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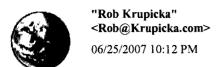
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Councilmangaines@aol.com; SmedbergPC@aol.com Subject: Fwd: The Appointment of BAR Members

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the Council:

Just a reminder, original correspondence attached, that the Old Town Civic Association fully endorses the appointments of Wayne Neale and James Spencer to the architects positions on the BAR. Specifically, we would like to see Mr. Neale appointed to the seat vacated by Lori Quill and Mr. Spenser appointed in lieu of Mr Wheeler (incumbent). We have fully interviewed both of these candidates and have found both extremely well qualified to be seated on the BAR. Many thanks for your time and consideration in this important matter.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet President Old Town Civic Association 202-638-3569 vmgthehill@aol.com

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# THE OLD TOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 1213 ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

June 15, 2007

The Honorable William Euille, Mayor and Members of the City Council



The City of Alexandria City Hall 301 King Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Old Town Civic Association (OTCA), we are writing to offer our insights and assistance regarding the June appointment of three citizens to the Old and Historic District's Board of Architectural Review (BAR).

We have given careful thought to this matter. As you know, the three members whose terms will expire in June include the two designated positions for architects and one non-architect citizen position. The City Zoning Code states: "Members (of the BAR) shall have a demonstrated interest, experience, or education in history, architecture or historic preservation."

Alexandria's Old and Historic District, over which the BAR has jurisdiction, is among the oldest and most important in the nation. Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr, of Charleston, South Carolina, stated at our Preservation Forum in April of 2006, that "eternal vigilance" is necessary in safeguarding an irreplaceable asset such as his or our historic district. He suggested, what most of us in Alexandria already know, that you only get ONE chance to protect historic structures, because original fabric cannot be replicated, if replaced or altered. And that, of course, is the reason why the City Code requires that BAR members shall be knowledgeable of historic preservation standards and techniques.

It is our perception that appointments to the BAR do not always meet these strict standards. We feel that the upcoming appointments in June present an ideal opportunity for the Council to remedy this situation, by seeking appropriate input from the preservation community in the city and by carefully weighing the basic qualifications of each applicant.

We have interviewed all three new candidates for the BAR positions and recommend all three to replace the three existing members, two of whom have reapplied for their positions.

Our recommendations, in rank order of preference are:

Wayne Neale – for the vacant architect's position

James Spencer – for the architect position now occupied by a reapplying member

Doug Smith – for the non-architect position now occupied by a reapplying member

To emphasize, we believe Neale, Spencer and Smith are all quite qualified. However, should only one be chosen, we recommend Neale. Should only two be chosen, we recommend Neale and Spencer, even if one serves in a non-architect position.

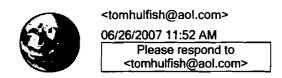
We also encourage the City to engage all BAR members, new and old alike, in a special work session with staff so that they can become acquainted with the City's standards for historic

rehabilitation.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet President Old Town Civic Association

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**BAR-OAHD** appointment

We on the Board wold very much appreciate your appointment of Wayne Neale to the Board. He is an exceptional architect with a great deal of experience in Alexandria. For years he was a partner in one of the leading architectural firms in Aexandria. Now he has ventured out on his own and will not have to recuse himself on that firms

projects.

Comments:

We are pleased that he WANTS to join us and we look forward to his experienced participation.

Thank you.

Tom Hulfish

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