

**MINUTES OF THE
HISTORICAL AFFAIRS AND LANDMARK REVIEW BOARD
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 5-7 PM**

This was a virtual public meeting held through electronic communication means.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Aiken
Omari Davis
Jennie Gwin
Gerry Laporte
Joan Lawrence
Robert Meden
Liz Rogers
Mark Turnbull
Andrew Wenchel
Richard Woodruff, Chairman

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Robert Dudka
Sarah Garner, Vice Chairwoman
Carmela Hamm

STAFF: Cynthia Liccese-Torres, Historic Preservation Supervisor
Lorin Farris, Historic Preservation Planner
Serena Bolliger, Historic Preservation Planner

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Ms. Liccese-Torres called the roll and determined there was a quorum.

EXPLANATION OF PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained the virtual Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) public hearing procedures and stated that the virtual meeting format was necessitated as a precaution to protect the Board, staff, and community members from the spread of COVID-19. He communicated the legal authority under which the County was able to hold virtual public hearings, citing the Governor's Executive Orders, legislation adopted by the Virginia General Assembly, and the County Board's Continuity of Operations Ordinance adopted in March 2020. The Chairman then described the logistics of how the virtual meeting would proceed via the Microsoft Teams platform and/or the call-in number.

DEFERRAL OF THE APRIL 21, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Bolliger explained staff was still drafting the minutes from the April 21 meeting and would present them at the June HALRB meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER ROBERT MEDEN

The Chairman welcomed new member Robert Meden and invited him to introduce himself. Mr. Meden explained that historic preservation has been central throughout his education and doctorate. He said he had worked with the National Park Service and National Trust for Historic Preservation, and is now in his 36th year at Marymount University as a faculty member. The Chairman thanked him for his introduction.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS (CoAs) CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Kevin Dworak for Jeff Dickey and Laura Chipkin
3213 Old Dominion Drive, CoA 20-28A
Maywood Historic District
Amendment of previously approved CoA to expand existing second level of garage.

The Chairman called for any questions or comments on the Consent Agenda and there were none. The Chairman moved to approve the item on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Lawrence seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 10-0.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

- 1) Jeremy Jenkins for the Department of Environmental Services
5711 4th Street South, CoA 21-09
Carlin Hall Historic District
Request to install three security cameras.

Discussion Agenda Item #1: 5711 4TH Street South, Carlin Hall

NOTE: This item originally had been placed on the Consent Agenda. However, due to a recent change to the proposed locations of the security cameras since the May 5 virtual meeting of the Design Review Committee (DRC), it was moved to the Discussion Agenda.

Ms. Bolliger explained that Carlin Hall is a one-story, late Victorian style cross-plan community hall. She provided the following points about its history. During its early years, Carlin Hall was the most important building in Glencarlyn — Arlington's first planned suburban subdivision. From the time it was completed in 1892, the new hall quickly became a popular community gathering place. It was the meeting place for the newly formed civic association and the Episcopal Church congregation, as well as a venue for dances, plays, holiday festivities, and a variety of other community social events.

Ms. Bolliger stated that Carlin Hall underwent a complete interior and exterior structural renovation in 2012. She said historically accurate windows were installed, the roof was replaced as part of the reconstruction of the entire roof framing system, the cupola was restored, new wood siding was installed, the foundation and framing were reinforced, and new covered entrance porticos were designed and constructed as part of the project. She explained the building is currently used as a daycare facility and that it was designated as a local historic district in 1978; as such, the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* guide rehabilitation work.

Ms. Bolliger stated that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) was requesting to add three white circular AXIS security cameras at the Southwest, Northwest, and Northeast corners of the building, each to be mounted by small screws, to counter some vandalism that had arisen over the past year.

She followed that the DRC had heard this case at its May 5, 2021, virtual meeting. After asking about adhesion methods and inquiring about an elevation drawing, she said the DRC recommended that this item be placed on the consent agenda for the May 19, 2021, HALRB hearing. However, she explained that the applicant needed to move the camera locations since the DRC meeting, which necessitated placing the application on the discussion agenda. Ms. Bolliger stated there had been one public speaker for this item, but this individual withdrew upon hearing that there were 5 public comments submitted in support of the item and that it had been placed on the consent agenda. Further, she said a sixth public comment had been submitted by a neighbor concerned about privacy, but that had been rescinded when Mr. Jenkins offered to use one of the security camera's software features to block out that particular address from the recording.

Ms. Bolliger outlined that the Historic Preservation staff recommended approval of the subject application as the proposed security cameras are inobtrusive and the color matches the building, which will help them disappear and not be obvious from the public right-of-way. She noted that if they were removed in the future, the historic building would not be damaged and its character would remain intact, abiding by Standards 9 and 10 of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Ms. Bolliger invited the applicant to speak. Mr. Jenkins explained that after further internal investigation, 2x6s installed in the attic would prevent access to the lower roof and required higher installation. He said to ensure minimal intrusion both internally and externally, they propose to relocate the cameras to provide the best coverage of the areas which had seen recent vandalism; the cameras would cover the entrances and the two sides which had received multiple graffiti instances. He explained that Wi-Fi for the cameras would be carried from the public library next door so no additional network cables would be needed.

The Chairman invited the DRC members to provide comments. Mr. Davis stated the DRC found the cameras not to be intrusive and he had no objection to the revised locations. The Chairman asked for additional feedback; upon hearing none, he made the following motion:

I move the HALRB approve the 3 proposed white security cameras as indicated in the subject application for 5711 4th Street South. The HALRB finds that the proposal abides by Standards 9 and 10 of the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation* pertaining to exterior alterations of historic properties.

Mr. Aiken seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for final questions. Hearing none, he invited Ms. Liccese-Torres to call the roll. The motion passed unanimously 10-0.

PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

Ms. Bolliger announced that colleagues from Arlington County's Public Art Program asked to present to the Board about their effort to update their master plan. Ms. Angela Adams and Ms. Elizabeth Carriger presented the draft update to the Public Art Master Plan. They highlighted partnerships with the Historic Preservation Program, including the [recent 60th] anniversary of the Arlington lunch counter sit-ins, the Plan Lee Highway initiative, and the Abbey Mausoleum window inclusion in various County and other facilities. They invited the HALRB members to ask questions. The Chairman commended them for their work and thanked them for their work supporting Arlington artists. Ms. Lawrence thanked the staff for their presentation. Ms. Liccese-Torres asked about additional ways for the Board to comment on the plan. In reply, Ms. Carriger shared the web link to their master plan page and feedback form.

REPORTS OF THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF

The Chairman asked staff when commission meetings might occur again in person. Ms. Liccese-Torres responded that the County was still determining the transition strategy for staff and commissions, but more information would be forthcoming. He then asked whether new commission members would receive training from staff. Ms. Liccese-Torres replied that some virtual training already had been completed and that further in-person or virtual training was planned for the newest members in the summer.

Staff and Other Reports

Ms. Liccese-Torres informed the Board that recruitment for the program's fourth staff member was underway and that she hoped to announce the hire soon.

Ms. Lawrence informed the commission that Plan Lee Highway was underway. She recommended that the board members review and consider commenting on proposed regulations such as building height, art, and the inclusion of historic preservation.

The Chairman thanked the commission and adjourned the meeting at 5:36 PM.