

Minutes of the NOTICe Board Meeting
October 9, 2018
Agnes Artemel's Business Office,
Montgomery Street

Attendees: Agnes Artemel, Mary, Harris, Matt Hennesey, Howard Middleton, Penny Laporte, Kim Pettig, Clarence Tong, Anne White-Olson
Fran Zorn.

Clarence opened the meeting a few minutes after 7:30.

The group discussed the Annual Meeting to be held on November 15.

Action Items:

- Get the mailer out. The usual letter needs to be edited to be current.
- We need the Membership list updated
Penny and Fran might have to get together regarding the membership.
- Get the room
- Elections and Board nominations must be listed on the website prior to November 25.
- Clarence will draft a letter with instructions about the vote by October 25 and then the mailing will take place. Kim help with the mailing with stuffing envelopes.

- The election can have up to 9 people on the board.

Newsletter

Penny discussed printing and distributing the newsletter because she will be on holiday during that time. She thanked everyone "for the best articles."

Alpha Graphics Printer takes 2-3 days to print the job. Penny will send the email version out to them Anne will pick it up and distribute.

Check the website, articles that didn't get published in the newsletter can be found on the website.

Penny went to the meeting at the AFCA and was told that NOTICe has the best website and newsletter of citizen's groups.

November Meeting

The City's planning process will be the topic at the November meeting.

Mary wants to have a panel and it might be entitled "Where, When and How" citizens' can be involved in the planning process. However, the City Planning people explained what could be involved in the process during the Small Area Plan. We can possibly invite Mr. Hart, UDAC, Planning Staff, City, Planning Commissioner, Maria W.

Tom Soapes can give us a Mission Statement for NOTICe.

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Mission Statement from Tom from the Small Area Plan

VISION STATEMENT FOR OLD TOWN NORTH SMALL AREA PLAN

Old Town North is the gateway to historic Alexandria. Future development of this keystone neighborhood between Old Town, the Potomac River, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway must foster its connection to those places and to increasingly populated areas such as Northeast, Potomac Greens, and Potomac Yard.

Critical factors in evaluating future uses of this extraordinary location along the northern waterfront of Alexandria include:

1. **CREATING A SENSE OF PLACE WITH INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, AND OPEN SPACES**
 - The building matrix should form a coherent tapestry rather than a disconnected, uncoordinated array. All new buildings should reflect superior architectural design and be constructed with environmentally-friendly materials, designs, and equipment.
 - Structures should not create canyon-like appearances such as that created by stilt buildings or tall buildings with surface parking lots.
 - Open spaces should create focal points for the community and include a focal point within each open space.
 - The space should be designed for Old Town North residents and businesses and create places to which people want to come.
2. **MAINTAINING WATER VIEWS AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO MARITIME USES**
 - The power plant site shall make full use of the waterfront in regard to design, activities, and view.
 - The shoreline should be hospitable to individual activities and to small boats.
 - All East-West streets should end in open access and open view to the river.
 - Structures should have a significant setback from the riverbank and ensure access and open views to the water.
 - Decisions should be made to ensure that a continuous public easement is created and preserved along the entire length of the river's edge connecting the heart of Old Town and Daingerfield Island.
3. **RESPECTING EXISTING RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**
 - The primary purpose of any future development should be to enhance the life of the people who live and work in Old Town North.
 - Design of new development for mixed use shall keep the area alive and active at night and on weekends.
 - New structures shall be compatible with existing structures in scale and architecture.
 - New businesses and retail establishments shall be compatible with existing businesses and residences of Old Town North in both building design and business function and provide services needed by the residents.
 - Residential units should be priced to provide opportunities for a wide range of people to live in the area.
 - No structures shall resemble large box stores or industrial-type buildings nor attract large crowds that regularly disrupt the routines of residents and neighborhood businesses.
4. **CONTRIBUTING TO A CULTURAL MILIEU HOSPITABLE TO MUSEUM AND PERFORMANCE SPACES THAT ALSO SERVE AS COMMUNITY MEETING PLACES**
 - Spaces will afford activity but not require activity.
 - Designs will incorporate sites for both indoor and outdoor activities and both formal and informal community meeting space.
 - Activities could include performing arts, museums, libraries, restaurants and cafes, and public meetings.
5. **PRESERVING WALKABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY THROUGH MULTIPLE TRANSPORTATION MODES WITHOUT CREATING CONGESTION**
 - A. Structure and design shall promote activities that:
 1. Bring people to the area at all times of day and on weekends
 2. Are enjoyed by a wide variety of people and produce a sense of safety.
 3. Do not attract large volumes of vehicular traffic.
 - B. Any future development must include planning for public transportation and enhanced use of existing access routes and infrastructure, including old train tracks, expansion of Old Town Trolley routes, and improved access to present and future Metro stations.