

**Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes, Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 26, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Kirkes, co-chair, at 7:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**I. Guest Speakers**

**A. Yon Lambert, Director of Alexandria Transportation & Environmental Services**

Mr. Lambert provided an overview of his 225 person department. With its mission of shaping a livable, green, and prospering City, he cited City statistics dealing with alternative transportation options, sidewalk maintenance, pollution reduction and waste water diversion. Mr. Lambert highlighted recent accomplishments centered on infrastructure and environmental quality efforts, transportation progress and operations focused on electric vehicles and streetlight maintenance. He also discussed the City's efforts to mitigate flooding with \$486M dedicated over 10 years. Questions from the association members included yard waste pick-up, Vision Zero, American Recovery Act (ARA) dollar allocation, bike trail renovations, alternative transportation options integrated into the City's plan and tree canopy alignment to flood mitigation.

**B. Rob Kerns, Alexandria Planning & Zoning Department, Development Division and Tony LaColla, Alexandria Planning & Zoning Department, Land Use Services Department**

Mr. Kerns and Mr. LaColla briefed the association on the following docket items:

June 2021

- INOVA Seminary site REZ & MPA
- 2050 Ballenger Ground Floor Use Change
- 203 Strand (Chadwicks Old Town) - SUP for 80 outdoor dining seats / Hours: 7 am to 11 pm
- 214/216 Payne St. - conversion from Commercial to Mixed Use with two apartments in a building constructed in 1890. Request for a one space parking reduction, lot setback modification from 20 feet to 5.10 feet, and open space reduction from 40% to 26.3%.
- 601, 607, 609 S. Washington St. - SUP for use of currently vacant buildings for private academic school to accommodate 105 students.

July 2021

- Boothe Park RPA Exception Request
- Carlyle Park Towers (EE Block 32)
- Landmark Mall/INOVA MPA & CDD
- 32 N. Donelson St. - SUP for development of single-family home on a substandard lot. / Lot requirement is 65 feet in width, lot is 62.7 feet in width. / Lot: 9,850 sq. ft. / FAR: 3,435 sq. ft. (allowed 3,446 sq. ft.) / Height: 28 feet
- 4817 Peacock Ave. - SUP for development of single-family home on a substandard lot. / Lot requirement is 100 feet in width, lot is 80 feet in width. / Lot: 53,000 sq. ft. / FAR: 4,958 sq. ft. (allowed 13,179 sq. ft.) / Height: 25 feet
- 212 S. Washington St. - SUP for private academic school to accommodate 45 students.

**C. Joanne Bump – AFCA Representative to the Emergency Medical Services Council**

Ms. Bump reviewed the EMS Council meeting of April 26, 2021, the first in over a year. The Fire Department's personal protective equipment for the COVID-19 onset was adequate based on City's

efforts during the H1N1 virus. Fire truck staffing increased and 80% of paramedics/EMT personnel qualified as COVID-19 vaccinators. The City allotted \$1.7M for capital improvement work funded by the ARA. The next meeting is September 13, 2021.

## **II. AFCA Nominating Committee Report**

Pete Benavage presented the Nominating Committee slate for 2021-2023:

(P. Benavage—Co-Chair will continue for the second year of his two year term.) C. Fleming—Co-Chair; F. Vogel—Vice Chair, one year term; K. Stimson—Secretary; J. Cooper—Treasurer; R. Byrd, S. Impastato, B. Kirkes, D. Olinger, T. Walzykowski, E. Winograd – Director. Jeff Lipsky and Van Van Fleet were also nominated from the floor as Directors. The slate of nominees was accepted by unanimous vote. The selection of nominees is now closed and the election will be held at the June 2021 meeting of the AFCA.

## **III. Treasurer's Report**

Judy Cooper, Treasurer, reviewed the May 2021 report. The monthly treasurer's report for May 2021 was accepted by the membership.

## **IV. Minutes**

The general meeting minutes of March 31 and April 28, 2021, with changes noted, were unanimously approved by the membership.

## **V. Association Member Hot Topics**

Dino Drudi noted that the Ad Hoc Stormwater Utility and Flood Mitigation Advisory Group meeting will be on June 10. He also suggested that the Federation consider advocating for the TE&S street paving budget to be broken into two separate line items: "Road Diets" and standard repavings. Thus, if a road diet is reversed, the funding would be from the road diet line item. Mr. Benavage said the Board will discuss this item as well as a previous proposal to take up bicycle exemption at Stop signs and its impact on pedestrians.

Jeanne Jacobs invited the membership to Seminary Ridge CA's forum on Mayoral debates on May 27.

Dave Olinger queried on AFCA in-person meetings. Bryan Kirkes stated that we are still waiting for the City to open up facilities.

## **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jeff Lipsky and Judy Cooper

**Attendees:** Judy Cooper, Henry Desmarais, Brookville-Seminary Valley CA; Arthur Impastato, Cameron Station CA; Roy Byrd, Clover-College Park CA; Jeff Lipsky, Founders Park CA; Jennifer Dougherty, John Fehrenbach, Kay Stimson, North Ridge Citizens' Association; Dave Olinger, Bryan Kirkes, Van Van Fleet, Old Town CA; Bob Gronenberg, Parkfairfax Condo Unit Owners Association; Peter Kilcullen, Porto Veccio Condominium Association; Joanne Bump, Potomac Yard CA; Carter Flemming, Seminary Hill CA; Jeanne Jacob, Seminary Ridge CA; Pete Benavage, Seminary West CA; Fran Vogel, Strawberry Hill CA; Erin Winograd, Elizabeth Wright, Wakefield-Tarleton CA; Dino Drudi, West Old Town CA; Yon Lambert, Rob Kerns, Tony LaColla, City of Alexandria.