers for the upcoming year will be Stephen Beggs, Chair and Stephen Beggs, Dana Colarulli, Vice Chair.
- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed
 - o Gina Baum (Expired)
 - o Phillip Voorhees (Appointed)
 - o Owen Chambers (Graduated)
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:

Planning District I Planning District II

Planning District III Youth Representatives

- Gina Baum
- Stephen Beggs, Chair
- David Brennan
- Rania Shuster

Owen Chambers

- Stuart Fox
- Dana Colarulli
- Katy Matthews
- Barbara Marvin Geoff Goode P
 - Philip Voorhees

- Jeffrey Miller
- Jack Browand, Deputy Director and the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities
 acted as the staff liaison to the Waterfront Commission during the course of the 2019-2020
 year.

Attachments

- 1. Athletic Field Lighting
- 2. Oakville Triangle
- 3. Arlandria-Chirilagua



Park & Recreation Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities 1108 Jefferson Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

October 21, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

Honorable member of the Planning Commission

Re: Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan Update

The Park and Recreation Commission expresses our support for the Arlandria —Chirilagua Small Area Plan Update. The Commission was recently presented with the Small Area Plan update on two occasions, May 21, 2021, and September 23, 2021. It has been reassuring to see the plan progress over the past two years, through an intensive community engagement progress using social media and pop-up events, especially to engage our Spanish speaking residents. The plan addresses community feedback for open spaces that act like extensions of home, providing safe, welcoming, and comfortable ways to socialize with neighbors and community within walking distance.

Specifically, the plan addresses these community needs by expanding the open space network with nine new neighborhood parks and urban plazas. New open spaces and existing parks such as Le Bosquet Sunnyside and Elbert Triangle, will be designed to accommodate users of all ages and enhance play opportunities for children. These vibrant spaces will recognize the unique cultural history of the neighborhood through public art, murals and other expressive design. The plan addresses other community recreation needs with opportunities for seating, picnics, grilling, restrooms, cultural programming and special events. The network of public spaces will be ground level accessible and will provide trail connections to existing parks such as Hillside Park and Four Mile Run Park. Finally, the Four Mile Run Stream Restoration Plan will continue to be implemented as properties redevelop along the stream.

The Arlandria-Chirilagua neighborhood is unique with diverse attributes and underserved communities. We are eager to see this plan come to fruition and to see new publicly accessible open space support Arlandria-Chirilagua for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

Gina Barann, Chair

Park & Recreation Commission

cc Park & Recreation Commission members
Mark Jinks, City Manager
Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
Karl Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning
Jack Browand, Acting Deputy Director, Commission Staff Liaison



Park & Recreation Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities 1108 Jefferson Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

February 9, 2022

Honorable Mayor and members of City Council Alexandria Planning Commission Members

RE: DSUP# 2021-10015—Oakville Block C Park

On October 21, 2021, the Park and Recreation Commission unanimously endorsed the design of the "Block C" open space located in the Oakville Triangle redevelopment. The applicant had presented earlier designs to the Commission on October 15 and November 19 of 2020. The current design is an improvement from previous iterations, and addresses community feedback to integrate the open space with the existing Mount Jefferson Park, and to also provide a balance of open lawn, planting areas, and gathering areas in the design. The shade structure, natural play area and flexible spaces, such as the Allee and open lawn, will provide outdoor space for new residents and the neighborhood. This new open space will also add to the variety park spaces currently found along the Mount Jefferson Linear Park, which extends from Commonwealth Avenue to Route 1.

While this current proposal is limited to the "Block C" open space, the Commission, at previous meetings, also expressed support for an accessible trail extension from Fannon Street to Route 1 as recommended in the Oakville vision plan. We understand that there are existing site constraints such as topography, drainage, and buildings that preclude trail implementation until Block 3 is redeveloped. However, for the record, we are expressing support for this trail extension. We look forward to reviewing the trail plans in the future when the appropriate time comes.

Sincerely,

Gina Baum, Chair Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission

cc: Park & Recreation Commission Members
James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities (RPCA)
Jack Browand, Deputy Director, RPCA, Staff Liaison
Bethany Znidersic, Acting Division Chief, RPCA
Judy Lo, Acting Principal Planner, RPCA
Karl Moritz, Director, Planning & Zoning



Park & Recreation Commission

Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities 1108 Jefferson Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

August 9, 2022

Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council Honorable members of Planning Commission City of Alexandria 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Athletic Field Lighting

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council,

The Park & Recreation Commission unanimously endorses the plan put forth by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities to add field lighting to five proposed locations: Francis C Hammond Middle School, Patrick Henry K-8 School, Jefferson Houston K-8 School, George Washington Middle School and Eugene Simpson Stadium Park.

As you are aware, a multitude of new construction and modernization projects have limited the availability of field capacity during a time in which the City has experienced a significant increase in demand for recreational resources by both our student population as well as our fellow citizens. This is all good news! We want our fields to be actively utilized and have an opportunity to increase capacity to meet the increased demand.

Adding lights to an existing field, particularly a synthetic field, increases the useability of that field by approximately 1,100 hours per year. This increase in field capacity is extraordinarily efficient when compared to creating new fields, which are substantially more expensive to build and requires the land to accommodate the field and its infrastructure needs.

We understand the concerns related to additional field usage including excessive noise, and trash outside of the receptacles. Because the use of a lighted athletic field is by permit only, City staff will be in a better position to manage problems as they arise, and if necessary, we encourage RPCA staff to coordinate with ACPS and APD to respond to these issues by potentially revoking permits of non-complying parties or citing repeat offenders.

Opportunities to add capacity to our recreational system in a cost-efficient manner should not be missed and we encourage the full funding of these projects and endorse the approval of these five sites.

Please reach out to the Commission to further advise on this issue.

Sincerely,

SBeggs SBeggs (Aug 9, 2022 12:14 EDT)

Stephen Beggs, Chair Park & Recreation Commission Stuart Fox Stuart Fox (Aug 9, 2022 12:15 EDT)

Stuart Fox, Planning District I Park & Recreation Commission

cc: Park & Recreation Commission members

Jim Parajon, City Manager

Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager Debra Collins, Deputy City Manager

James Spengler, Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

Karl Moritz, Director, Planning & Zoning

Jack Browand, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

Letter_PRC Athletic Field Lighting final August 2022

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 2021 THROUGH JUNE 2022

COMMISSION: Park & Recreation Commission

2021 2022

MEMBER'S NAME	July 15	Au g	Sep23	Oct2	Nov1 8	De c	Jan2 0	Feb1	Mar 17	Apr 21	May1 9	June 16
Gina Baum, Chair	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Stephen Beggs, Chair & Vice Chair	Е		X	X	X		x	X	X	X	X	X
Geoffrey Goode	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
David Brennan	X		X	X	Е		X	Е	X	X	X	X
Brian McPherson	X		X	X	X		X					
Phillip Voorhees									X	X	X	X
Barbara Marvin	X		X	X	Е		X	X	X	X	X	Е
Dana Colarulli, Vice Chair	Е		X	Х	X		Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х
Katy Matthews	Х		X	X	X		X	Е	X	X	Е	X
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Rania Shuster (youth)			X	Е	X		X	X	X	X	U	X
Stuart Fox	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X

Note: The Park and Recreation Commission do not generally meet in August and December. (*indicates special non-regular meeting)

INDICATE: X = PRESENT E = EXCUSED U = UNEXCUSED (Quorum is 50% + 1)

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: Owen Chambers (student Member)

CHAIRPERSON APPI	ROVED:
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BACKGROUND

Attendance

The Planning Commission is appointed by City Council and performs its duties under Sections 15.2-2223 and 2225 and Chapter 9 of the City Charter and the Zoning Ordinance. It is charged with adopting, reviewing, and amending the City's Master Plan, making final decisions on Subdivision and Site Plan regulatory cases, and making recommendations to City Council on other regulatory cases such as Zoning Text Amendments, Special Use Permits, Development Special Use Permits, Encroachments and Vacation proposals.

In Fiscal Year 2022, the Planning Commission held 12 Public Hearings including two in December 2021 and two in June 2022. January and February 2022 Public Hearings were held electronically with the Planning Commission, staff, and public participating from remote locations through Zoom Webinars.

The electronic Public Hearings were held pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020, or Sections 4-0.01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch.1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business. These electronic Public Hearings, and all the other Public Hearings, could also be accessed by the public through live broadcast on AlexTV (Comcast Channel 70) and streamed on the City's website. Additionally, public comments were received at the Public Hearings via Zoom and telephone. The video and audio recordings were posted on the City website shortly after the Public Hearings.

The Planning Commission also held a February 1, 2022 Work Session on the proposal for redevelopment of the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) site in Old Town North. Additionally, on June 27, 2022, there was a Joint Work Session with the City Council, Planning Commission and Alexandria Housing & Redevelopment Authority (ARHA) regarding progress of ARHA's Strategic Plan and, more specifically, the Samuel Madden Redevelopment proposal. While the February 2022 PRGS Work Session was held electronically, the July 2022 City Council, Planning Commission and ARHA Joint Work Session was held inperson. Electronic access by the public was provided for both Work Sessions.

As a result of a Joint Work Session between the Planning Commission and Environmental Policy Commission on December 13, 2021, the Planning Commission appointed representatives to the Joint Environmental Policy Commission, Planning Commission Transportation Commission Coordinating Subgroup. The purpose of the Subgroup was to identify recommendations in support addressing the Climate Emergency which the City Council declared on October 22, 2019. **Planning** Commission representatives included Commissioners Stephen Koenig and Melinda Lyle and Vice Chair Melissa McMahon. A joint letter signed by the Chairs of all three Commissions was sent to City Council on February 2. 2022. A record of the Planning Commission's representation on other City Boards and Commissions in FY 2022 is included later in this report.

The Planning Commission also held an in-person Retreat on August 24, 2021 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection: topics included the value of development; (2) tree canopy; (3) public engagement; (4) community benefits and (5) plan implementation. The Retreat also included a tour of The Spire, a 113-unit affordable housing development. The Spire, which opened in March 2021, was developed through a partnership between AHC, Inc. and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, using multiple funding sources including some local, state and federal sources.

SUMMARY OF REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Regulatory Cases	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	
Public Hearing Special Use Permits (SUP)	28	- 37	19	
Encroachments, Subdivisions and Vacations	8	21	15	
Development Projects (DSP/DSUP)	17	35	22	
Master Plan Amendments and Re-zonings	6	14	21	
Text Amendments	7	10	12	
Consolidated Development District (CDD) Conceptual Design Plans	3	5	5	
City Charter Section 9.06	3	2	8	
Transportation Management Plan Special Use Permits	5	13	11	
Total	77	137	113	
Administative Approvals				
Administrative Special Use Permits (SUP)	47	26	35	

The following pages provide examples of several case types, within the above categories, that were included on the Planning Commission's FY 2022 Dockets. All FY 2022 Planning Commission Dockets, and Dockets prior to FY 2022, include with Staff Reports and Presentations for all docketed cases and can be found on the City's Meeting Dockets and Video webpage.

One hundred thirteen (113) regulatory cases were considered by the Planning Commission in FY 2022, with the Planning Commission meeting 12 times. The number of cases for FYs 2020, 2021 and 2022 are included in the table above for comparison.

All regulatory cases were either recommended to City Council for approval or approved by the Planning Commission. As noted earlier, Subdivisions and Site Plans are cases which are approved by the Planning Commission and do not require approval by the City Council.

Three categories of case types in the chart above increased in numbers from FY2021 to FY2022. They include Master Plan Amendments and Re-zonings; Text Amendments; and City Charter Section 9.06 cases. Four categories of case types decreased in numbers. They include Public Hearing Special Use Permits; Encroachments, Subdivisions and Vacations; and Transportation Master Plan Special Use Permits.

Administrative Special Use Permits increased in numbers from FY 2021 to FY 2022.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Alexandria Mobility Plan

In October 2021, the Planning Commission recommended approval and the City Council adopted the Alexandria Mobility Plan (AMP). Planning staff was involved in interdepartmental the review throughout the planning effort along with members of the Planning and Transportation Commissions. The AMP, which is a strategic update to the 2008 Transportation Master Plan, focuses on expanding high-quality transportation choices so transportation in the City continues to serve the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors as the region grows and new technology impacts the ways we get around. The community-driven planning process raised several priorities including reducing congestion, improving transit, cut-through traffic, and making the transportation system safer. This input informed a set of recommendations that will address these needs and improve access to safe and convenient travel choices for all Alexandria.



Vision: Safe, seamless and connected mobility options foster a thriving Alexandria for all.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan



Rendering of retail core area



Rendering of linear park

In <u>December 2021</u>, following a twoyear community planning process, the Planning Commission recommended approval of and the City Council adopted the Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan.

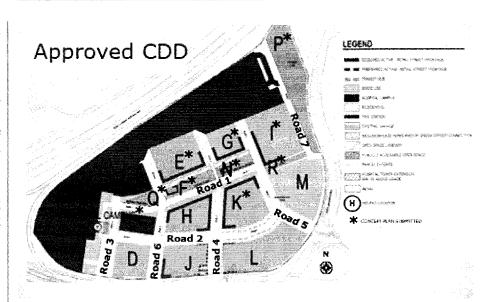
By proactively addressing impending challenges, such as housing affordability, the plan will enable existing residents, the service providers, and businesses in this multicultural neighborhood to stay in their communities for years to come. The planning process was conducted in Spanish first and engaged local residents through various high- and low-technological tools that made participation easy and convenient. In July 2022, the Arlandria-Chirilagua Small Area Plan received the Commonwealth Plan of the Year award from the American Planning Association Virginia Chapter.

West End (Landmark)

Following on from the July 2021 City Council approval of the Coordinated Development District (CDD), the Foulger-Pratt and Inova Health System teams have worked with staff over the last year to continue to advance the long-awaited redevelopment of the former Landmark Mall site, now renamed West End Alexandria.

Demolition started this past spring with a wrecking ball smashing through the mall's atrium and the Planning Commission approved the Infrastructure Site Plan in June 2022, which further detailed the roads, pipes, and wires beyond the approved CDD. Simultaneously, the applicant teams have submitted applications for Blocks E, G, I, and K representing 1,119 homes, 207,699 sq. ft. of retail, and 123,316 sq. ft. of office. These initial phase buildings will abut the existing parking garage, future Transit Hub, and the Central Plaza.

The applicant teams have also submitted concept plans for over four acres of publicly accessible open space, comprising the Central Plaza, Paseo, and Terrace Park. Finally, staff have received Concept Plans for the nearly 1.1 million square foot Inova Health System campus, with a new Hospital, Cancer Center, Specialty Care Center,



and garage. Staff anticipates docketing the first Development Special Use Permits for City Council Public Hearings in late fall 2022 and early winter 2023.

- Address: 5801 and 6001 Duke Street
- Approved: July 2021 (Coordinated Development District); June 2022 (Infrastructure Site Plan)

Carlyle Crossing



dog park, large open lawn areas and places for outdoor relaxation, cooking and refuge.

- Address: 2460 Mandeville Lane
- Approved: Stage #1 January 2018 / Stage #2 March 2018 / Coordinate Sign Plan April 2021
- Opened: Spring 2022 On-going

reached Stonebridge substantial completion of Carlyle Crossing, a 1.7 million square feet mixed-use development in Eisenhower, in early 2022 with delivery of the residential towers and the opening of the major retail anchor, Wegmans. The development is notable for the multilevels of retail which radiate from a large central plaza that relates to the termination of Hoffman Street -Swamp Fox Road. The development delivers 750 units of housing and more than 210,000 square feet of

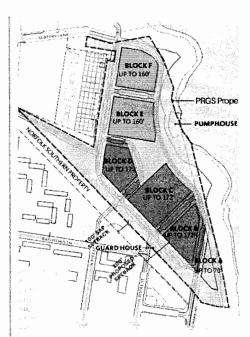
retail within close proximity to the Eisenhower Metrorail station. The entire development is contiguous and shares a common podium with abovegrade parking. To create the appearance of a more organically evolved site, the towers and podium of the development are expressed as unique pieces of architecture. To meet the required open-space, the development features numerous activated terraces, including a three-acre common level above the podium; one of the largest in the City. The area includes an impressively sized



Potomac River Generating Station Redevelopment

In July 2022, City Council approved a Coordinated Development District (CDD) for the 18-acre Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS). After years of community effort, the power plant was closed in 2012 and the Old Town North Small Area Plan established framework and development goals for the site. After purchasing the property in the fall of 2020, Hilco Redevelopment Partners (HRP) began working with staff and the community to develop a conceptual design plan and zoning parameters for the site. HRP began an extensive community outreach process in February 2021 that included site tours and a series of virtual meetings over an 18-month period. The approved CDD includes six development blocks created by the extension of N. Fairfax and N. Royal streets into the site with a portion of N. Fairfax Street designed as a woonerf or shared street. The approval permits up to 2.5m square feet of gross floor area across the site

for mixed use development that includes at least 20% commercial uses, 30,000sf of arts space, a minimum of 58,333sf of affordable set-side units and a potential public-private partnership for an on-site affordable housing project with approximately 100 units. The proposed open space includes the design and construction of an expanded waterfront park (3) acres), a rail corridor park (1.67 acres), and the portion of the Old Town North Linear Park adjacent to the site as well as a central plaza and open space adjacent to the PEPCO substation. The CDD established performance targets as part of a comprehensive sustainability approach to be further developed in a Coordinated Sustainability Strategy. HRP will provide Old Town North Developer Contributions of approximately \$21,495,167 (in 2022 dollars) for the construction of a portion of the OTN Linear Park. Additional off-site improvements include enhancements to the adjacent NPS waterfront lands, streetscape improvements to Slaters Lane and



transportation improvements to the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The Infrastructure Development Site Plan (DSP) has been submitted and individual block Development Special Use Permits (DSUPs) are anticipated to be submitted later in FY 2023.

1300 King Street



Construction continues and is nearly complete on the new development at 1300 King Street. The mixed-use development contains 33 multi-family units and over 6,000 square feet of ground-floor retail. The development contains a four-story brick-clad building and the integration of two historic early 19th century buildings by the corner of King Street and South Payne Street. The site is served by one level of underground parking accessed from South Payne Street and four surface parking spaces accessed from a public alley to the south of the property. The developer, the Holladay Corporation, will be seeking initial certificates of occupancy in the fall of 2022.

• Address: 1300 King Street

• Approved: September 2019

• Opened: Fall 2022

The Blake



In March 2022, The Blake opened with 300 new apartments at the corner of North Beauregard Street and Seminary Road in place of a small office building and large surface parking lot. The 6-7 story building has a signature curve at the intersection with Seminary Road and an indent with a sculpture and seating area to break up the massing and emphasize the distinct architecture of the eastern and western wings.

The Blake achieved National Green Building Standard's Bronze certification and offers an outdoor pool, indoor fitness center, club room, and coworking spaces. Many apartments also have balconies. In addition to the new apartments, The Blake provided several community benefits including a streetscape in-line with the Beauregard Small Area Plan, dedicated right-of-way for the future West End Transitway, contributions for Capital Bikeshare and the Beauregard Implementation Fund, and five on-site dedicated affordable units.

 Address: 2000 N. Beauregard Street

 Approved: October 2018 (amended May 2019)

• Opened: March 2022

ParcView II

In February 2022, the City Council approved the wholesale renovation and expansion of the ParcView Apartments to preserve the long-term affordability of 373 new or refurbished affordable rental apartments, including 224 net new apartments. The project involves constructing an underground garage and a pair of 10-story wings to the existing building atop the current surface parking lot.

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Rezoning to the Residential Multifamily (RMF) zoning district made the project possible, as the floating zoning district allows increases in density if at least one-third of the additional floor area is for affordable units. In the case of ParcView, now dubbed ParcView II, all 373 apartments will be affordable to households with incomes ranging from 30 to 80 percent of Area Median Income. In addition to this significant increase of affordable housing, the project phasing enables current ParcView residents to move into new apartments before work begins to renovate the current 1970s era building.

ParcView II will achieve LEED Silver or equivalent, dedicate over 15,600 sq. ft. of Holmes Run Parkway and Holmes Run Park to the City, upgrade the streetscape along Holmes Run, provide a new Capital Bikeshare station and



bus shelter, and reserve up to 8,000 sq. ft. of space within the building for an onsite daycare, retail, or other community use.

• Address: 5380 Holmes Run Parkway

• Approved: February 2022

The Waypoint at Fairlington



In partnership with Fairlington
Presbyterian Church, Wesley Housing
is constructing 81 affordable rental
housing units on a site adjacent to
the Church. The project includes a
mix of one-, two- and three-bedroom
units affordable to households with
incomes ranging from 40 to 60 percent
of Area Median Income. The fourstory building features underground
parking, on-site tenant amenities, and

is located within easy access of public transit, Interstate 395 and nearby grocery, retail, and dining options. The building design incorporates a red brick base with limited use of a light-white fiber-cement panel along the upper floors and was designed to echo the garden style apartments and townhomes in the surrounding area as well as complement the Church. The applicant was able to utilize Section

7-700 of the City's Zoning Ordinance for the provision of affordable housing, increasing the permitted floor area ratio (FAR) for the site to 0.975, while complying with the maximum height for the RA/Multi-family Zone of 45 feet.

• Address: 2451 Menokin Drive

• Approved: November 2018

• Opened: September 2022

Silverstone "The Landing" Senior Living — Phase 1





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Phase 1 of Phase 2 of Silverstone senior living development at 2620 Main Line Boulevard in Potomac Yard is complete.

The phase one building has been branded as "The Landing" and includes 123 assisted living/memory care units, 40 independent living units, and approximately 131 underground parking spaces. The building also contains a 12,000 square foot CVS store at the corner of Richmond Highway and Swann Avenue.

The overall 2-phased project includes construction of two residential buildings for seniors that include a total of 186 assisted living/memory care units, seven deeply affordable assisted living units and 146 independent living units.

Mount Jefferson Park Improvements

In January 2022, the developer, Stonebridge, began construction of improvements to the lower portion of Mount Jefferson Park from East Raymond Avenue to Richmond Highway. The approved park design draws inspiration from the site's former use as a railroad, and seeks to balance the natural characteristics of the park through enhanced landscape plantings and the preservation of the nature trails south of Fannon Street. The former parking lot and industrial buildings that once encroached into the park have also been demolished, significantly expanding the park's useable open space.

the 4.6-acre **Improvements** to park area include site drainage and stormwater infrastructure, an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) multi-use permeable trail and trail connectors, expanded off-leash dog exercise area, native plantings, invasive species removal, a new speed table at Raymond Avenue to slow vehicular traffic, a new water meter, new park wayfinding signage, and new historical interpretative features. Construction is expected to be complete fall 2022.



ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND LAND USE SERVICES

Auxiliary Dwellings



The June 2022 "Auxiliary dwellings" Text Amendment amended the Zoning Ordinance to modernize and transform how commercial buildings can provide more housing while continuing to keep active and vibrant uses where each use can benefit from the other.

One type of housing that can be found in various commercial areas throughout the City is known as "Accessory Apartments." These are residential units located above a first-floor

commercial space. The approved Text Amendment updated the "Accessory Apartment" provisions across most commercial zones and rebranded them as "Auxiliary Dwellings."

The name change from "Accessory Apartments" to "Auxiliary Dwellings" comes for two reasons. The first is to reduce confusion with Accessory Dwellings Units (ADUs) and the second is to ensure the definition of "accessory", which is one-third of

the structure, would not be applied to residential units in commercial buildings. Due to the definition for "accessory," many of the current units that exist over first floor commercial businesses would have been rendered as non-complying given they often have an equal or greater square footage than the commercial units below.

The most significant impact of the change will provide flexibility in location of Auxiliary Dwellings, not only above commercial uses, but also in the basement and first floor of a commercial building. The Text Amendment seeks to preserve commercial uses by only allowing first floor Auxiliary Dwellings if located more than 50 feet from the front building wall, meaning the first 50 feet of a commercially designated building shall remain available for retail or other commercial use.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND LAND USE SERVICES

Co-living Dwellings

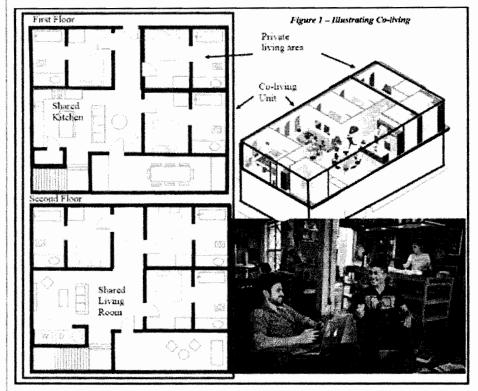
In January 2022, the City Council approved a Text Amendment the Zoning Ordinance to allow Co-living Dwellings in Alexandria.

Co-living typically refers to a residential unit which provides individuals who are unrelated a private living space as well as access to a communal kitchen, bathrooms, and living areas. Each private living space must include a bedroom but may or may not have a private bathroom and does not include a kitchen. To clearly distinguish Co-living Dwellings from traditional roommate arrangements, apartments, and microunits, this use must have between five and six private living spaces with a maximum occupancy of eight people.

The adopted proposal allows Co-living Dwellings in all commercial, high/ medium density residential, multifamily, mixed-use, and office zones with an administrative Special Use Permit (SUP). The policy also allows Co-living in townhouse zones as well as for proposals with greater than two Co-living units through a full-hearing SUP. Ultimately, it was determined that this use would not be permitted in single- or two-family zones based on both community feedback and limited examples, from a policy perspective, in these zones among the communities studied.

The Text Amendment will allow for gentle density by increasing the number of unrelated people who are allowed to legally live under the same roof. This policy shift enables greater housing choice for people of all ages, abilities and incomes; preserves the potential stock of market affordable units; and encourages social and cultural diversity through mixed-income communities. The City may see an incremental increase in housing

supply over the next few decades while maintaining the established character of the community.



ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS AND LAND USE SERVICES

Closure of 100 Block of King Street Business Recovery

Through FY 2022, the Department of Planning & Zoning supported the temporary business expansion into sidewalks, on-street parking and private parking lots through temporary permits and worked closely with the Old Town Business Association in managing the closure of the 100 block of King Street to traffic. The public and businesses expressed interest in the continuation of the programs beyond the City's pandemic emergency and P&Z and T&ES staff took the lead with proposed text amendments and ordinances for Planning Commission and City Council review in October and November 2021. Outdoor dining and retail shopping in parklets, retail sales on sidewalks, and the closure of the 100 block of King Street are now in place on a permanent basis, contributing added vitality to the City's public spaces.



MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE

There were changes in the membership of the Planning Commission for FY 2022. Commissioner John Goebel resigned from the Planning Commission in August 2021 and Commissioner Jody Manor was appointed to the Commission in September 2021. Elections were held in March 2022; Chair Nathan Macek was re-elected as Chair and Vice Chair Melissa McMahon was re-elected a Vice Chair. All members attended at least 75 percent of the scheduled meetings in FY 2022.

Planning Commission appointments to other Commissions and Work Groups for FY 2022 are noted below:

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETINGS ATTENDANCE REPORT JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

COMMISSION: Planning Commission
CHAIR: Chair Nathan Macek

		20	21					2022			
Board Member	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	June
	9	5	4	7	4	1	1	7	. 3	7	23
Nathan Macek, Chair	X	Х	Х	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	X
Melissa McMahon, Vice Chair	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	X
Mindy Lyle	X	Х	Х	Х	Е	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	X	Х
David Brown	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
Stephen Koenig	X	E	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Jody Manor	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	E	Χ	Х	Х	Х	X
Vivian Ramirez	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X

INDICATE: (X) PRESENT; (E) EXCUSED, (U) UNEXUSED LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: None.

APPROVED:

Nathan Macek, Chair

OTHER

Planning Commission Information

The Planning Commission's process for elections to fill leadership positions, namely, Chair and Vice Chair, is covered in its By-laws and involves the election of officers on an annual basis in March. Elections this year are described in the summary of membership and attendance. As called for in the By-laws, it is the vote of the Planning Commission that determines changes in leadership. Term limits can also affect changes in the Planning Commission's leadership.

Questions? Please contact Planning & Zoning staff at 703.746.4666 or email the Planning Commission at PlanComm@alexandriava.gov.

City of Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning Room 2100 301 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

AUGUST 30, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON, CITY CLERK

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL MORITZ, DIRECTOR

PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

JEREMY FRETTS, CHAIR

POTOMAC YARD DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:

FY 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT of the PYDAC

I am pleased to submit this Annual Report for the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee (PYDAC) for the Fiscal Year 2022, as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(l). The attached record of attendance shows that no member failed to attend more than 75% of the meetings, as required.

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee is to review development applications for development within CDD #10 (South Potomac Yard) and CDD #19 (North Potomac Yard) for consistency with the North Potomac Yard Design Guidelines and the North Potomac Yard Design Excellence Standards. PYDAC provides guidance to staff and makes formal recommendations to the Planning Commission on new development proposals as well as amendments to previously approved projects. Within these guidelines, the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee membership completed the following activities during its 2021/2022 session.

Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- The Committee developed and approved by-laws for the Committee.
- The Committee learned about the Electronic Participation Policy developed for City committees because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Over the past fiscal year, Committee membership remained steady with the appointment of three new members and the loss of four members; resulting in a final

- membership count of seven committee members with four vacancies at the time of this annual report.
- The Committee also selected a new Chair and Vice Chair.
- The committee received and provided comment on a presentation on the design of the streetscape elements planed throughout the innovation district in North Potomac Yard. These elements included outdoor furniture design, trash can design, seat walls and related elements. Additionally, the Committee received an update on the Interim Metro Plaza design that is intended to be in place around the time of the opening of the new metro station. The final plaza design will be implanted in conjunction with the adjoining office building that will be directly south of the plaza.

Program Accomplishments

In FY2021, PYDAC met two (2) times with the following general discussion topics:

- September 9, 2021*: Review and discussion on the new City Electronic Participation Policy, discussion and adoption of the Committee By-Laws and a staff update on development activities in Potomac Yard.
- May 18, 2022*: Appointment of new Chair and Vice Chair and applicant presentation on the Streetscape Elements in the Innovation District and Interim Metro Plaza. The committee encouraged the applicant to provide a strong sense of place and arrival even in the interim plaza design.

Goals for the Coming Year

The Committee will provide any necessary reviews of changes to approved buildings in Phase 1 redevelopment of North Potomac Yard or provide reviews of any remaining land bays in South Potomac Yard, as applicable.

Leadership

- Jeremy Fretts will serve as Chair.
- Melissa Bennett will serve as Vice-Chair.

New Members and Expirations

- Carl Welliver (appointed 11.9.2021)
- James Horsman (appointed 12.14.2021)
- Alex Stack (appointed 3.8.2022)
- Jason Albers term ended in January 2022 after ten years on the Committee, and most recently as Chair. Staff thanks Jason for his many years of service to the Committee and the City.

Terms

Name	Term Expiration	Role
Jeremy Fretts (Chair)	June 14, 2024	Architect
Nancy Appleby	June 14, 2025	Potomac Yard Area Rep
Melissa Bennett (Vice-Chair)	January 12, 2023	Landscape Architect
James Horsman	December 14, 2023	Potomac East Rep
Alex Stack	March 8, 2024	Potomac Yard Area Rep
Sean Sweeney	March 9, 2023	Potomac West Rep
Carl Welliver	November 9, 2023	Civic Association in
3		Potomac Yard Rep
Vacant		Potomac West Rep
Vacant		Business Community
		Rep
Vacant		National Park Service
		Rep
Vacant		Potomac East Rep

<u>Committee Attendance</u> July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
MEMBER'S NAME	29								18	
Jeremy Fretts	X								X	
Nancy Appleby	X								X	
Melissa Bennett	Е								Х	
Sean Sweeney	X								Х	
Carl Welliver	NA								X	

James Horsman	NA				Х	
Alex Stack	NA				Х	

INDICATE: X- FOR PRESENT

E- FOR EXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS: None

Staff Liaisons

• Dirk Geratz, Sara Brandt-Vorel, and Abigail Harwell, Planning and Zoning, acted as the staff liaisons to the Potomac Yard Design Advisory Committee during the 2021/2022 year.

PYDAC Chairperson Approval

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APPROVED	Jeremy Fretta	DATE 9/2/2022
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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the PHAC includes advising Council on any and all issues affecting public health in Alexandria. Within these guidelines, the PHAC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

PHAC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- PHAC had turnover of 6 members, but was able to fill those positions quickly. Quorum was
 missed in September and April (due to requirements of in-person attendance), and the
 meetings were canceled. Held July recess.
- PHAC has seen regular attendance from Commission on Aging liaison Joanne Broderick
- ACPS seat on the PHAC has been vacant since August 2020.
- PHAC Adopted official bylaws to allow for more cohesive meetings

PHAC Member Activities

- Tricia Rodgers attended Alexandria Health Department Healthy Homes Summit.
- Richard Merritt submitted a written statement to ACPS regarding gun safety.
- Multiple members remain active in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

Submitted the following to Council:

- Resolution on Gun Safety
- Resolution to Declare Racism a Public Health Crisis
- Budget Response letter to City manager
- Medicaid Dental Reimbursement for State Legislature
- Tobacco Control Report and Resolution for State Legislature

Goals for 2022-2023

PHAC will organize itself to better advise Council during the city's annual budgeting
process, and to a lesser extent, the City's legislative agenda priorities. The PHAC will also
increasingly be in alignment and complimentary to Alexandria's Community Health
Improvement Plan. Lastly, will work with Council to adopt resolution declaring Racism a
Public Health crisis.

Leadership

 Officers for the upcoming year and were elected at the August 2021 meeting: Andrew Romero will serve as Chair- Previous Chair was Dan Hawkins. Tricia Rodgers as Vice-Chair (October 2021). Previous Vice-Chair, Andrew Romero.

- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - o Chair Andrew Romero
 - Vice-Chair Patricia Rodgers
 - o Dr. Jessica Hill
 - Allison Miner
 - o Dr. Michael Trahos
 - o Richard Merritt
 - o JeanAnn Mayhan
 - Lisa Chimento
 - o Melissa Riddy
 - o Brian Hricik
 - o Jacob Weinberg
 - o Anita McClendon
 - o Sylvia Jones
 - Katherine Hicks
 - o Patrick Killeen
 - o Michael Millman
 - o Allen Lomax
 - o Dan Hawkins
 - o Stacy Biddinger
- Casey Colzani and the Alexandria Health Department acted as the staff liaison to PHAC during the course of the 2021/2022 year.

Attachments

- 1. Gun Safety Resolution
- 2. Resolution Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis.

APPENDIX F. ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON:	
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MEMBER'S NAME	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec
Tricia Rodgers	х	Е	X	NA	X	X	NA	X	NA	X	x	X
Andrew Romero	х	X	X	NA	X	X	NA	X	NA	X	x	X
Richard Merritt	Х	Х	Х	NA	X	X	NA	X	NA	X	x	X
Allison Minor	х	X	X	NA	X	E	NA	Е	NA	U	x	X
Dr. Michael Trahos	х	E	X	NA	X	X	NA	X	NA	E	x	X
Dr. Jessica Hill	х	Х	Х	NA	X	X	NA	X	NA	E	x	X
Brian Hricik	х	Е	Е	NA	X	Е	NA	X	NA	E	X .	E
JeanAnne Mayhan	х	Е	X	NA	X	X	NA	NA	NA	E	x	X
Jacob Weinberg		X	X	NA	Х	X	NA		NA			
Anita McClendon		·X	Х	NA	X	Х	NA		NA			
Sylvia Jones			X	NA	X	X	NA		NA			
Melissa Riddy	Е	X	X	NA	E	X	NA	E	NA	X	E	E
Katherine Hicks	х			NA			NA	X	NA	X	x	X
Patrick Killeen				NA			NA	X	NA	U	X	X
Michael Millman				NA			NA	X	NA			
Allen Lomax				NA			NA	X	NA			
Stacy Biddinger				NA			NA	X	NA	E	X	X
Sydney Etheredge				NA			NA	NA	NA	E	X	X
Lisa Chimento	X	X	Е	NA	X	X	NA		NA		х	
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INDICATE: X – FOR PRESENT

E – FOR EXCUSED U – FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON	
(APPROVED)	(Chairperson

DRAFT

GUN SAFETY RESOLUTION

Submitted by Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

WHEREAS, public safety is an essential responsibility of local government and prevention of threats to public safety is a wise and warranted approach toward ensuring a safe and healthy community environment for the enjoyment of all; and

WHEREAS, more than two million children live in homes in the U.S. with unsecured guns and 1.7 million children live in homes where guns are both unlocked and loaded; and

WHEREAS, studies show that parents often underestimate the extent to which their children know where their household guns are stored and the frequency with which children handle guns while unsupervised; and

WHEREAS, access to a gun is associated with a significant increase in the risk of suicide and child suicides by firearms are responsible for over 500 deaths in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, a Johns Hopkins University study found that gunshot wounds put an average of 8,300 U.S. children in to the hospital and almost 1,300 children die from gunfire each year;

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, firearm injuries recently surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death for our nation's children; and

WHEREAS, firearm purchases soared in 2020 and 2021 to their highest levels in half a century, with more than 20 percent of the total gun purchases by first-time gun owners; and

WHEREAS, according to Everytown, the Covid 19 pandemic has intensified the gun violence crisis in the Americas; moreover, unintentional shooting deaths by children increased by one-third; and

WHEREAS, studies show that about 75% of shooters under 18 years of age obtained the gun from their home or the home of a relative or a friend; and

WHEREAS, public safety will only grow more vulnerable if the U.S. Supreme Court overturns New York state's law that imposes limits on carrying guns outside the home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria wishes to take a proactive approach toward proper and responsible gun safety and firearm storage in order to avoid circumstances of death, injury and family or community trauma.

Therefore, be it jointly resolved by the Alexandria City Council and the Alexandria School Board that they seek to jointly promote and sponsor a Gun Safety Campaign focused on promoting proper gun storage through communication efforts with parents and caregivers, health care providers and other interested groups; conduct public service announcements through various forms of media and to promote educational efforts among public safety agencies.

Be if further jointly resolved, that the Alexandria City Council will:

- (1) Encourage health providers, especially pediatricians and primary care physicians and nurses, to inquire of patients whether there is a gun in the home and, if so, if it is locked and stored properly;
- (2) Distribute free gun locks to all interested gun owners;
- (3) Support any ACPS efforts to inform Alexandria families of gun safety options such as locking devices; and
- (4) Consider sponsoring a voluntary "Proud to be Gun-Free" campaign, whereby businesses and organizations encourage gun owners to leave their guns behind when patronizing their establishment.

DECLARING RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Submitted by The Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

WHEREAS, racism is a threat to public health and safety and is a paramount social and economic determinant of health, shaping access to the resources that create opportunities for health and mental health, including housing, education, employment, income, food security, and transportation, and is a persistent barrier to health equity for all Alexandrians; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having an independent influence on the social determinants of health, racism in and of itself has been proven to have broad-reaching and direct negative impacts on individual health outcomes; moreover, racism is broadly recognized as a root cause of poverty and constricted economic mobility; and

WHEREAS, racism unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole community through the waste of human resources, and the City's collective prosperity depends upon the equitable access to opportunity for every resident regardless of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report (by the Institute of Medicine) documented that Black, American Indian and Alaska Native patients continued to receive poorer care than White patients on 40% of the quality measures included, with little to no improvement from decades past; and

WHEREAS, studies show that physicians provide less than the recommend care to Black people, including being less likely to refer Black patients compared to White patients to specialists and high quality hospitals; Black men who experience racism and internalize it have shorter telomeres, which is linked to accelerated aging; and

WHEREAS, it is widely understood that racial disparities are the greatest obstacle or challenge to achieving health equity in a community; in fact, health equity and racial equity are inextricably linked – one cannot be achieved without the other; and

WHEREAS, The Virginia General Assembly adopted House Joint Resolution No. 537 "recognizing that racism is a public health crisis in Virginia... and that relevant state entities, including the Virginia Department of Health and its Office of Health Equity, be encouraged to consider steps to address systemic racism and its impact on public health"; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Council on January 23, 2021 adopted RESOLUTION NO. 2974, *All Alexandria: Committing to Race and Social Equity,* which contain key *whereas* clauses as:

 Alexandria is home to many ethnically and racially diverse communities that are subject to individual or systemic racism; and

- People who live, work and visit in Alexandria today continue to experience bias, discrimination, and unequal outcomes and/or treatment in every field and sector including but not limited to government, housing, employment, environment, wealth, healthcare, education, transportation, the legal system; and
- Today Alexandria recognizes, acknowledges and is atoning for its past actions and policies that
 excluded, targeted, or oppressed people due to their color, race, national origin, ancestry,
 gender, gender identify, age, ethnicity, religion, ability, culture, sexual orientation, ethnicity,
 language; and
- Alexandria must act deliberately, thoughtfully and thoroughly to end racial injustices by frank examination and fair and just inclusion for All Alexandria; and
- We seek and embrace a multi-racial, anti-racist, intersectional, intergenerational, community where All Alexandrians truly thrive; and

WHEREAS, although the word "health" is seldom mentioned in Resolution 2974, Mayor Justin Wilson, commenting on the Resolution in a memorandum to the members of City Council, identified "health conditions" to be among the four "deep[est] inequities" in play within the City [the other three are "educational attainment", "wealth accumulation" and "Injustice".] The mayor further commented that "Acknowledgement of these inequities is an important step. Intentional action to ensure a just community must follow." and

WHEREAS, numerous studies support the conclusion of two public health scholars: "There has not been a single year since the founding of the United States when Black people in this country have not been sicker and died younger than White people." and

WHEREAS, data going back almost twenty years indicates that an African American adult (15 to 64 yrs) in Alexandria is at almost twice the risk of dying prematurely (before age 75) than a White adult; and

WHEREAS, long-standing research from the Institute of Medicine confirms a significant and positive effect of health insurance not only on access to care, but on health itself; and

WHEREAS, data from the 2019 City of Alexandria's Community Health Assessment shows that 43% of the adult Hispanic population of Alexandria, 31% of Black/African American population but only 5% of Whites are without health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, racial health disparities and inequities have been on display during the COVID-19 pandemic, with African Americans more likely to be hospitalized by the virus and more than twice as like to die from the virus as Caucasians; and

WHEREAS, the experience in Alexandria more than one year into the pandemic shows Blacks accounted for 31% of hospitalizations but represent only 22% of the population, whereas Whites accounted for 21% of hospitalizations but are 54% of the population; and

WHEREAS, researchers at Princeton and University of Southern California found that Covid-19 reduced U.S. life expectancy, especially among Black and Latino populations. According to the study, as a result of pandemic deaths in 2020, life expectancy at birth for Americans will shorten by 1.13 years, while projections for Black life expectancy would shorten by 2.10 years and 3.05 years for Latinos. Overall, the gap in life expectancy between Blacks and Whites is expected to widen by 40 percent, from 3.6 to more than five years; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Community Health Assessment indicates that average life expectancy at birth in the City of Alexandria can vary by as much as eight years from one neighborhood to another; and

WHEREAS, according to "Deeply Rooted: History's Lessons for Equity in Northern Virginia", a report by Virginia Commonwealth University's Center on Society and Health and funded by the Northern Virginia Health Foundation, "disparities in ... living conditions, along with the harmful health effects of chronic exposure to discrimination, are products of the history recounted here and are chiefly responsible for the large gaps in life expectancy that exist today in Northern Virginia."

WHEREAS, the American Medical Association declared, "Racism in its systemic, structural, institutional, and interpersonal forms is an urgent threat to public health, the advancement of health equity, and a barrier to excellence in the delivery of medical care."; and

WHEREAS, long after Jim Crow laws were outlawed, outright discrimination in home ownership and education led to the furtherance of wealth inequities among Black and White families, such that in 2013, median white households possessed \$13 in net wealth for every dollar held by the median black household, or \$10 for the median Latinx household; in Alexandria, the average Black household has 20% of the wealth of the average White household; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to engage with residents, community partners, and stakeholders in the health care field, as well as with other fields such as education, housing, employment, food security and transportation to raise awareness of these issues and develop practical and sustainable solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA THAT:

Racism is a Public Health Crisis affecting the entire City and community of Alexandria; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Alexandria commits to educating our residents on the impact of racism on public health, including public health infrastructure, the health and social safety net, access to health care, social and economic determinants of health and well-being, diversity in health workforce, and that broad community input is obtained around a vision for a more racially equitable and just public health system; and be it also

FURTHER RESOLVED, that relevant city agencies, such as the Alexandria Health Department and the Department of Community and Human Services, in partnership with stakeholder boards and commissions, such as the Public Health Advisory Commission, the Social Services Commission, the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, and the Community Services Board, are encouraged to consider steps to address systemic racism and its impact on public health and the health and well-being of the entire community.

Public Records Advisory Commission Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Public Records Advisory Commission (PRAC) includes providing advice and guidance to the City Records Administrator and Archivist on records management matters and implementation of the records program in the city. The commission is comprised of professional archivists, records managers, historians, research specialists, and citizens. Within these guidelines, the PRAC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

PRAC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

Example: Allan Krinsman was appointed to PRAC in September 2021. We still have 2
vacancies and members have reached out to their networks to seek applicants. Sean Ferguson
replaced Monica St. Dennis as PRAC's representative to HARC. A quorum was achieved at
every meeting.

PRAC Member Activities

 Monica St. Dennis was our HARC representative for most of the year, with Sean Ferguson replacing her in May 2022.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- Renovations: The planned renovation of the Archives & Records Center has been in the works for several years. While stalled by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made some progress. In spring of 2022, a new project manager was assigned and a bid solicitation was publicly posted in June 2022. The renovations will include an overhaul of the sprinkler system, new HVAC systems, and elevator repair, with possible painting and landscaping. The fire escape will be a separate project. The alarm system was recently upgraded.
- **Digitization:** Archives has and is working on digitizing many permanent records to make them more easily accessible. During FY 2022, Archives has digitized 66,369 pages of documents, far exceeding FY 2021's 8,972 pages.
- Internships & volunteers: Archives has continued to have success in recruiting interns, often students studying library science. The biggest projects for these interns have been scanning and indexing City Council minutes, dockets and transcripts spanning the 20th century, as well as Planning Commission reports. Having these documents digitized will greatly ease access for researchers. Archives has also hosted volunteers and high school students interested in records management.

- Records management training: Archives held several one-on-one records management training meetings with City agencies.
- FOIAs: After a 5-year hiatus during which the Archives and Records Center was not
 permitted to provide access to researchers from the public because of FOIA/confidentiality
 concerns, an agreement was reached with the City Attorney's Office outlining the parameters
 for such researchers. Since then, several researchers have visited the Archives and Records
 Center.

Goals for 2022-2023

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Public Records Advisory Commission Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Public Records Advisory Commission (PRAC) includes providing advice and guidance to the City Records Administrator and Archivist on records management matters and implementation of the records program in the city. The commission is comprised of professional archivists, records managers, historians, research specialists, and citizens. Within these guidelines, the PRAC membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

PRAC Policy and Membership Accomplishments

Example: Allan Krinsman was appointed to PRAC in September 2021. We still have 2
vacancies and members have reached out to their networks to seek applicants. Sean Ferguson
replaced Monica St. Dennis as PRAC's representative to HARC. A quorum was achieved at
every meeting.

PRAC Member Activities

 Monica St. Dennis was our HARC representative for most of the year, with Sean Ferguson replacing her in May 2022.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- Renovations: The planned renovation of the Archives & Records Center has been in the works for several years. While stalled by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made some progress. In spring of 2022, a new project manager was assigned and a bid solicitation was publicly posted in June 2022. The renovations will include an overhaul of the sprinkler system, new HVAC systems, and elevator repair, with possible painting and landscaping. The fire escape will be a separate project. The alarm system was recently upgraded.
- **Digitization:** Archives has and is working on digitizing many permanent records to make them more easily accessible. During FY 2022, Archives has digitized 66,369 pages of documents, far exceeding FY 2021's 8,972 pages.
- Internships & volunteers: Archives has continued to have success in recruiting interns, often students studying library science. The biggest projects for these interns have been scanning and indexing City Council minutes, dockets and transcripts spanning the 20th century, as well as Planning Commission reports. Having these documents digitized will greatly ease access for researchers. Archives has also hosted volunteers and high school students interested in records management.

- Records management training: Archives held several one-on-one records management training meetings with City agencies.
- FOIAs: After a 5-year hiatus during which the Archives and Records Center was not
 permitted to provide access to researchers from the public because of FOIA/confidentiality
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 for such researchers. Since then, several researchers have visited the Archives and Records
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 Our leadership for the 2022-2023 year will be selected at our September 2022 meeting.
- Allan Krinsman was our only new member this year; his term is September 2021 through September 2023.
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ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ADVISORY GROUP NAME] **MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**

IULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Lynn Jorden

MEMBER'S NAME	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Cam Cook			Х	X	X		Х	X	E	Х	X	X
Sean Ferguson			Х	X	X		X	X	Х	Х	X	X
Lynn Jorden	de la la la la la la la la la la la la la		Х	X	Е		Х	Е	Х	Х	X	X
Allan Krinsman			Х	X	X	1.000	Х	X	X	Х	X	X
Monica St. Dennis			Х	X	X		Х	Е	X	X	X	E

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT E - FOR EXCUSED U - FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

• N/A

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON

APPENDIX F. ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT TEMPLATE

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ADVISORY GROUP NAME] MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1, 2021, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Kanwit

MEMBER'S NAME	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Stephanie Kanwit (Chair)	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Jo Ann Regan (Vice Chair)	X	X	Е	X	X			E	X	X	X	
Rachel Dienna	X	X	X	X	X						X	
Matthew Walsh	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
Andrew Baird	Е	Е	E	X	X			X	X	E	E	
Stuart Venzke	X	X	X	E	Е			X	X	Е	X	
Shawna Gary	X	X	X	E	E			X	X	X	X	
Sharee Chambers	U	U	U	U	U				Е	U	U	
James Crawford	X	X	Е	X	E			X	X	X	X	
Abby Horrell	X	X	X	Е	Е			Е	X	Е	X	
DCHS Staff												
Lesa Gilbert	X	X	X	X	X			E	X	E	X	
Wilma Newby	EA	X	EA	X	X						X	
La Toya Williams								X		Χ	X	
Yeme Mehari									X			

INDICATE: X - FOR PRESENT

E – FOR EXCUSED

U – FOR UNEXCUSED

LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY CHAIRPERSON (APPROVED) /Stephanie W. Kanwit (Chairperson)

Social Services Advisory Board Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of Accomplishments

The mission of the Social Services Advisory Board is to advance the well-being of all Alexandrians as it works with the Department of Community and Human Services. It serves as the public welfare advisory board of the city, monitors the formulation and implementation of those programs, and makes recommendations on policy matters to the DCHS. Within these guidelines, the SSAB membership completed the following activities during its 2021/22 year.

SSAB Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- Membership remained steady throughout the year. Two members resigned, but two
 additional members replaced them. Meetings were generally electronic but in-person, starting
 with the meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022. A sustained effort was made to recruit lowincome community representatives and those of various backgrounds. The Board still has
 three positions vacant.
- SSAB has worked with other Boards and Commissions on its Racial Equity Statement. It has transmitted to other Boards and Commissions its Recommendations supporting the Alexandria Guaranteed Income Pilot.
- The SSAB has recently revised its By-Laws to allow electronic participation due to a personal matter or a member's or family member's temporary or permanent disability under the leadership of members Matthew Walsh and Andrew Baird.

SSAB Member Activities

- The members have listened to multiple valuable presentations from City employees, including Chelsea Eickert, Children and Youth Community Planning; Greta Rosenzweig, Child Welfare Services; Tricia Bassing, Youth Behavioral Health; Julie Mullen, Guaranteed Income Pilot.
- Members have attended City Council meetings and reported on priorities, including equity, housing, and preserving open spaces in the City.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

Guaranteed Income Pilot: the members listened to a presentation from Tyler Wedrosky on
the GIP. Subsequently, the Board drafted a one-page memorandum supporting the GIP and
its goals and recommending that waivers should be in place both state-wide and federally
under SNAP and Medicaid; letters to that effect were sent to both Virginia senators as well as
Cong. Don Beyer and the commissioner of VDSS. A copy was sent to other Boards and
Commissions.

- Racial Equity: SSAB drafted a Racial Equity Statement in the spring of 2021 that is used as a template for other Boards and Commissions and is still in effect.
- Mental Health: Members submitted a document on adolescent mental health to the Legislative Director advocating for community mobile crisis intervention specifically for youths/adolescents.

Goals for 2022-2023

• The SSAB's goals for the upcoming year are as follows: (1) Increasing equitable housing opportunities throughout the City through affordable housing, rent relief, and eviction and support services. (2) Addressing the social determinants of health to eliminate health inequities and improve health outcomes. (3) Ensuring every child's opportunity at success, particularly for mental health and developmental disabilities services, and affordable and high-quality childcare options.

Leadership

- Officers for the remainder of 2022 include Stephanie Kanwit as Chair and Dr. Jo Ann Regan as Vice-Chair.
- New members include Rachael Dienna, appointed in November 2021.
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - Dr. JoAnn Regan, Andrew Baird, James Crawford, Matthew Walsh, Shawna Gary, Stuart Venzke, Abby Horrell, Sharee Talbert, Mark Tonsetic, Rachel Dienna
- The staff liaison to the SSAB is Lesa Gilbert.

Attachments

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

August 12, 2022

TO:

GLORIA SITTON

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

THRU:

KARL W. MORITZ, DIRECTOR

PLANNING & ZONING

FROM:

STEPHEN W. KULINSKI, CHAIR

URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:

URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UDAC)

FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

This is the annual report for the Old Town North Urban Design Advisory Committee (UDAC) for Fiscal Year 2022, as required by City Code Section 2-4-7(i)(1).

UDAC "review[s] applications to the City for Site Plan approval and Special Use Permits for compliance with the urban design guidelines for Old Town North when such guidelines are adopted by City Council" per section 6-505 of the Zoning Ordinance. UDAC provides guidance to staff and makes formal recommendations to the Planning Commission on new development proposals that are located within the Old Town North Small Area Plan boundary for project sites that are not also within the City's Old and Historic Alexandria District.

The guiding document for UDAC is the Urban Standards & Guidelines for Old Town North (UDSG), adopted by Ordinance on September 16, 2017 by City Council. The standards and guidelines in the UDSG are "intended to provide requirements and guidance in written and graphic form to implement the vision" of the Old Town North Small Area Plan. Additional guiding documents for the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) site, the PRGS Urban Design Standards and Guidelines addendum and PRGS Design Excellence Prerequisites and Criteria addendum, were approved by City Council on July 5, 2022.

Website:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/boards-and-commissions/urban-design-advisory-committee-serving-old-town-north

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Policy and Membership Accomplishments

The Committee is comprised of five (5) members, each permitted to serve two (2)-year terms. Membership of UDAC consists of the following categories:

- Two (2) representatives of the Old Town North business community
- Two (2) residents representing the Old Town North residential community
- One (1) qualified professional skilled in urban design, architecture or landscape architecture

FY2022 Committee Members:

Member	Representation	First Appointed	Term End
Katherine Bingler	Resident	04.09.19	04.06.23
Thomas Soapes (Vice Chair)	Resident	10.05.18	10.06.22
Stephen Kulinski, AIA (Chair)	Business Community	02.10.15	02.09.23
Abbey Oklak, AIA, AICP, LEED AP (Secretary)	Design Professional	09.13.16	09.08.22
Theresa del Ninno	Business Community	11.10.20	07.06.22

Staff Liaison:

Michael Swidrak, Planning and Zoning, acted as the staff liaison to UDAC during the course of FY2022.

Membership and Leadership

Committee membership was remained unchanged over the course of the year, with the exception of the resignation of Theresa del Ninno in early July 2022. Ms. del Ninno was appointed to the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) and resigned prior to joining her first BAR hearing on July 6. The vacancy for a Business Community member will be filled by City Council in September.

Stephen Kulinski, Thomas Soapes and Abbey Oklak were re-elected as Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary, respectively, at the September 2021 meeting. The next vote on these positions will occur at the first autumn meeting.

Meetings

UDAC meets monthly at its most frequent, but only meets quarterly or as needed if no applications have been submitted for review. Additionally, extra meetings may be scheduled as needed. Meetings are generally scheduled for the first Wednesday of a given month at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Sister Cities Conference Room 1101.

UDAC held five (5) meetings in FY2022. The meetings were scheduled as in-person meetings in City Hall, though the January 2022 meeting was held as a virtual meeting due to the Omicron wave of COVID-19 infections. The meetings in January, March and May were "hybrid" meetings where the Committee met in City Hall, though a Zoom webinar and camera were set up to facilitate online viewing and participation in the meetings.

The proceedings are summarized below. The full meeting notes for each meeting are located on the UDAC website:

September 8, 2021:

- The applicant for the Transpotomac Plaza / Tidelock redevelopment site (1033, 1055 and 1111 N. Fairfax Street) presented to UDAC for the third time. The Committee asked for the applicant to provide further site and building design changes and return for to UDAC for another presentation.
- The applicant for the redevelopment at 901 N. Pitt Street presented to UDAC for the first time and provided an overview of the site and building design. Committee comments included on the building massing, proposed curb cuts and the publicly accessible open space at the north end of the site.
- City staff introduced the UDSG matrix as a document that applicants were required to fill out to better facilitate UDAC's review of development projects with the UDSG.
- The Committee held yearly elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

November 3, 2021:

- The applicant for the redevelopment at 901 N. Pitt Street presented to UDAC for the second time. The applicant presentation focused on design options for the publicly accessible open space. Committee comments focused on parking and loading, storefront treatments on Montgomery Street and streetscape and open space amenities.
- The applicant for the Transpotomac Plaza / Tidelock redevelopment site (1033, 1055 and 1111 N. Fairfax Street) presented to UDAC for the fourth time. Committee and applicant discussion focused on building articulation, pedestrian circulation and open space amenities. The Committee voted 3-2 that the development proposal met the standards and guidelines in the UDSG.
- Staff brought a UDAC rules and procedures governing document for the Committee to review. The Committee voted 5-0 to approve the document with amendments to sections outlining a minimal requirement for meetings (semi-annual) and flexibility in the recording requirement for meetings.
- Following the formal meeting, UDAC members and members of the community met at the Alexan Old Town at 600 N. Royal Street and went on a walking tour of developments recently reviewed by UDAC. This included the Alexan Old Town, Gables Old Town North, The Muse and The Venue developments previously reviewed by UDAC. The walking tour was 90 minutes and ended at approximately 12:00 p.m.

January 12, 2022:

 The applicant for the redevelopment at 901 N. Pitt Street presented to UDAC for the third time. Committee comments focused on streetscape and sidewalk width and the design evolution of the publicly accessible linear open space. The Committee voted 5-0 that the development proposal met the standards and guidelines in the UDSG.

March 9, 2022:

- The applicant for the addition to the Perfect Pita building at 951 N. Fairfax Street presented to UDAC. The applicant proposed a building expansion to a small building and solicited feedback on architectural details based on the limited nature of the proposal and the applicability of the UDSG. The committee voted 5-0 to support the proposal.
- Staff provided an informational update on the Development Standards and Guidelines Addendum and Design Excellence Standards for the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS) Coordinated Development District (CDD) site. Staff outlined the drafting of the Addendum and Design Excellence Standards and the process for the applicant for each CDD building or block to seek UDAC endorsement using either document.

May 11, 2022:

- The Committee met with City staff, community members and the owner of the PRGS site for a site tour at 8:30 a.m. The property owner and CDD applicant walked the tour group around the site until 9:30 a.m. when Committee members headed to City Hall for a 10:00 a.m. meeting start time.
- Staff provided a second informational update on the Development Standards and Guidelines Addendum and Design Excellence Standards for the Potomac River Generating Station PRGS site. Staff went into more detail about the application of the Design Excellence Standards and the process of drafting each document, noting it was part of the CDD approval package for the July City Council hearing. The Committee asked for additional background on the creation of the Addendum document and time for review of the documents.
- The applicant for the Montgomery Center redevelopment on the 800 block of N. Royal Street presented to UDAC for the first time. The applicant outlined the building massing program and the open space and circulation plan, including the inclusion of mid-block open spaces and a covered "paseo" area for parking and loading access as well as pedestrian circulation.

GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR

- 1. Continue to standardize the UDAC process for hybrid meetings that prioritize in-person meetings but allow for an adequate virtual participation option.
- 2. Prepare UDAC members for review of projects tied to the PRGS site, including the utilization of the UDSG Addendum and Design Excellence Standards for each project as applicable.
- 3. Continue to plan a yearly walking tour of previous UDAC-reviewed development sites.

4. Discuss, present and share ideas on urban design principles with UDAC members, including at Committee meetings.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. FY2022 Attendance Sheet
- 2. Endorsement Letters to Planning Commission for Tidelock and 901 N. Pitt Street developments

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA URBAN DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON:	STEPHEN W. KULINSKI, AIA	
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MEMBER'S NAME	September 2021	November 2021	January 2022	March 2022	May 2022
Abbey Oklak	Х	X	X	X	X
Theresa del Ninno	X	X	X	X	X
Thomas Soapes	X	X	X	X	X
Katherine Auth Bingler	Х	X	X	X	X
Stephen Kulinski	X	X	X	X	X

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(Chairperson)

City of Alexandria

Urban Design Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

Stephen Kulinski, Chair Tom Soapes, Vice Chair Abbey Oklak, Secretary Katherine Bingler Theresa del Ninno

March 15, 2022

Planning Commission for the City of Alexandria

Stephen Koenig
David Brown
Melissa McMahon
Vivian Ramirez
Nathan Macek, Chair
Melinda Lyle
Jody Manor

Re: 901 N Pitt Street

Concept Design Submission

The Urban Design Advisory Committee (UDAC) serves in an appointed advisory committee capacity to the Planning Commission and to City Council on the planning and design of projects within the Old Town North (OTN) small area plan boundaries. In that role, the committee has met on three separate occasions between September 2021 and January 2022 to review the concept plan submission for the above referenced project. The applicant was responsive to the Committees questions and concerns. It was noted that the applicant was proactive in engaging and responding to Watergate, the established community adjacent to the north property line of the project.

This redevelopment project is the fifth to be considered by UDAC since the adoption of the revised Urban Design Standards and Guidelines on September 16, 2017. The applicants responded to the Committees comments and revised the plans accordingly. The Committee unanimously endorsed the project as meeting the Old Town North Urban Design Standards and Guidelines.

The committee endorsed the overall concept design for the project at the January 12th, 2022 meeting for the presentation dated January 5, 2022.

Respectfully, **Urban Design Advisory Committee**Stephen Kulinski, AIA , Chair

City of Alexandria

Urban Design Advisory Committee

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Committee Members:

Stephen Kulinski, Chair Tom Soapes, Vice Chair Abbey Oklak, Secretary Katherine Bingler Theresa del Ninno

December 9, 2021

Planning Commission for the City of Alexandria

Stephen Koenig
David Brown
Melissa McMahon
Vivian Ramirez
Nathan Macek, Chair
Melinda Lyle
Jody Manor

Re: Tidelock project at Transpotomac Plaza (1033, 1055 & 1111 N. Fairfax Street)

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This redevelopment project is the fourth to be considered by UDAC since the adoption of the revised Urban Design Standards and Guidelines on September 16, 2017. The applicants responded to the Committees comments, although the re-use of the existing building structures and the complicated land ownership/parking garage agreements made for limited responses to some of the committee's concerns. The committee ultimately split the vote with a 3-2 margin.

The committee endorsed the overall concept design for the project at the November 3, 2021 meeting for the presentation dated November 3, 2021.

Respectfully, **Urban Design Advisory Committee**Stephen Kulinski, AIA, Chair

Alexandria Waterfront Commission Annual Report July 2021 – June 2022

Summary of

Accomplishments

The mission of the Waterfront Commission is to advise the City Council and staff on issues related to Alexandria's Marina and advises on implementation of the Waterfront Small Area Plan. Within these guidelines, the Waterfront Commission membership completed the following activities during its 2021-2022 year.

Waterfront Commission Policy and Membership Accomplishments

- Membership remained consistent through the year. The Commission held seven virtual
 meetings and three in-person meetings from September 2021 through June 2022 and
 maintained at quorum during the year. The Commission also held its annual waterfront
 walk in June 2022. Although the Commission continues to be successful in vacancy
 recruitment, the Commission will consider avenues to increase diversity of the
 membership in future recruitment opportunities.
- List participation/Coordination with other advisory groups as relevant:
 - Majority of the membership represents specific stakeholder and/or Commission/Advisory Groups (see roster below)
- List any policy changes
 - o None.

Waterfront Commission Member Activities

- List any member activities, if relevant, pertaining to members
 - o One member continued to serve on the Public Art Task Force responsible for the recommendation for the installation of temporary public art in Waterfront Park.
 - Two members continued to monitor RiverRenew stakeholder meetings to ensure the Waterfront Commission is informed and participates in the planning activities associated with the Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) remediation projects.
 - o Five members continued to serve on the Flood Mitigation Flood Committee to work with City staff on the implementation of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Program and/or Legislative Accomplishments

- The Commission continues to support and provide recommendations to City Council on the implementation of the Waterfront Plan. Notable legislative accomplishments include:
 - The Commission provided comments on FY 2023 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program reaffirming the City's commitment to funding planned capital expenditures, operations, and maintenance of the waterfront, and consider creative funding to ensure the future and continued success of the implementation of the Waterfront Plan.
 - The Commission continued to monitor and provided recommendations regarding the Action Plan for Vibrancy & Sustainability at Torpedo Factory Art Center (TFAC). The Commission appointed a member to the Task Force to provide

- further study and community engagement.
- The Commission supported the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force's recommendation to create a permanent Dockless Mobility Program and their proposed changes to program requirements and policy.
- O The Commission unanimously supported the proposal for the Alexandria Seaport Foundation to locate a second educational seaport center in the City Marina. The second facility will provide the needed space to meet the increased demand to serve the City's disengaged and most vulnerable youth and will expand opportunities to increase awareness of the City's maritime heritage and traditional wooden boat building for the public's enjoyment.
- O The Commission endorsed the pilot program to open the unit block of King Street to pedestrians, as well as establishment of permanent curbside pickup/loading zones in the 100 blocks of North and South Union Street. The opening of these streets to pedestrian traffic will better link Waterfront Park to the existing pedestrian zone in the 100 block of King Street. This proposal is consistent with the Waterfront Small Area Plan.
- The Commission received and update and continued to monitor the recommendation from the City's Department of General Services to surplus the open space property portion of 2 King St. City Council approved the surplus and delayed the bid package solicitation until Fall 2022 to ensure appropriate Commission involvement occurs.
- The Commission supported the economic recovery which will make permanent certain temporary programs, which City Council authorized in March 2020 to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the Commission endorsed the continuation of expanded customer pick-up zones, the designation of the City as a Tourism Zone, and the continued use of on-street parking spaces for dining and retail uses and endorsed the permanent closure of the 100 block of King Street to vehicular traffic with the recommendation that secure barriers would be installed at both ends of the block to ensure visitor safety.

Commission activities and addition work accomplished may be found by visiting https://www.alexandriava.gov/25562.

Goals for 2021-2022

- Continue to evaluate and review public and private development activities to ensure compliance with Waterfront Plan goals and objectives; and
- Continue to advocate for additional funding to implement and maintain activities in support of realization Waterfront Plan goals and objectives

Leadership

- List term expirations and new members, with month they were appointed
 - Sarah Bagley, City Council (appointed 1/22)
 - Agnes Artemel, East of Washington St. and North of Pendleton (appointed 2/22)
 - Gina Baum, Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission (term expired 12/21)
 - o Beth Gross, Founders Park Community Association (resigned 9/2021)
 - Christa Watters, Citizen, east of Washington St. and north of Pendleton St. (term expired 2/22)
 - Kristina Hagman, Representative, Founders Park Community

- Esther White, Alexandria Archaeological Commission (appointed 11/2021)
- Agnes Artemel, East of Washington St. and North of Pendleton (appointed 2/2022)
- o Brian McPherson, Park Planning District III (appointed 3/2022)
- During the course of the year, membership included the following individuals:
 - o Agnes Artemel, East of Washington St. and North of Pendleton
 - o Gina Baum, Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission
 - o Eldon Boes, Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission
 - o Robert Cvejanovich, Old Town Civic Association
 - Doug Gosnell, Alexandria Marina Pleasure Boat Owners
 - o Beth Gross, Founders Park Community Association
 - Kristina Hagman, Representative, Founders Park Community Association
 - o Charlotte Hall, VisitAlexandria
 - Judy Heiser, Alexandria Commission for the Arts
 - Trae Lamond, Representative, Old Town Business and Professional Association)
 - o Nathan Macek, Alexandria Planning Commission, Vice-Chair
 - Brian McPherson, Park Planning District III
 - o Lebaron Reid, Commissioner At-Large
 - o Louise Roseman, Citizen, Park Planning District I
 - Barbara Saperstone, Citizen, east of Washington St. and south of King St.
 - o Kathy Seifert, Alexandria Seaport Foundation
 - o Mohamed E. "Mo" Seifeldein, Member, Alexandria City Council
 - o Scott Shaw, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce
 - Stephen Thayer, Citizen, east of Washington St. and north of King St. and Chair, Waterfront Commission
 - Christa Watters, Citizen, east of Washington St. and north of Pendleton St.
 - o Patricia Webb, Citizen, Park Planning District II
 - o Robert Weinhagen, Historic Alexandria Foundation
 - o Esther White, Alexandria Archaeological Commission

Jack Browand, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities acted as the staff liaison to the Waterfront Commission during the course of FY 2022.

Attachments

- 1. 2 King Street
- 2. Dockless Mobility
- 3. Economic Recovery
- 4. FY 2023 Budget
- 5. Flood Mitigation
- 6. Seaport Foundation
- 7. Torpedo Factory Art Center
- 8. Unit Block of King Street



Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

June 24, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor & members of City Council

Re: Proposal to Surplus a portion of 2 King Street

At the Alexandria Waterfront Commission monthly meeting on June 21, 2022, the City's Department of General Services informed the Commission about a staff recommendation that City Council, at its meeting on June 28, 2022, declare a portion of the open space property at 2 King Street as surplus property. This action would set in motion a process to request proposals from interested purchasers to develop the property.

The 2 King Street parcel has a lengthy history of disputed ownership which was resolved with the City's 2014 agreement to exchange land with the Old Dominion Boat Club. The acquisition of this land required City leaders to expend precious financial and political capital, so any decision to sell this parcel should be carefully considered.

The Waterfront Commission believes that the declaration of surplus property is premature at this time. We recommend an interim step in which City staff articulate the expected benefits and costs of public versus private ownership of the property, given the multiple potential uses of this site. Only once the benefits and costs have been evaluated can an informed decision be reached regarding a declaration of surplus property. This evaluation will also highlight the potential public features of the site, under either public or private ownership, which must be fully considered in advance of any property sale. This may include features such as restrooms; indoor, outdoor, or covered outdoor recreation space; meeting rooms; visitor information; arts and cultural uses; police/public safety offices; or other amenities. In addition, the evaluation should consider measures to address flooding and stormwater management under public or private ownership, which are significant issues at this location.

As General Services staff noted, the Waterfront Small Area Plan does not articulate a specific vision for this site but does generally address the features desired of public and private uses in this area of the waterfront. To the fullest extent possible, use of this site should be supportive of the aims and objectives of the Waterfront Plan. The City should articulate for the community how any recommended use of this land aligns with the Waterfront planning vision.

We also note that the pilot closure of The Strand and unit block of King Street to vehicular traffic began on Memorial Day and is scheduled to end on Labor day and is not yet complete. Any permanent decision on the final use of these blocks will influence potential uses of this site relative to adjacent buildings, public streets, and Waterfront Park. We believe permanent decisions regarding the future of this location should await the outcome of the temporary pilot program.

If the City eventually acts to declare the property surplus, we encourage articulation of the public and private features desired in any development of this site prior to issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP). We encourage the City to circulate a draft of the RFP for review and comment by City commissions such as the Waterfront Commission and Park and Recreation Commission in advance of formal publication.

In the event the property is eventually sold, we request reinvestment of the sale proceeds in waterfront capital improvements.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide further feedback on the use of a 2 King Street as the City's deliberations advance.

Sincerely,

Stephen Thayer, Chair

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October 26, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor & members of City Council

Re: Dockless Mobility Recommendations

At its September 21, 2021, meeting, the Alexandria Waterfront Commission received an update from staff on the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force's recommendation to Council for the Dockless Mobility program. The Commission supported the Task Force's recommendation to create a permanent Dockless Mobility Program and their proposed changes to program requirements and policy.

Commissioners also recommended that companies be required to provide a phone number on the scooter so parking violations may be reported to companies more easily. Staff confirmed this requirement is a part of the current program on the City website and will include this recommendation in future program requirements.

Key to the Commission is mitigating impacts on the waterfront including scooter riding and improper parking in Waterfront parks, trails and adjacent areas. The Commission was supportive of the Ad Hoc Scooter Task Force's proposed change to limit scooter speeds and areas of use by using technology (geofencing). Several Commissioners proposed additional signage to remind users that scooter riding is not permitted in Waterfront parks and trails.

The Waterfront Commission looks forward to continued collaboration to implement activities in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,

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October 13, 2021

Honorable Mayor and members of City Council

Re: City Economic Recovery Programs

At its September 20, 2021, meeting, the Waterfront Commission voted to support the economic recovery programs that will be proposed at the City Council public hearing on October 16, 2021. These proposals will make permanent certain temporary programs, which City Council authorized in March 2020 to support businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, the Commission endorsed the continuation of expanded customer pick-up zones, the designation of the City as a Tourism Zone, and the continued use of on-street parking spaces for dining and retail uses. Further the Commission endorses the permanent closure of the 100 block of King Street to vehicular traffic with the recommendation that secure barriers would be installed at both ends of the block to ensure visitor safety.

The Waterfront Commission appreciates the opportunity to provide these recommendations to City Council and looks forward to continued collaboration to implement activities in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,

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October 26, 2021

To: Mark Jinks, City Manager

Re: FY 2023-FY 2032 Budget and Capital Improvement Planning

Mr. City Manager:

This letter summarizes the Waterfront Commission's fiscal year (FY) 2023 budget priorities.

The Waterfront Commission recognizes the extraordinary fiscal challenges the City faces in light of the continuing impact of the Covid 19 pandemic and all its ramifications. Yet in our efforts on the path to becoming a smarter, more equitable, and greener city, we must recognize the duty to allocate funds to work toward the implementation of those goals. For the Waterfront Commission, charged with overseeing implementation of the Waterfront Small Area Plan, the primary emphasis continues to be analysis, planning and implementation of the capital improvements necessary to implement park improvements and flood mitigation projects, as well as ongoing maintenance and operation of high-quality parks and public spaces along the waterfront. We are mindful that the citizens of Alexandria made clear during the planning process and ongoing implementation period that they supported private development efforts but valued most highly the improvement and maintenance of waterfront public areas controlled by the City.

Capital Improvements: Waterfront Flood Mitigation and Park Improvements

Many of the original decisions regarding public sphere improvements to the waterfront were based on plans and analyses made years ago. With climate change moving at a visibly rapid pace and the amount of flooding observed in recent years along our waterfront, we are concerned that decisions for implementing flood mitigation and park improvements be based on current and realistic estimates of the needs and perils of the waterfront. In addition, improvements should be engineered to be reasonably afforded by the City, including both up-front capital and on-going maintenance and operations costs.

The Waterfront Commission has established a Flood Mitigation Committee to review and advise initial design proposals and will be developing recommendations for consideration by the full Commission. The Commission will provide specific recommendations to City Council in the coming months on this matter and encourages those recommendations to be considered as the City develops its FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program.

While we understand that funding is always a concern, we encourage the City to use federal recovery or infrastructure funds, as available, to invest in a world class waterfront, as stated in the Waterfront Small Area Plan, and further to pursue state and federal discretionary grant funds.

Operating and Maintenance Costs

The City's FY 2023 Operating Budget should sustain funding for priority waterfront operations and maintenance functions, including the marina, parks, policing, security, public restrooms, and debris removal. The budget should also support endeavors such as the Tall Ship Providence and special events — and to commit additional funding for operations and maintenance as public spaces along the waterfront continue to be activated and improved. Increased activity in waterfront areas requires higher standards of attention to effectively manage those spaces.

The Commission continues to encourage the City to find long-term and sustainable ways to fund investment in waterfront infrastructure, maintenance, and management through mechanisms such as a business improvement district, public/private partnerships, bonding, or application of incremental revenue from the waterfront's completed new private development.

Conclusions

In summary, the Waterfront Commission recommends that the City Manager's proposed FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program and Operating Budget reaffirm the City's commitment to funding planned capital expenditures, operations, and maintenance of the waterfront, and consider creative funding to ensure the future and continued success of the implementation of the Waterfront Plan.

We look forward to providing constructive feedback on the City's budget proposals over the coming months.

Sincerely,

Stephen Thayer, Chair

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May 16, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and members of City Council

Re: Progressive Design-build Procurement for the Implementation of Flood Mitigation and Park features of the Waterfront Small Area Plan

Overview

The Waterfront Commission, through its Flood Mitigation Committee, has been working with the City's Department of Project Implementation (DPI) to identify the scope of work that will be included in the upcoming progressive design-build procurement for the implementation of flood mitigation and park features of the Waterfront small area plan.

The goal of the Committee was to work with DPI to reexamine the schematic design developed in 2014 for alternatives that could address improved resiliency and cost efficiencies. Alternatives were weighed against the goals of the Waterfront Small Area Plan and the community priorities previously established. DPI concluded that in addition to the plan itself other potential substitute alternatives should be considered in the event insufficient funding or other reasons prevented implementing the plan as written. However, the Commission continues to support implementing the plan as adopted by City Council, which should be evaluated equally with the alternatives present in this letter. The Commission plans to make a final recommendation after it reviews the findings as presented by the design build team.

The Committee and DPI engaged in public meetings to consider potential alternatives. The Committee presented it findings to the Waterfront Commission which in turn voted to recommend alternatives to be considered in the scope of work for the design-build solicitation.

Introduction and Background

Over the past year the Flood Mitigation Committee reviewed concepts and provided recommendations to the Waterfront Commission for Waterfront Small Area Plan implementation and flood mitigation investments in the core area of the City's waterfront.

This letter begins by addressing a City staff-proposed Phase 1 flood mitigation scenario and proposed design features at Point Lumley and Waterfront Park. This is followed by recommendations for prioritizing other projects as funding permits, and other recommendations for consideration.

The Flood Mitigation Committee considered key investments to minimize waterfront flooding, including flood protection to elevation 6 (minimizing overtopping of the bulkhead by river water), and prevention of backflow at river outfalls and inundation of storm sewers. The committee worked extensively with City staff to review waterfront flood mitigation concepts, meeting eight times since April 5, 2021. Public comment was received at each meeting of the committee, as well as at meetings of the full Waterfront Commission where this issue was discussed.

Caveats

The Waterfront Commission notes the following caveats regarding these recommendations:

- The Flood Mitigation Committee did not evaluate waterfront flood mitigation
 investments relative to other flooding and stormwater initiatives of the City, including the
 Flood Action program, which is not part of the City's Capital Improvement Program
 (CIP) but is separately funded by the City's Stormwater Utility Fee. The Commission
 understands that City staff supporting both programs are working in coordination with
 each other, and that City Council ultimately has purview over all City flood and
 stormwater management initiatives.
- The Waterfront Commission has historically supported investments in waterfront parks
 and public spaces to support achievement of the Waterfront Small Area Plan and seeks to
 optimize expenditure of capital funds allocated by City Council to waterfront betterment.
 The Waterfront Commission does not evaluate the merit of waterfront investments
 relative to other City capital priorities.

City Council has allotted a total of \$102 million (combination of prior year and FY22 approved CIP budget funding) for Waterfront Small Area Plan implementation, including design and construction efforts to facilitate implementation of the infrastructure included in the City Council-approved Waterfront Small Area Plan, and prioritized through community engagement processes, including flood mitigation.

Flood Mitigation Scenario: Phase 1 Improvements

The Waterfront Commission recommends that City staff continue to pursue the Phase 1 improvement scenario as presented by City of Alexandria Department of Project Implementation staff to the Waterfront Flood Mitigation Committee (Figure 1). The commission understands that this design and the specific anticipated features—including flood protection, pump stations, underground stormwater detention chambers, and streetscape and stormwater infrastructure improvements—will be subject to further refinement by the City's Progressive Design Build contractor, based on community input, innovative design solutions and new information as project development continues.

Figure 1: Proposed Phase 1 Waterfront Flood Mitigation Improvements



Source: City of Alexandria Department of Project Implementation

This scenario has an estimated cost of approximately \$102 million, consistent with the CIP funding allocated to Waterfront Small Area Plan implementation. According to City staff, estimated costs are accurate at the level of detail appropriate for this stage in the planning process. Affordability will continue to be evaluated during the design-development process as construction and material costs continue to escalate in excess of historic average rates typically used to account for inflation.

Based on information presented to the committee by City staff, this scenario should be evaluated by the Progressive Design Build contractor and cost benefit analysis conducted against other possible alternatives for construction. Its proposed features include pump stations in Waterfront Park and the Queen Street right of way, south of Founders Park, underground stormwater detention chambers under Waterfront Park and Founders Park, and retention of the recent improvements in northern Waterfront Park at the foot of King Street.

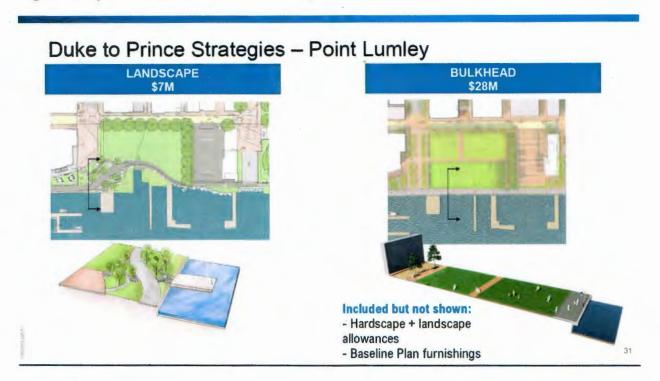
This scenario also includes streetscape and stormwater infrastructure improvements but manages costs by using standard asphalt paving within the public Right of Way as indicated in Figure 1. The Waterfront Commission recommends evaluating the use of cost-effective paving material, in lieu of the previously adopted common elements, which could provide cost savings that may be invested in other elements of the plan.

Hybrid Bulkhead at Point Lumley

The Phase 1 scenario as recommended by staff incorporates a traditional bulkhead between Duke and Prince streets as depicted in Figure 1. Staff also presented a potential alternative for Commission consideration (and further evaluation by the Progressive Design Build Team) which partially naturalizes the riverscape at Point Lumley as depicted in Figure 2. This approach minimizes the cost of capital improvements and associated regulatory mitigation costs due to impacts in the river, associated with constructing a traditional bulkhead in this area. This approach could also provide the intended level of flood protection at a reduced capital cost.

The Waterfront Commission believes that a hybrid shoreline approach could provide an acceptable alternative to the bulkhead promenade proposed for this location in the 2014 Baseline Schematic Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design and supports the key 2012 Waterfront Small Area Plan objective of providing a continuous pathway along the waterfront.

Figure 2: Hybrid Shoreline at Point Lumley



Source: City of Alexandria Department of Project Implementation Waterfront Implementation Project Presentation to Waterfront Flood Mitigation Committee, January 6, 2022, slide 28

The Waterfront Commission supports continued consideration of the hybrid shoreline approach. The avoided cost of constructing a bulkhead promenade at this location may be reinvested in other elements of the Waterfront Implementation Project. Therefore, the Waterfront Commission recommends that City staff consider a hybrid approach to the shoreline at this location for further development by the Progressive Design Build team. Consideration of both the hybrid and

traditional options should continue, in the event funding materializes to construct a traditional bulkhead as planned.

The Waterfront Commission requests that City staff clarify how savings from constructing a hybrid shoreline will be reinvested, to make certain that amenities provided during Phase 1 in lieu of a traditional bulkhead are consistent with waterfront plans and priorities, including the recommendations for prioritized investments outlined below.

If a hybrid bulkhead approach is implemented, the City should consider the visual continuity of naturalized shorelines by coordinating the look and feel of hybrid and natural shorelines in the core area and other sections of the waterfront, such as the features incorporated into the recently renovated Windmill Hill Park shoreline.

Landscape-Based Flood Protection at Waterfront Park

The Phase 1 scenario incorporates landscape-based flood protection along Waterfront Park between Prince and King streets as depicted in Figures 1 and 3. This would maintain the existing bulkhead rather than replacing or encapsulating it in its entirety. This approach will provide the intended level of flood protection at a reduced capital cost. Both staff and the commission acknowledge that deferred investments in eventual bulkhead replacement will still be required, and not precluded, by this approach.

Figure 3: Landscape-Based Flood Protection at Waterfront Park



Source: City of Alexandria Department of Project Implementation Waterfront Implementation Project Presentation to Waterfront Flood Mitigation Committee, January 6, 2022, slide 29

Recommendations for Prioritized Investments

While the proposed Phase 1 scenario will make substantial investments in waterfront capital infrastructure, many proposed elements will remain to be addressed in subsequent phases. In programming future investments, the Waterfront Commission recommends that the City prioritize features that will have the greatest impact on how public spaces can be used (such as the types and number of activities and number of people supported), rather than purely decorative and aesthetic features (such as higher-end paving materials) that have limited impact on potential uses and programming.

Therefore, the commission recommends the following prioritization of project elements in subsequent phases:

- Basic restoration of existing parks must be incorporated into Phase 1 project costs.
- Improvements in parks and public amenities should be the highest priority investment in subsequent phases.
- The cost of archaeology-related project elements should continue to be considered in all
 phases. The commission understands that these elements are captured by staff in
 estimated contingency costs.
- The design of these features should continue to account for the potential presence of contaminated soil and consider creative design features to address these impacts.
- For the reasons described above, both a traditional and hybrid approach to the bulkhead and promenade (as shown in Figure 1) from Duke to Prince streets at Point Lumley should be considered.
- The cost of promenade and streetscape paving per the Waterfront Common Elements should also be considered, as these features offer limited utility to the public.

Other Recommendations

The Waterfront Commission provides the following additional recommendations regarding the Waterfront Small Area Plan improvements and the waterfront flood mitigation program:

- Flood mitigation strategies and other waterfront improvements will create future-year
 operations and maintenance costs, which will be annually recurring. City Council will
 need to budget for these costs in future years as highlighted by staff and as further
 informed by the Progressive Design Build team.
- CIP funds allocated by City Council to Waterfront Small Area Plan implementation were originally intended to complete a full slate of waterfront capital projects, including parks and flood mitigation improvements. Given recent changes in program scope and high capital cost escalation, the budget is no longer sufficient to accomplish all anticipated elements. The committee recommends that additional budget be reserved in future year CIPs to finish parks as envisioned in the plan, or that alternate revenue streams be adopted to fund park and public space improvements. In addition, the City should continue to proactively pursue funding from federal and state grant programs, private

philanthropy, and other sources to fund improvements that realize the City's vision for the waterfront.

- Where needed, the City should have the flexibility to revisit elements of previous plans or designs if they can yield significant cost savings while substantially providing the same community benefit. The alternative hybrid shoreline option at Point Lumley is one example, which could offer meaningful capital cost savings that can be reinvested in other elements of the waterfront by deviating from the specific forms in the 2014 Baseline Schematic Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design while achieving the same goals.
- Since waterfront improvements will be accomplished over multiple phases, where possible the City should incorporate infrastructure supporting elements planned for future phases up front, so as to not substantially raise the cost of those elements. For example, amenities planned for Waterfront Park may require upgraded utilities to support recreational activities and events, and it may be most cost effective to incorporate those elements during Phase 1. This approach could reduce need to re-do elements of waterfront improvements in later phases and help to minimize capital costs over the long run.
- Design and construction of waterfront flood mitigation improvements should minimize
 impacts on the operation and use of existing City parks to the fullest extent possible. We
 recommend that the City commit to restoring affected parklands/public spaces to
 essentially the same state they are in today and avoid displacing mature trees in affected
 parkland and other public spaces. We recommend performance-based contracting that
 encourages innovation by contractors to deliver desired outcomes cost effectively, with
 limited impacts on the parks and public spaces.
- The Waterfront Commission supports the use of innovative approaches to addressing the City's Green Building Policy in implementing waterfront improvements, including incorporation of water management and clean water strategies.

The Waterfront Commission appreciates the diligent efforts of Department of Project Implementation and other City staff to prepare and refine designs for Waterfront Small Area Plan investment over the past year.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer these recommendations and look forward to offering further feedback as plans and designs evolve. We are eager to see construction of these important waterfront park and infrastructure investments in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Stephen Thayer, Chair

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February 1, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor & members of City Council

Re: Alexandria Seaport Foundation Seaport Center II

At its January 20, 2022, meeting, the Alexandria Waterfront Commission received a presentation from the Alexandria Seaport Center's desire to place a second Seaport Center in the City Marina. Following the presentation, the Commission unanimously supported the proposal.

Further, the Commission recognizes the significant contribution the Seaport Foundation provides to the community. Through their programs and presence in the City, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation has worked with more than 100 City youth including at-risk youth from the Court Services Unit Day Reporting Program. The addition of a second educational seaport center will provide the needed space to meet the increased demand to serve the City's disengaged and most vulnerable youth and will expand opportunities to increase awareness of the City's maritime heritage and traditional wooden boat building by hosting youth and adult boat building and woodworking classes and sponsoring educational guest speakers for the public's enjoyment.

The Waterfront Commission looks forward to continued collaboration to implement activities in support of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

Sincerely,

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Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities 1108 Jefferson Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

December 10, 2021

Honorable Mayor & Members of City Council

Re: Waterfront Commission comments regarding the Torpedo Factory Art Center Implementation Strategy

The Waterfront Commission (WC) and its 21 members is comprised of private organizations, City Boards and Commissions and City residents from throughout the City. The WC was created to advise City Council on issues related to the Waterfront and implementation of the Waterfront Small Area Plan.

The WC supports reinvigoration of the Torpedo Factory Art Center (TFAC), including maintaining the TFAC as a center for the arts, creating a lively draw for visitors to the City and Alexandria residents, creating a more welcoming entrance to the center from the waterfront, and continuing the role of working artists as a major feature. WC is encouraged by the City's progress over the past year in completing a series of studies that underpin the City's scenarios and the WC's recommendations to City Council.

As described in this letter, the WC has reviewed the illustrative scenarios for TFAC investment prepared by City Staff. We recommend City Council pursue the Custom Program scenario.

At a special meeting of the WC on December 6, 2021, the WC received a presentation from City staff on the Torpedo Factory Implementation Strategy which included financial information. Staff outlined three illustrative scenarios for reinvestment in the center, the Incremental, Custom Program, and Ground Lease Scenarios.

The WC endorses the Custom Program scenario as the best path forward to reinvigorating the TFAC, in partnership with various private and non-profit stakeholders. It offers the best opportunity to make timely investments in the facility and provides a balanced mix of space allocation and programming potential. The Custom Program scenario best facilitates continued use of TFAC as an arts center, including space for working artist galleries and other arts uses such as performing arts, culinary arts, glass blowing, and other uses.

In contrast, the Incremental Scenario would take too long to implement and upgrade facilities and would not result in significant changes in the offerings of the TFAC. The Ground Lease scenario is not commercially viable with continued operations of an arts center. The WC recommens both the Incremental and Ground Lease scenarios be dropped from further consideration.

The WC recommends further study of the conceptual proposal to add a restaurant to the TFAC. The WC favors any arts-complementary activity that will generate the income needed to sustain the TFAC and attract people, regardless of whether it is a restaurant or other activity. We urge the City to continue to evaluate the potential to locate a restaurant or events venue on the rooftop, third floor, or elsewhere in the building.

The WC encourages any future financial evaluations of TFAC prepared by the City to consider the financial impact of sales tax revenues generated throughout the TFAC.

The WC supports the next steps outlined by City staff, including a 12–18-month community engagement process featuring public involvement, a design charrette, cost estimation/value engineering/prioritization of needs and further financial analysis and evaluation of public private partnership options- steps that will occur in parallel with continued implementation of the vibrancy plan.

The WC stands ready to review and advise on specific recommendations for future management and use of the facility as plans and designs evolve, and to continued collaboration to implement the Waterfront Small Area Plan. We recommend City Council endorse the Custom Program for further investment in the TFAC.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen Thayer, Chair

Alexandria Waterfront Commission

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Jack Browand, Staff Liaison, Alexandria Waterfront Commission



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February 18, 2022

Honorable Mayor and members of City Council:

Re: City's Proposal to Pilot the Closure of the Unit Block of King Street

The Waterfront Commission offers this letter of endorsement for a pilot program to open the unit block of King Street to pedestrians, as well as establishment of permanent curbside pickup/loading zones in the 100 blocks of North and South Union Street. This letter describes specific suggestions for improving proposed concepts to implement each proposal.

The Waterfront Commission supports the proposed temporary closure to traffic of the unit block of King Street and the northern portion of the strand. Opening these streets to pedestrian traffic will better link Waterfront Park to the existing pedestrian zone in the 100 block of King Street. This proposal is consistent with the Waterfront Small Area Plan, which included three separate recommendations to increase pedestrian access between the Waterfront and King Street.

We offer the following specific recommendations to improve this proposal:

- Center crosswalks and reconsider placement of barricades to facilitate pedestrian access to cross Union Street in the middle of King Street.
- Reconsider the placement of bicycle parking, to ensure it is sufficient and appropriately positioned to maximize access to the waterfront.
- Facilitate access by delivery vehicles servicing adjacent businesses by designating delivery hours and parking locations with a commitment by the City to enforce established regulations and pick-up/loading zone parking limits.

We encourage study of the pilot to inform a proposal to permanently open the unit block of King Street to pedestrians.

The Waterfront Commission also supports approval of permanent curbside pickup/loading zones in the 100 blocks of North and South Union Street. However, we encourage the City to adjust the boundaries of the parking zone to prohibit vehicle parking at existing spaces immediately adjacent to the intersection with King Street. This, coupled with refinement of crosswalks as described above, will provide for greater visibility of and for pedestrians crossing Union Street.

The Waterfront Commission is generally supportive of proposed refinements to the 100 block of King Street and appreciates continued efforts to optimize the features of this block.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Stephen Thayer, Chair

Alexandria Waterfront Commission

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ADVISORY GROUP ANNUAL ATTENDANCE REPORT

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA [ADVISORY GROUP NAME] MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT

IULY 1, 2021 THROUGH IUNE 30, 2022

CHAIRPERSON: Stephen Thayer

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Sarah Bagley							X	X	X	X	X	X
Gina Baum			X	X	X	X						
Eldon Boes			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robert Cvejanovich			X	X	Х	X	U	U	Х	Е	X	X
Doug Gosnell			X	X	X	X	Х	Х	Х	X	X	X
Beth Gross			X									
Kristina Hagman					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlotte Hall			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Judy Heiser			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Trae Lamond			X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Louise Roseman			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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Christa Watters			X	Е	X	X	X					
Patricia Webb			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
Robert Weinhagen			X	X	U	X	X	X	X	E	E	X
Esther White					X	X	X	X	X	X	U	X

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LIST OF THOSE WHO DID NOT ATTEND 75% OF MEETINGS:

Scott Shaw

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Austin Burrow	Р	100.0%
Gregg Fields	P	100.0%
Dane Lauritzen	Р	100.0%

Present:	7	100.0%
· Absent:	0	0.0%
Excused:	0	0.0%

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Building Code Board Of Appeals

Member	TOTALS
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Present:	0.0%
Absent:	0.0%
Excused:	0.0%

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Commission For The Arts

Member	Aug 17, 2021	Sep 21, 2021	Oct 19, 2021	Nov 16, 2021	Dec 14, 2021	TOTALS
Matthew Stensrud	Р	Α	A			20.0%
Brian Kelley	P +2 -	P	P			60.0%
Caroline Schreiber	A	Р	Р			40.0%
Kadhambari Sridhar	P	f. 7 4h. 17.		JOHEN WAS TE		100.0%
Sophia Suarez	Р	A	E			20.0%
Catherine Barrett	- P	A AND SA	ACT LAS		Toward Sales	20.0%
Julie Montross	Р	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,				100.0%
Gayle Converse	Р	PHARMA	PHO P			60.0%
Beth Coast	Р	A				50.0%
Allison Nance	P	P	P	5 - 55 THE 16	题。	60.0%
William Kurowski	Р	A	Р			40.0%
Elizabeth Lo		Z Z Z P Z W	Andrew E Williams		KALANET - KETL	20.0%
Judy Heiser	Р	Р	Р			60.0%
Christina Calloway	P	A .	11 - 1 P		1.5% Sec. 15%	40.0%
Allison Heck	Р	Р	P			60.0%
Sumrien Ali	1175/24 1 .E ., 1.g. 11	Pin Pin	A A A		1000 (農村 4100)	20.0%
Diane Ruggiero	P	Р	Р			50.0%

Present:	14	9	9	0	0	74.42%
Absent:	2	6	3	0	0	25.58%
Excused:	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

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Commission For The Arts

Member	Jan 18, 2022	Feb 15, 2022	Mar 15, 2022	Apr 19, 2022	May 17, 2022	Jun 21, 2022	TOTALS
Paul Painter	P	P	Р				100.0%
David Pritzker	P	P	P P				100.0%
Ryan Belmore	P	P	Р				100.0%
Roger Yoerges	P	P	A	735. FM 141 1			65.67%
Dawn Rogala	Р	Р	Р				100.0%
Brian Kelley	Р :	Ρ	32 P 74		. (#1 -H)	一句"看见我们	50.0%
Gayle Converse	Р	Р	Р				50.0%
Matthew Stensrud	The Afficiant Early Carly	andri di jar				6 19 TE	0.0%
Allison Nance	A	Р	Р				66.67%
William Kurowski	P	P	P 2			area area form	50.0%
Elizabeth Ło	Α						0.0%
Judy Heiser	Р.	Р	P = 1		MAR HIM HELL		50.0%
Christina Calloway	Р	Р	P				50.0%
Allison Heck	Α	P 45%	All the same				33.33%
Sumrien Ali	Р	Р	Α				33.33%
Diane Ruggiero	E	P	- / (P 12	Sing see A.	West Tare to the	e. 12 7 (n)	33.33%
Sheryl Sims		A	P				50.0%
Marcee Craighill	1947 6. 34	THE THE TOWN	P.O.		F-125 1 1 450 1 1 F 1	전염 보고 그렇게 되었다.	100.0%

82.98% 12.77% 4.26% Present: Absent: Excused:

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Commission on HIV/AIDS

Member	Sep 20, 2021	Oct 18, 2021	Nov 15, 2021	TOTALS
Janeil Sendi	Ε	P	E	33.33%
Magalie Emile-Backer	THE THE STATE	A	E	0.0%
Robert Whitman	P	P	E	66.57%
Pablo Moulden	P	Pin D	P P	100.0%
Chennel Hill-welbon	P	Р	E	66.67%
Arion Lillard-green	Р	P	P	100.0%
Akia Martin	Р	P	Р	100.0%
Gerald Padmore	P	THEP.	P	100.0%
Leanne Desmond	P	E	Р	66.67%
Sarah Bueter	THE RESERVE	P		33.33%
Jon Scarffe	Ε	Р	Р	66.67%
Shelbert Williams		P	Tarred at	100.0%
Andrew Torre	Р	Р	Р	100.0%
Bryon Garner	PART NEW CORN	P P	E .	33.33%
T. Nicole Hutchinson	Р	P	P	100.0%
Benjamin Kirst	Carlo Property Entire Control	E - Tak	THE HEITER	-0.0%
Sarah Devendorf		Α .	Α	0.0%
Nechelle Terrell	4. TA. T. TA.	16 ME. 177		0.0%
G. Kenneth Aldrich				0.0%
Shayna Hadley		THIS SALE		0.0%
Stacy Tate				0.0%
Nancy Turner Thompson	14 July 1 - 313			0.0%
Natasha Hansen				0.0%

Present:	10	13	9	68.09%
Absent:	0	2	1	6.38%
Excused:	6	0	6	25.53%

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Commission on HIV/AIDS

Member	Jan 24, 2022	Mar 21, 2022	Apr 18, 2022	May 16, 2022	TOTALS
Nechelle Terrell	Р	Р	Р	Р	100.0%
Shelbert Williams	P	Р			100.0%
Sarah Bueter	Р	Р			100.0%
Leanne Desmond	Р				100.0%
Janeil Sendi	Р				100.0%
Robert Whitman	Р	2			100.0%
Jon Scarffe	Р	E	Е	Р	50.0%
Arion Lillard-green	P. P. J.	Purt	P. P.	P	100.0%
Gerald Padmore	Р	þ	Р	Р	100.0%
Pablo Moulden	F. St. P. St.	P	Part Part Carl	LA LESTICA	75.0%
Andrew Torre	Р	Р	Р	Р	100.0%
Chennel Hill-welbon	P	THE PARTY OF THE P	P		50.0%
T. Nicole Hutchinson	Р	Р	Р	Р	100.0%
Kristin Donley		P P	Р	P	100.0%

Present:	13	10	8	7	88.37%
Absent:	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Excused:	0	2	1	2	11.63%

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exandria-Caen Sister City Committee

Member	Jul 12, 2021	Sep 13, 2021	Oct 04, 2021	Nov 08, 2021	Dec 13, 2021	TOTALS
Holly Beardow	Р	Р	Р	Р	P	100.0%
Thomas Bradley	n p. State p					100.0%
Katherine Karau	P	E	E			33.33%
Henry Brooks	P	P	E E	P		75.0%
Herbert Thomas	А	Р	Р	P	Р	80.0%
Alexandre Jevgrafovs	* * P * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	THE PARTY OF STREET	PANELSE.	1960 P 1878	P	80.0%
Scott Campbell	p	P	Р	ρ	P	100.0%
Daniel Morrison	P	- P	P	Berner Ergenberer	A	60.0%
Kerem Bilge	P	Р	P	P	Р	100.0%
Franz Bauerlein	A day	A	Α			0.0%
Elodie Guillon	P	P	. E	ρ	P	80.0%
Angelique Moss	P	P - 55-35	1011	encarin p at	PERMIT P. 14	100.0%
James HOWARD	A	A	Ε			0.0%
Allison Wynn	P 5	P. Marie	Philip	Landful P	R11	100.0%
Kyły Larriviere	A	P	Р	Р	Р	80.0%
Laura Withers	Р.	P	- P	P	P	100.0%
Mimi Joy	Р	P	P	P	A	80.0%
lim Holloway	MIT JA9745	P	P	LEAD P JAMES	THE CALL OF THE PARTY OF THE PA	100.0%
Leslie Tourigny				Р	Р	100.0%
Ashlee Harper-Johnson		14.145 - 14.2755	e partito	P Facility	PEG Y	100.0%
Stephen Hartka				Р	Р	100.0%
Jennifer Reading	Destruction of the second		- SASTER	11 H. P. V. 11 1 A. P. 12	P P	100.0%

Present:	13	13	12	16	15	88.46%
Absent:	4	2	1	0	2	11.54%
Excused:	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

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exandria-Caen Sister City Committee

Member	Jan 10, 2022	Feb 07, 2022	Mar 14, 2022	Apr 11, 2022	May 09, 2022	Jun 13, 2022	Aug 08, 2022
Jennifer Reading	E	Р	Р	Ά	E	Р	A
Stephen Hartka	Polymer	A A	P	p	and in Present	P	A State
Ashlee Harper-johnson	P	P	P	A	Р	P	Р
Leslie Tourigny	Printed	P	P	A	P : 3	_A	P
Laura Withers	Р	P	Р	Р	A	Р	P
Allison Wynn	P	Р	PARKEY	P S	E	Ρ , ,	Α,
Daniel Morrison	P	P	P	A	ρ	Α	P
Kyly Larriviere	P	P	P. P. Serry	a P	. Р	P	Α
Mimi Joy	ρ	A.					
Kerem Bilge	P	P	E E E	Р	ρ	p .	Pr\
Elodie Guillon	Р	Р	Р	A	P	Р	P
Angelique Moss	P	P	PA dina	₽	Р	P	P
Holly Beardow	P						
Herbert Thomas	THE PLANE		Р	P	P	ρ	P
Jim Holloway	P	Р	P	Ρ	P	Р	Р
Scott Campbell	P	р	P. (4.27)	P	. · , · · · P	Р	P
Alexandre Jevgrafovs	P	E	Р	A	P		A
Herbert Thomas	The American	[61] E (1,3°5)			20 6 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		
Michael Skardon			A	A	P	A	Р
Alexandre Jevgrafovs	evEY com	11 14 34 77 77 13			E 18 18 17 17	χ±24 (*P (2.5) ±2.	Paris Maria
Antoine Dula Lopez						P	Р
Miguel Serrano	2.2						

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Sep 12, 2022	Oct 03, 2022	TOTALS
E	P	44.44%
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P	ρ	88.39%
P	P	77.78%
Р	Ε	77.78%
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P	P	77.78%
P	Р	88.89%
		50.0%
P	P	88.89%
P	P	88.89%
. NEW P	Р	100.0%
		100.0%
TEST P	P P	100.0%
Р	P	100.0%
P	P	100.0%
£	E	37.5%
	Water Of the	0.0%
P	A	42.86%
	175828431 115	100.0%
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