

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 25, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER *RMY*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS ACCREDITATION PROCESS OF THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENTAL FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FY 2012-2016

As I indicated in my memo of June 21 concerning the above referenced docket item which is on Council's June 26 docket (#27.1), this is a follow up to report recent actions of the four Office of Historic Alexandria (OHA) - related commissions concerning their reviews of this issue. I am pleased to report that during the past week, all four City commissions have discussed and expressed a statement of support for the Office of Historic Alexandria Departmental Five-Year Strategic Plan FY 2012-2016, the final document required as part of the application by OHA to be designated as an accredited "museum system" by the American Association of Museums.

Specifically, the Alexandria Archaeological Commission, Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, and Public Records Advisory Commission have each met independently, and discussed the OHA Five-Year Strategic Plan at their regularly scheduled monthly public meeting. At the conclusion of an extended discussion about the Strategic Plan goals, objectives and initiatives, as well as the process to annually update the plan at the conclusion of the fiscal years through 2016, each commission unanimously voted to express a statement of support for the plan, and a recommendation that the plan be approved by City Council as drafted.

cc: Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
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