



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

McCoart Administration Building  
Occoquan Conference Room

September 14, 2004  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Vice Chairman Burgess, Commissioners R. Anderson, Cumins, Cunard, Duley, Harris, Jones, MacDonald, Swavely

Bob Bainbridge – Planning Office Liaison; Kim Valente – Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison (arrived @ 7:35); Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Paula Golden (left @ 7:15), Bill Olson, Earl Cunard, Steven Hopkins G.E. MacDonald – Guests/Citizens

**7:08 PM**

#### Citizens' Time

**Quilts** – Paula Golden of the Virginia Consortium of Quilters reported on their current book project and requested assistance in locating appropriate quilts to include in the publication.

**Bed and Breakfast** – Steven Hopkins asked about the review process for the zoning ordinance update and how the zoning changes would affect his plan to make his house a bed and breakfast.

#### Presentation

**Archeologists** – The guest archeologists were unable to attend this meeting. Their presentation has been postponed to the October meeting.

RES 04-055

#### **Approve August 10, 2004 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED**

[VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Swavely; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Chock, Hawkins, Smith, Turner, Yankey]

#### Vice Chairman's Time

**Bristoe Station Battlefield** – Vice Chairman Burgess distributed information about the Centex Homes development at the battlefield site. Concern was expressed about the boundary tree line and buffer area around the Alabama 10<sup>th</sup> Cemetery.

RES 04-056

**Request Commissioner Burgess send a letter to Centex Homes suggesting Centex Homes review the location of the tree boundary line for the 10<sup>th</sup> Alabama Cemetery at the Bristoe Station Battlefield in order to provide sufficient protection for the cemetery - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Cumins; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Chock, Hawkins, Smith, Turner, Yankey]

**Moor Green** – Vice Chairman Burgess reported the owner is doing some work on the property and is attempting to locate a Civil War mass grave at the site.

**Thoroughfare Marker** – Vice Chairman Burgess invited members to the dedication ceremony for the Thoroughfare Marker scheduled for Sunday, October 10, 2004 at 2:00 pm.

### **Staff Time**

**Historic Districts** – Bob Bainbridge reported the Architectural Review Board (ARB) met and reviewed the Manassas Battlefield Historic District (Amended and Boundary Expansion) nomination. Mr. Bainbridge distributed copies of the consultant's report and of the ARB resolution recommending approval of the proposal.

**Cemeteries** – Bob Bainbridge restated the information that the commission had reviewed and approved the zoning text amendment language for cemeteries at the July meeting.

**National Preservation Institute** – Mr. Bainbridge will report, at the November meeting, on the Cemetery Preservation Seminar he attended on September 13 and 14, 2004.

**Dumfries Marker** – Kim Valente reported that the contract to repair the marker has gone out for bid.

### **Old Business**

**Saratoga Hunt** – Commissioner Cunard complimented Angela Horan for her support on this project. Ms. Cunard reported another area was identified for review and a company, other than Thunderbird, will be doing the shovel test pits in the identified high and moderate probability areas.

Commissioner Cunard reported that WSSI of Chantilly had recently purchased Thunderbird.

### **Budget and Audit Committee**

No report.

**Land Development  
Application Review**

RES 04-057

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

**Publications  
Committee**

RES 04-058

**Publications Sold** – Commissioner Burgess reported 7 publications were sold in August.

**Authorize donating Prince William County Historical Commission publications to Prince William County Public Schools per the attached list** - **APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Harris, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Chock, Hawkins, Smith, Turner, Yankey]

**Cemetery Marker for Saratoga Hunt** – Possible language and design for the marker identifying the cemetery were discussed. A one foot by two foot bronze sign inscribed “Historic Cemetery, Unknown Interments” was suggested.

**Highway Historical Marker for Bel Air Plantation** – Don Wilson volunteered to draft the text for this marker.

**Brentsville Trust**

**Church and Courthouse Design** – Commissioner MacDonald reported the Trust reviewed the plans for the church and courthouse. Accessibility to the courthouse was a major point of discussion and a berm to the front door was suggested instead of a ramp to the side door.

**Cabin** – Ms. MacDonald reported the cabin has been moved to its planned location.

**Events** – Commissioner MacDonald reported the Friends are planning an event at the site on October 23, 2004 to include a guest lecturer, celebrate October as archeology month, a pot luck and a walking tour of Brentsville.

**New Business**

**Archeologist** – Members asked if it would be possible for the commission to review the draft of the job description for the new archeologist position.

## **Announcements**

**Tour** – Vice Chairman Burgess announced the fall tour will not take place. There will be a tour in the spring.

**Markers** – Commissioner Duley reported the Sudley Church Marker needs repair. Bob Bainbridge will notify Public Works again.

**Prince William Academy** – Commissioner Harris thanked members for their support of her new school.

**October Meeting** - Vice Chairman Burgess announced the October meeting would begin at 7:00 pm and that there would be no Publications Committee meeting before the regular meeting.

**Historic Preservation** – Kim Valente announced Historical Commission publications would be for sale at the Ben Lomond Candle Light Tour on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Valente distributed brochures for the Historic Preservation Foundation and flyers for the Harvest Festival at Rippon Lodge in October.

Commissioner Duley reported Sarah Turner, who organized the Haymarket Museum and the Haymarket Historical Society, had recently passed away.

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

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** - Genealogy software program.

**Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Library Gala at Chinn Park Library

**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**

**8:30 P.M.**