

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018

TO: CHAIRWOMAN MARY LYMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

FROM: KARL MORITZ, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

SUBJECT: DOCKET ITEM #7 – AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF SECTION 10, HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS

This memorandum provides minor technical revisions pertaining to the proposed text amendment to consolidate the two Boards of Architectural Review. Staff proposes a clarification and a typographical revision to the proposed ordinance text.

I. Staff Report Revisions:

1. Staff proposes to add the word “listed” (shown in bold below) to the text describing the BAR composition in section 10-401(C), page 70 of the staff report, to clarify that the 100 year old building wording references a protected building on the City’s 100 Year Old Building List, as defined in Section 10-300 of the zoning ordinance. These are individual landmark buildings and structures over 100 years old outside of the Old and Historic Alexandria District and the Parker-Gray District whose exteriors are protected by the BAR. A building must be a minimum of 100 years old to be eligible for inclusion on the list of protected buildings but not all buildings in the City of that age are on the list.

The proposed section should read:

(C) Composition. The Alexandria board of architectural review shall be composed of seven members who are residents of the city and have resided in the city for at least one year immediately preceding their appointment. Strong preference shall be given to property owners in the two historic districts or owners of a **listed** 100 year old building. One member shall be a property owner in the Old and Historic Alexandria District and one member shall be a property owner in the Parker-Gray District. Two members shall be architects. All members shall have a demonstrated knowledge, professional experience, or education in history, architecture, architectural history, or historic preservation, planning, real estate, or building construction. The members shall be appointed by city council for terms of three years. The term of each member shall run from July 1 of the year of appointment. Any vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. Any member of the board of architectural review may be removed by city council for cause after having been given a written statement of the cause and an opportunity to be heard thereon.

2. Staff proposes to correct the typographical error in section 10-401(E), page 71 of the staff report, to change the word “or” to “of”, shown in bold below.

The proposed section should read:

(E) *Chairman and secretary.* The Alexandria board ~~or~~ **of** architectural review shall elect its chairman from its membership and the director or his designee or designees, shall be the board’s secretary.

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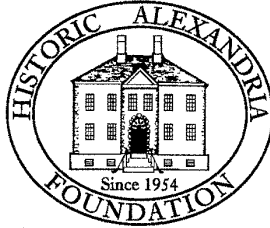
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Chairman and Members of the Planning Commission,

I write to encourage you to approve the proposed consolidation of the Old and Historic District and Parker Gray boards of architectural review. As a resident of the Parker Gray historic district, and owner of a 100+ year old home, I fully support the proposed consolidation of the two BARs. This is a common-sense measure that will make better use of local government resources while speeding the review/approval process for many of us by providing two BAR hearing opportunities per month. The retention of the each district's specific design requirements, training for the BAR members on both sets of guidelines, and recommendation that the consolidated board include at least one property owner from each district are excellent provisions that address any/all questions that I had. Staff's proposal is a good one and should be approved.

Sincerely,
Heidi Ford



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October 31, 2018

Mary Lyman, Chair
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RE: Text Amendment #2018-0010

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Planning Commission:

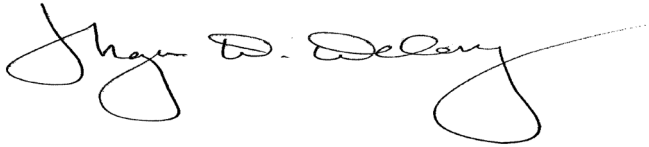
The Historic Alexandria Foundation Board of Trustees would like to go on record in support of the proposed Text Amendment #2018-0010.

The BAR staff has briefed the HAF Board on the reasons for the consolidation of the Boards of Architectural Review. The staff efforts of outreach, and the history and explanation for the changes in the staff report were well done.

The HAF Board, in particular, supports the much stronger member qualification requirements, that *all members shall have a demonstrated knowledge, professional experience, or education in history, architecture, architectural history, or historic preservation, planning, real estate or building construction.* We also support the addition of the sentence regarding property owners serving on the board: *Strong preference shall be given to property owners in the two historic districts or owners of a listed 100 year old building.* (The word 'listed' needs to be inserted)

We recommend that you approve the proposed text amendment with the minor correction of the word “listed”.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Morgan D. Delaney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Morgan D. Delaney
President, Board of Trustees