

Summary Minutes

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
WATERFRONT COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 15, 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.
Michael Adams, Representative Park Planning District III
Agnes Artemel, Citizen, East of Washington St. and North of Pendleton St.
Sarah Bagley, Member, Alexandria City Council
Stuart Fox, Representative, Alexandria Park & Recreation Commission
Robin Jordan, Representative, Alexandria Commission for the Arts
Lawrence Gillespie, Citizen, East of Washington St. and north of King St
Claire Mouledoux, Representative, VisitAlexandria, Vice Chair
Lebaron Reid, Commissioner At-Large, Chair
Robert Montague, Representative, Historic Alexandria Foundation
David Robbins, Representative, Alexandria Marina Pleasure Boat Owners
Louise Roseman, Representative, Park Planning District I
Sydney Smith, Representative, Founders Park Community Association
William Vesilind, Representative, Old Town Civic Association

Members excused: Eldon Boes, Representative, Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission, Esther White, Alexandria Archaeological Commission; Debra Roepka, Alexandria Seaport Foundation

Members unexcused: Jody Manor, Representative, Alexandria Planning Commission; Patricia Webb, Representative, Park Planning District II

Vacancies: Representative, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce

Discontinued Representative: Old Town Business & Professional Association

Attendees: Hashim Taylor, Director (RPCA); Daniel Johnson (RPCA); Matthew Landes (DPI); Jaimie Bridgeman (APD); Lydia Durand (DPI); Jenny Rioja; Mark Bendick; Mary Loa Egan; Mease; Daniel Straub; Christine Bernstein; Melissa Kueinner; Jenny Pratt; Pullian;

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1. Lebaron Reid, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m
2. Items for Action
 - a. March 2025 minutes were approved unanimously with noted amendments.

3. Items of Information:

- a. Waterfront Small Area Plan – Flood Mitigation
 - i. Matt Landes, DPI, provided the Commission with an update on the planned waterfront flood mitigation project:
 - a. The commission was reminded the additional funding, as proposed in the FY2026-2035 budget, would provide for bulkhead and promenade similar to the approved 2014 Olin Landscape Plan between Duke St. from the south to approximately King St. to the north.
 - b. The proposed pumphouse has been reduced in size with height of approximately 28 feet.
 - c. Waterfront Park would remain generally the same with restorations from construction impact.
 - d. A raised promenade with approved common elements throughout the improved area.
 - e. Point Lumley Park would be expanded into the current temporary parking area as an expanded lawn area. The planned area for improvement from a bequest from the Rosenbaums is maintained. A potential children's play area in the northern section and potential shade structure on the southern peninsula is proposed.
 - f. The schedule remains unchanged with potential start in late calendar year 2026 and continuing through 2028.
 - g. Mr. Landes answered a few questions regarding budget
 - a. Funding is not available for improvements north of Waterfront Park. It is approximated, although additional study would need to occur, a delay in construction start would increase cost 4% annually.
 - ii. Mr. Landes answered general questions consistent with previous information provided, verified anticipated construction timeframe consistent with previous information provided, reconfirmed continued public engagement through the final design process for the pump station proposed in Waterfront Park, and reaffirmed multiple opportunities for public and commission engagement through the standard City approval process for the project.
 - iii. Commission members offered multiple suggestions as the design continues to progress such as kayak launch, seating close to the water, pump house to support events, improve visual lines and pedestrian experience, opportunities to include public art and historic interpretation, and seek opportunities to underground utilities.
- b. FY 2026 Budget Endorsement Letter – Waterfront Plan
 - i. Commission members provided the approval for the Chair to complete and forward the Commissions budget endorsement to City Council.

4. City Update

- a. Community Projects & Activities - No substantial updates provided

- b. Private Development Updates – No substantial updates provided
 - c. Public Safety – Nothing to report
- 5. Commissioner Updates - Nothing reported
 - a. Commissioners agreed to set a date for the annual waterfront walk to be in Old Town North
- 6. May items will be determined by the Chair and Vice Chair resulting from Commission comments.
- 7. Meeting adjourned approximately 9:20 am.