

Summary Minutes

**City of Alexandria, Virginia
WATERFRONT COMMISSION - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 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.
Eldon Boes, Representative, Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission
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
Manor, Jody, 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, Representative, Park Planning District I
Sydney Smith, Representative, Founders Park Community Association
William Vesilind, Representative, Old Town Civic Association
Patricia Webb, Representative, Park Planning District II

Members excused: Sarah Bagley, Member, Alexandria City Council; Charlotte Hall, Representative, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce; Esther White, Alexandria Archaeological Commission; Robert Montague, Representative, Historic Alexandria Foundation

Members unexcused: None

Vacancies: None

Discontinued Representative: Old Town Business & Professional Association

Attendees: Melissa Kuennen; Margaret Townsend; Bill DePuy; Christine Bernstein; Marta Schantz; Daniel Straub; Myer; Ann Shack; Gina Baum

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1. Lebaron Reid, Chair, call the meeting to order
2. Items for Action
 - a. April 2025 minutes were approved unanimously with noted amendments.
3. FY 2026 Officer Nominations
 - a. The Commission received the following nominations for FY 2026 Officers:
 - i. Chair: (1) Lebaron Reid & (2) Louise Roseman
 - ii. Vice Chair: David Robbins

Elections will occur at the June 17 regular meeting

4. Items of Information:
 - a. Robinson Terminal North Update
Representatives from Wire Gill, LLP provided a development update for the proposed Robinson Terminal North project. The project received Planning Commission approval on June 4 and will be considered by City Council on June 14. Representatives provided an overview of the project. Representatives and staff reverified the site plan, confirmed the portions of the open space to be conveyed to the City, verified an annual City maintenance contribution, the HOA will provide daily trash collection and mowing of turf on the City portions; and identified the location of a publicly accessible restroom.
 - b. Robinson Terminal North Subcommittee
The subcommittee discussed the proposed development plan with the representatives from Wire Gill. After Commission discussion, the draft endorsement letter from the Commission was approved and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council.
 - c. Heat Islands
Marta Schantz, Chair of the Environmental Commission provided an overview of the Environmental Policy Commission's work; provided a description and definition of heat islands; impacts to the City; potential actions to mitigate; and how the Commissions can work together.
 - d. Sail 250 Brief
Gretchen Bulava, Director, OHA gave an update on the City's plans to participate in the Sail 250 Tall Ship visits in celebration of the Nation's 250th birthday. The City is coordinating for the visit of three tall ships i June 2026.
 - e. Waterfront Plan Update – Lower King Street Concept Plan
Sara Brandt-Vorel, Principal Planner, TES provided an overview of the 100 and Unit Blocks, and a portion of The Strand. The guiding principles for the design include the Utilizing quality, affordable, durable and easy to maintain materials for construction; implementation of a cohesive streetscape design that creates a unique sense of place; provide a pedestrianized area that protects users while maintaining access for emergency services; and Create a balanced space that supports all users, including pedestrians, shoppers, and diverse businesses.

5. City Update

- a. Community Projects & Activities - No substantial updates provided
 - b. Private Development Updates – No substantial updates provided
 - c. Public Safety – No substantial updates provided
6. Commissioner Updates - Nothing reported
- a. Commissioners agreed to hold the annual waterfront walk on Saturday, June 21.
The walk will focus on areas within the Old Town North Small Area Plan.
7. June Items:
- a. FY 2026 Officer Elections
 - b. PRGS Open Space Update
 - c. June 21 Waterfront Walk
8. Meeting adjourned approximately 9:20 am