



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

McCoart Administration Building  
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October 12, 2004  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Vice Chairman Burgess, Commissioners R. Anderson, Chock (arrived at 7:20), Cumins, Cunard, Duley, Harris, Hawkins, Jones, Swavely, Turner, Yankey (arrived at 7:15)

Ray Utz – Long Range Planning Division Chief; Bob Bainbridge – Planning Office Liaison; Kim Valente – Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Bill Naedele, Steven Hopkins – Guests/Citizens

**7:00 PM**

#### Citizens' Time

Miller's House – John J. Pickeral, Jr. provided some history and a handout about this Sudley Springs property. Additionally, Mr. Pickeral asked the Commission to send letters requesting this historic house not be torn down.

#### Presentation

Archeologists – Guest archeologists, Pam Cressey from the City of Alexandria and Mike Johnson from Fairfax County, presented overviews of their respective departments including job descriptions, activities, number of employees, etc. and answered questions.

RES 04-059

#### Approve September 14, 2004 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED

[VOTING RECORD: Motion Swavely, Jones; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, MacDonald, Smith; Absent from vote Duley, Harris; Abstain Chock, Turner, Yankey]

#### Vice Chairman's Time

Thoroughfare Marker – Vice Chairman Burgess reported the marker dedication ceremony was very well attended and very successful.

#### Vice Chairman's Time (continued)

Ben Lomond – Mr. Burgess expressed concern about interpretation regarding who wrote the Civil War period graffiti inside the house. Kim Valente indicated promotional materials for the house will be reviewed.

**Staff Time**

**Ben Lomond** – Kim Valente reported the construction drawings for the parking lot at Ben Lomond are about 80% complete.

**Rippon Lodge** – Ms. Valente reported the construction drawings for the interior work at Rippon Lodge are about 80% complete.

**Brentsville** – Ms. Valente reported the construction drawings for the interior work in the Courthouse are about 70% complete.

**Woodlawn** – Bob Bainbridge reported DHR and the owners of Woodlawn have agreed on a plan to preserve the house. The rezoning application will be revised and the house will be given to APVA's revolving fund.

**Budget and Audit Committee**

**Budget Update** – Commissioner Chock presented the Historical Commission's FY-05 Budget – Month 2 thru August 30, 2004 report. Mr. Chock reported there is approximately \$11,000 in the use or lose category. Mr. Bainbridge recommended an adjustment be made to the Cemetery Preservation Seminar line item as fewer people than expected attended the event.

**Publications Committee**

**Publications Sold** – Commissioner Burgess reported 12 publications were sold in September.

**Thank You** – Commissioner Burgess read a letter from Bull Run Mountain Conservancy thanking Ron Turner for his assistance at their Thoroughfare Gap event.

**Historical Markers** – Commissioner Burgess reported Brendon Hanafin is working on the installation of the Ewell's Chapel Civil War Trails sign.

Bob Bainbridge reviewed the status of the Commission's historical marker program and mentioned the need for text and theme for the other two markers proffered by the Manassas Assembly of God.

Commissioner Cumins volunteered to work on the Brentsville Courthouse Civil War Trails sign.

**Historic Properties**

**Bel Air (Saratoga Hunt)** – Commissioner Cunard reported the archeological monitoring at Bel Air is done.

**Effingham** – Commissioner Cumins passed around pictures of the Effingham plantation. Ms. Cumins expressed concern about the development of this property and thought there might be an unidentified cemetery on the site.

**Rippon Lodge** – Bob Bainbridge reported the County is negotiating with D. R. Horton on this subject. Commissioner Cunard suggested the Board of County Supervisors might have settled the case during their closed session hearing earlier today.

**Hatcher’s Memorial Baptist Church Addition** – Bob Bainbridge reported the church would like to build a sympathetic addition. Mr. Bainbridge recommended they use a historical architect for the design work.

**Willow Green** – Commissioner Duley expressed concern about this house being destroyed in accordance with the last owner’s will. Ms. Duley requested the Commission send a resolution to the Board of County Supervisors to save the house.

RES 04-060

**Prepare a resolution to the Board of County Supervisors expressing concern about the future of Willow Green - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Duley, Turner; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, MacDonald, Smith]

**Land Development  
Application Review**  
RES 04-061

**Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations** – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Harris, Yankey; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, MacDonald, Smith]

**Brentsville Trust**

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Bob Bainbridge reported the Trust is updating their MOU as the Park Authority is no longer a party to the agreement.

**Events** – Commissioner Cumins reported the Friends are planning an event at the site on October 23, 2004 including a guest lecturer and a walking tour of Brentsville.

**New Business**

**Picture** – Commissioner Duley reported she received a request for authorization to use a picture in a Historical Commission publication.

RES 04-062

**Send a letter to the interested party authorizing use of the picture on page 8 of "A Virginia Scene or Life in Old Prince William" - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Duley, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, MacDonald, Smith]

RES 04-063

**To send a letter expressing concern about the future of the house at Sudley Springs - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Turner, Hawkins; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, MacDonald, Smith; Abstain Duley]

**Announcements**

**Historic Preservation** – Kim Valente distributed flyers for the Harvest Festival at Rippon Lodge on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Programs** – Don Wilson announced some upcoming library events.

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at Bull Run Regional Library at 1:30 pm** - Speaker on immigration history and the naturalization process.

**Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at Bull Run Regional Library at 7:30 pm**  
– An expert on US Military personnel records will speak about "Pensions - Last and Final Payments" a valuable source for research on America's early war veterans.

**Adjournment**

**10:00 P.M.**