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Jackie Henderson

From: findingthingsforu@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:45 PM
To: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Call.Click.Connect. #81313: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council My Comments to City Council:9/16/2015

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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Request Details:

- Name: Char Bah
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: My Comments to City Council: 9/16/2015

Council Members,

Some of you were supportive in trying to save some of the Ramsey's homes. My Alexandria's colleagues and I have reviewed the City Council meeting on-line. We have talked to some of the attendees. We know that we had some supporters among you and we know we had no supporters from some of you. For our supporters, I want to thank you.

Moving forward, I hope that you will continue to support retaining some of the buildings.

The African American's history in Alexandria has taken a beaten for centuries. Although, we cannot change the weave of demolishing buildings in our old neighborhoods – we can try to save some.

Since colonial times, African Americans have played an important role in the City's history. Many of President George Washington's former slaves who were emancipated settled in Alexandria. Slaves during the civil war period ran to Alexandria and stayed. Many of these former slaves' descendants lived in Alexandria well into the 20th Century. Those people were instrumental in providing skilled labor in local businesses. They provided their labor for many decades to the fishing industry on the waterfront. Today a few of these old families are still in Alexandria.

Also the City was known for the horrors of the slave trade. Duke Street in Alexandria was the location of at least two slave pens. The City's history was negative in the 20th Century towards African Americans during the segregation and civil rights era. Alexandria's history is woven into the history of Alexandria's African Americans. You cannot tell the history of one without telling the history of the other.

But today, our history is fast being demolition. Future visitors to Alexandria will not know that we were there. But the truth be told, we have been in Alexandria for over 350 years. The Alexandria African Americans' establishments, former homes, school buildings, and businesses are endangered of being completely demolished.

The City needs to tell the story of all their people who played a historical part in developing the City. Not all of us are fortunate to have been President George Washington. We all know that his home and his school will be here for many more centuries.

"My question is, what about our history? Twenty years from now, who will tell the stories to visitors about the history of African Americans in the City of Alexandria?"

Thank you again for taking the time to hear my concerns for a City of my birth!!!!

Char Bah

- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, September 23

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Jackie Henderson

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Subject: City Council speaker's form submission received

Meeting Date: 09/12/2015
Docket Item# 16

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Representing self? No
If representing other: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Position on the item: For

Nature of interest: Executive Director/CEO Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Are you being compensated? Yes



Gloria Sitton

From: website <webmaster@alexandriava.gov>
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Meeting Date: 09/12/2015
Docket Item# 16

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Representing self? No
If representing other: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Position on the item: For

Nature of interest: Attorney

Are you being compensated? Yes

Gloria Sitton

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Meeting Date: 09/12/2015
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Representing self? No
If representing other: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Position on the item: For

Nature of interest: Architectural Historian

Are you being compensated? Yes