



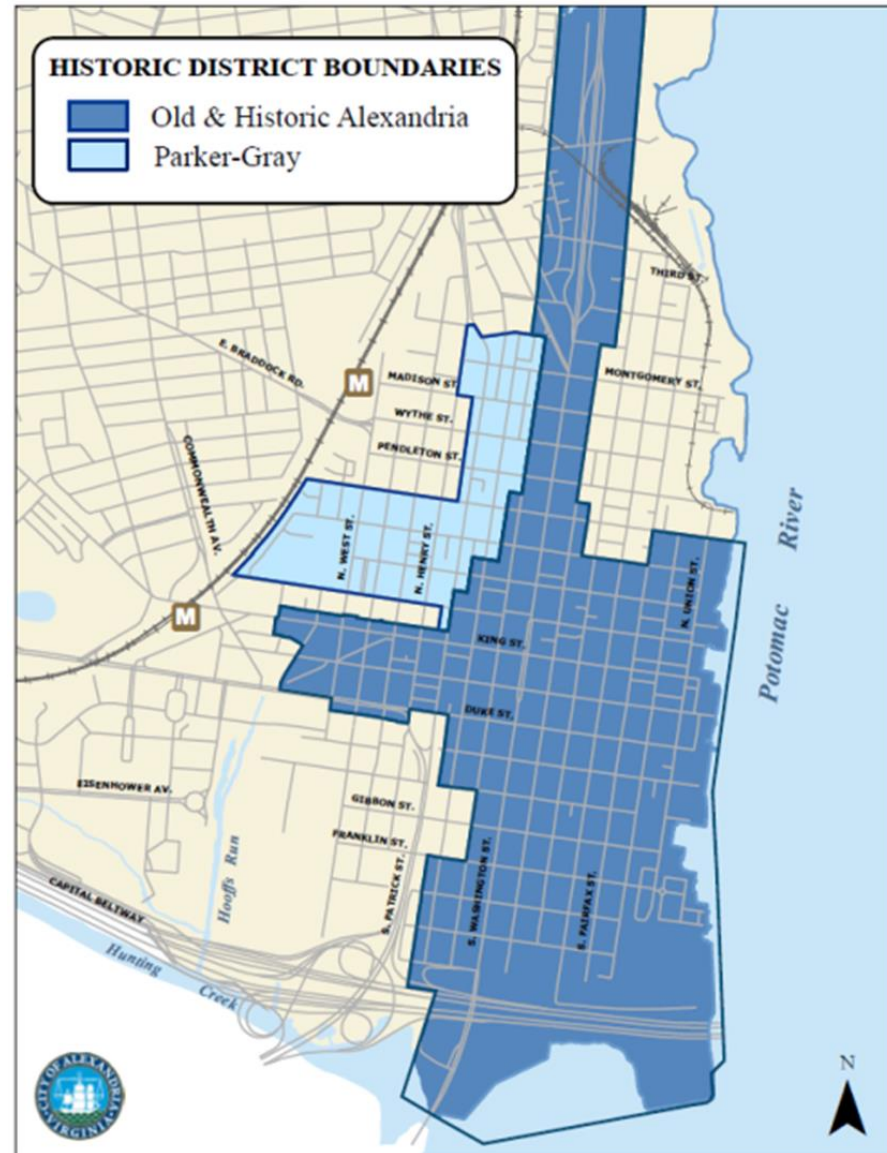
Text Amendment #2018-0010

Boards of Architectural Review Consolidation

City Council
November 17, 2018

Overview

Create one Board of Architectural Review (BAR) to oversee the two locally-regulated historic districts and listed 100 year old buildings



Timeline

- April 10, 2018 – Memorandum from Vice Mayor Wilson and Council member Smedberg
- April 24, 2018 – Council voted to initiate a text amendment for the consolidation of the two BARs
- July 30, 2018 – First community meeting
- September 17, 2018 – Second community meeting
- November 1, 2018 – Planning Commission recommendation of approval
- November 17, 2018 – City Council public hearing

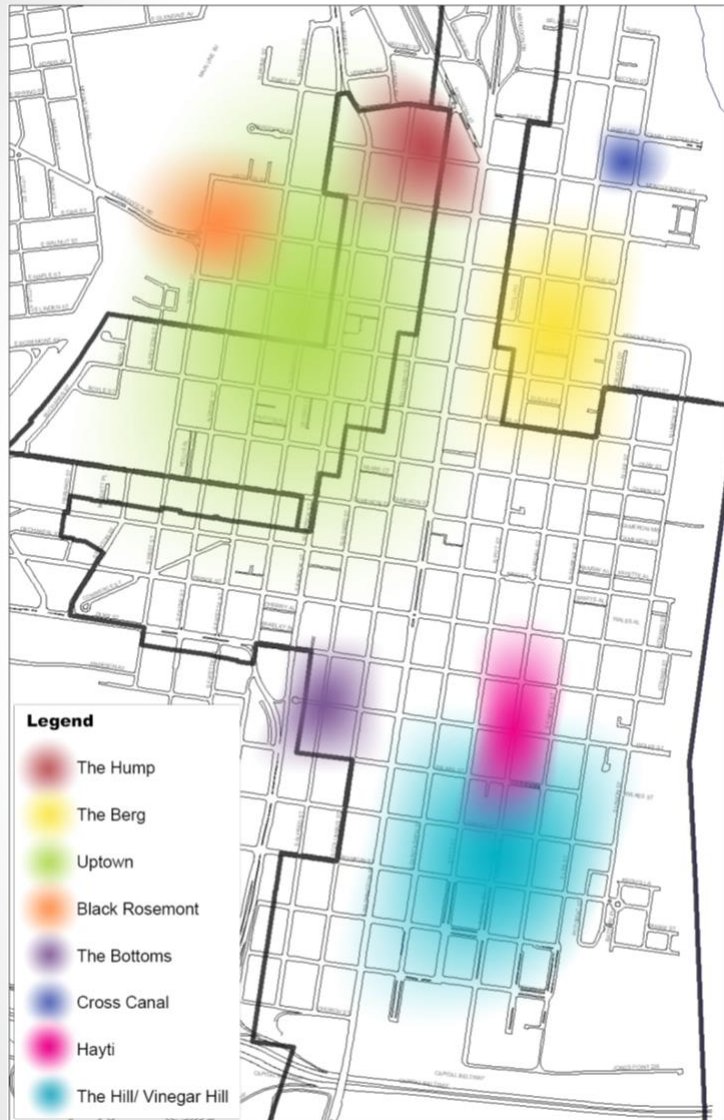
Public Comment Summary

1. Protection and preservation of the culture and history of each district, especially African-American history in Parker-Gray
2. Workload of consolidated BAR
3. Application of different standards and guidelines for each district
4. New BAR composition

Preservation of Cultural History

Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) Programs & Initiatives

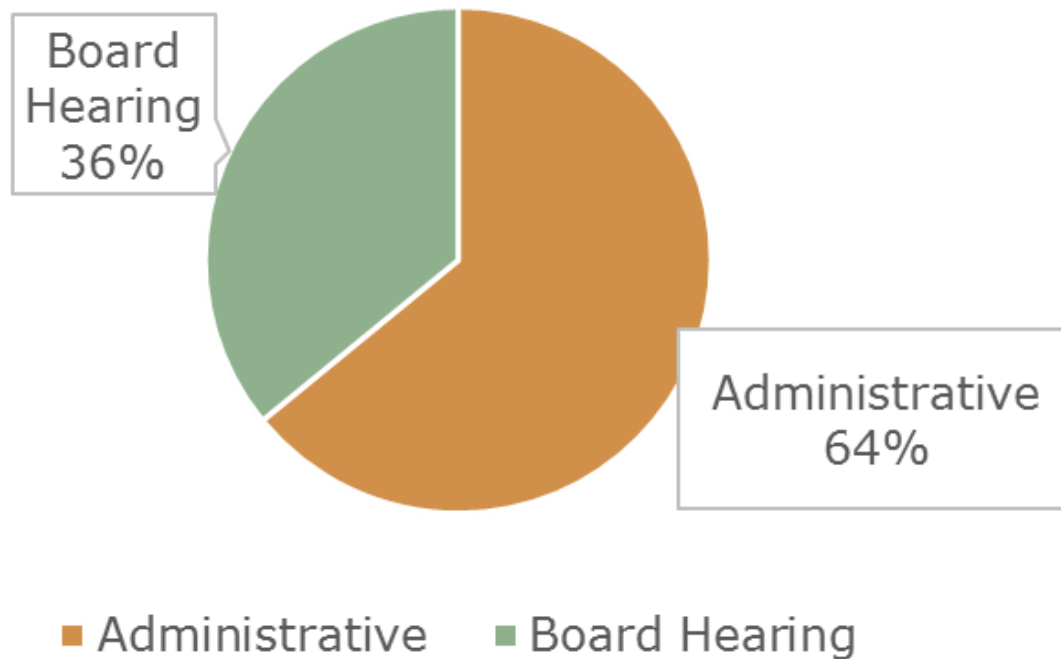
- Alexandria Black History Museum & Watson Reading Room
- African American Heritage Park
- Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial
- Oral Histories & Walking Tours
- Lectures, exhibits, workshops, screenings and kid activities
- Interpretive markers, wayfinding signs and arts
- Interpretive Plan at Ft. Ward
- Annual events
- Coordination with other heritage groups



Historic African American Settlement Patterns in Old Town Alexandria (VA Foundation for the Humanities African-American Historic Sites Database)

Recent BAR Workload

Administrative Cases vs. Board Hearing Cases in Past Three Years



Application of Different Policies

(blue = different; yellow = shared)

Parker-Gray	Old & Historic
Residential Reference Guide & individual design guideline chapters	Design guidelines
BAR policies for administrative approval (Commercial)	BAR policies for administrative approval
Sign policy	Sign policy
Roof policy	Roof policy
Gas meter policy	Gas meter policy
Replacement window/door specifications	Replacement window/door specifications

Proposed Composition of New BAR

1 OHAD property owner

1 PG property owner

2 architect members

3 at-large members

- ***Preference may be given to property owners in the two historic districts or owners of a listed 100 year old building.***
- ***All members shall have a demonstrated knowledge, professional experience, or education in history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, real estate, or building construction.***

Proposed Text Amendment Changes

Dissolve existing BARs

- Section 10-104
- Section 10-204
- Section 10-308

Establish new BAR

- Section 10-400

Modify to reference new BAR in other chapters

- Section 6-403
- Section 7-802
- Section 8-200
- Section 8-602
- Section 9-301
- Section 11-513

Planning Commission Action November 1



Approval with the following amendments:

1. The word "listed" is added before all 100 year old building references.
2. In creating the new BAR strike "strong" and "shall" and amend to read: "Preference may be given to property owners..."
3. In listing related fields strike "or" between "architectural history or historic preservation" and amend to read:
...architectural history, historic preservation, planning..."



Old & Historic Alexandria District



Questions



Parker-Gray District