

Minutes

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
WATERFRONT COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**City Hall Sister Cities Conference Room
301 King Street**

7:30 a.m.

Commission Members

Members present:

Jan Abraham, Citizen, East of Washington St. and South of King St.
Agnes Artemel, Citizen, East of Washington St. and North of Pendleton St.
Sarah Bagley, Member, Alexandria City Council
Marcee Craighill, Representative, Alexandria Commission for the Arts
Lawrence Gillespie, Citizen, East of Washington St. and north of King St. - remote
Charlotte Hall, Representative, Old Town Business
Nathan Macek, Representative, Alexandria Planning Commission
Claire Mouledoux, Representative, VisitAlexandria, Vice Chair
Lebaron Reid, Commissioner At-Large, Chair
David Robbins, Representative, Alexandria Marina Pleasure Boat Owners
Debra Roepka, Alexandria Seaport Foundation
Louise Roseman, Citizen, Park Planning District I
Sydney Smith, Representative, Founders Park Community Association
William Vesilind, Representative, Old Town Civic Association
Patricia Webb, Citizen, Citizen, Park Planning District II (Virtual)

Members excused: Maureen Cooney, Representative, Historic Alexandria Foundation ; Eldon Boes, Representative, Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission ; Esther White, Alexandria Archaeological Commission

Members unexcused: Stuart Fox, Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission

Vacancies: Representative, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce; Citizen, Park Planning District III

Attendees: Rosemary Covey; Gina Baum

These summary minutes will note the approximate time to view the discussion.

Summary Minutes

1. Lebaron Reid, Chair, call the meeting to order
2. Items for Action
 - a. December 2024 minutes were approved unanimously with noted amendments.

- b. Robinson Terminal North (RTN) Subcommittee
Catherine Miliaras, P&Z, informed the Commission the RTN DSUP will not be under consideration in February. It is anticipated the application would be considered in March or April. The preliminary docket will be posted to the City website this week and Commissioners may review the application. City staff continue to work on the DSUP conditions. The application as presented to the Commission has not changed.

Commissioners continued discussion on several areas for consideration including open space maintenance, trash collection and access, restaurant access, available parking, and other options for staff to consider when finalizing the DSUP conditions.

Commissioners reaffirmed concerns with safety resulting from the removal of the pier. The City needs to stress the need to ensure the pilings are removed. Remaining pilings would potentially interfere with navigation of small watercraft, trap debris, and become an eyesore.

Commissioners recommended a public walking path be established along the river edge and be maintained and open throughout construction to allow public use. The developer should also present a plan to maintain open access to the river if the Eastern portion of the development is delayed due to unforeseen events.

The subcommittee will meet in advance of the February 2025 Waterfront Commission Meeting and present a final recommendation for Commission endorsement.

3. Items of Information:

- a. Alexandria Seaport Center II Update
Seaport Foundation provided an overview of the planned second seaport center to be moored just north of the current center. The new center will allow for the program expansion, better working spaces and an overall improvement to Seaport Foundation contributions to the community.

Final permitting continues with the City and an updated license agreement. The anticipated installation is summer 2025.

The Commission

Motion by Jan Abraham and seconded by Sydney Smith for the Commission to provide a letter of support for the placement of a second seaport center within the City Marina.

4. City Update

- a. Community Projects & Activities
Jack Browand informed the Commission that DPI will provide City Council

with an update to the Waterfront Plan Implementation, specifically on the flood mitigation, in advance of the Commission's February meeting. Finally, Mr. Browand provided an overview of City snow removal priorities.

b. Private Development Updates

Catherine Miliaras – SUP update: (1) Taco Restaurant 2 Prince St. was approved (Big Wheel Bikes) (2) Taco Trailer for Vola's is up for renewal with same conditions,

c. Public Safety – No report

5. Commissioner Updates

a. Question was raised on the status of the Old Town Business Association since it is now defunct. Mr. Browand provided a few options. Changes to the Commission membership will require a Code text amendment. The Commission discussed the formation of a subcommittee to provide recommendations to consider with a Composition change.

b. Commissioners provided a number of interest areas for future discussion and information.

6. February items will be determined by the Chair and Vice Chair

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:25 am