

Minutes

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
WATERFRONT COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 18, 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
Eldon Boes, Representative, Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission
Stuart Fox, Representative, Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission
Lawrence Gillespie, Citizen, East of Washington St. and north of King St
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, Park Planning District II (Virtual)

Members excused: Maureen Cooney, Representative, Historic Alexandria Foundation; Esther White, Alexandria Archaeological Commission

Members unexcused: Marcee Craighill, Representative, Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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

Discontinued Representative: Old Town Business & Professional Association

Attendees: Michael Durham (RPCA); Catherine Miliaras (P&Z); Matthew Landes (DPI); Jamie Bridgeman (APD); Ann Shack; Daniel Straub; Sandy Schlachtmeyer; Michael A.; Rosemary Covey; Gina Baum

Summary Minutes

1. Lebaron Reid, Chair, call the meeting to order
2. Items for Action
 - a. January 2025 minutes were approved unanimously, with one abstention, with noted amendments.
 - b. Robinson Terminal North (RTN) Subcommittee
 - i. Jan Abraham, subcommittee chair, provided an overview of the cover letter and the subcommittee's findings of the proposal as compared to the Waterfront Small Area Plan recommendations for the Robinson Terminal development site.

Summary Commission discussion:

Commission continued to stress the need to ensure safe navigation following the removal of the pier.

Commission continued to support the HOA/Management Company's maintenance of all land area and mitigate debris on the shoreline.

Commission continued to support, if possible, establish a temporary walkway along the shoreline during side development. In addition, Commissioners requested staff provide condition language requiring the developers to ensure a waterfront walkway and east side improvements be provided should the east side development be delayed or suspended.

Commission continued to have concerns with the amount of available parking, trash collection schedules and delivery for the proposed restaurants.

- ii. Catherine Miliaras, P&Z, informed the Commission the RTN DSUP will not be under consideration in potentially April or May. It was also conveyed that the removal of the pier was planned for the spring, and the demolition would also remove any damaged or loose piles.
- iii. The Commission decided to wait until March or April to finalize the recommendation if any additional changes were made by the applicant.

3. Items of Information:
 - a. Waterfront Small Ara Plan – Flood Mitigation
 - i. Matt Landes, DPI, informed the Commission City staff provided an update to City Council on January 28, 2025 and offered to ask any questions
 - a. Commission members asked what the BAR comments were on the proposed pumping facility. Mr. Landes stated a decision was not made that night and the BAR offered suggestions for the final design and placement. The BAR suggested a more modern approach and materials that are more historic in nature, were

more in favor with the Prince St. orientation, and were consistent with the Waterfront Commission and Park & Recreation Commission to design the smallest facility technically feasible.

4. City Update

a. Community Projects & Activities

No substantial updates provided

b. Private Development Updates

No substantial development project updates

c. Public Safety

It was reported there were no substantial crime. It was conveyed that the pilot private parking enforcement had ended and that substantial tickets were issued. It is anticipated the program would be renewed and staff will provide the number of tickets issued at a future meeting.

5. Commissioner Updates

Nothing reported

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

Meeting adjourned approximately 9:30 am