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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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McCoart Administration Building
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June 8, 2004
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Smith, Commissioners R. Anderson, Burgess, Chock, Cumins, Cunard, Duley, Jones, MacDonald, Swavely, Yankey

Kim Valente – Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Bob Bainbridge – Planning Office Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Reba Greer, Ken Bassett, Chris Lannin, Emlen Myers, Heather Crawl, Peter Eltringham, David Mailler, Kim Hosen, Elena Schlossberg, Bill Olson, Steve Hopkins, Matt Hourihan, Tara Donaldson, Rick Lanham, Brian Mannix, David Blake, John McBride, Linda Wright – Guests/Citizens

7:30 PM

Citizens' Time

New History Program @ Prince William County Schools – Reba Greer and Ken Bassett of Prince William County Public Schools provided a hand-out and talked about their plan to offer a course on the history of Prince William County for high school students in grades 10-12. In addition, they provided some suggestions for using works published by the Historical Commission.

Cherry Hill Peninsula/Harbor Station – In order to fulfill the proffer requirements, representatives from URS handed out an Archaeological Site Summary for the Harbor Station Development and provided an update on the work they have performed at the site.

The members of the Historical Commission were invited to tour the development.

Commissioner Cunard inquired if artifacts discovered at the site could remain with the County instead of being sent to VDHR. URS indicated they were open to discussion on this point.

Citizens' Time
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Chairman Smith suggested the developer, KSI, be invited back to provide general information about the scope of work at the site. He suggested that the Historical Commission members review the proffers and then discuss the report.

Buckland Resolution – Members of the Buckland Preservation Society provided information on the history of Buckland and their efforts to preserve the history and cultural landscape of the area. Additionally, they provided a resolution and requested the Historical Commission support their preservation and transportation plans for the Buckland area.

David Blake, the owner of Buckland Farm, invited the Historical Commission members to visit his property and suggested a follow-up meeting to further discuss options for the preservation of the Buckland area.

Kim Hosen, of the Prince William Conservation Alliance, provided and read a hand-out commenting on transportation and conservation plans for the Buckland area.

David Mailler, representing families in Fauquier County near Buckland, provided and read a hand-out commenting on the transportation issues around the Buckland area.

RES 04-035

Approve May 11, 2004 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED

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

Chairman's Time

Committees – No report.

Dumfries Courthouse Marker – Chairman Smith reported this marker was erected by a private citizen in 1941 and that it needs some repair. Kim Valente indicated Public Works might be able to provide a mason to do the required repairs.

Vice Chairman's Time

Bristoe Station – Vice Chairman Burgess reported there is some concern about whether the 10th Alabama Cemetery will be affected by the planned storm water management system at this site.

Additionally, Mr. Burgess passed around a copy, from the Civil War Preservation Trust, of a possible trail map for the site.

Old Business

Book Storage/Marketing – Chairman Smith reported he provided sets of the Historical Commission books and copies of the Historical Marker Guide and the Historic Dumfries publication to the libraries at the Quantico Marine Base.

Designated Cultural Resources Update – Commissioner Cunard suggested The Villages of Rippon Lodge be added to the list of Designated Cultural Resources.

RES 04-036

Approve listing of properties as Designated Cultural Resources in the Comprehensive Plan with the addition of “The Villages at Rippon Lodge”. APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Harris, Hawkins, Turner]

Budget and Audit Committee

Budget Update – Commissioner Chock presented the Historical Commission’s FY-04 Budget – Month 10 thru April 30, 2004 report. Additionally it was reported there is approximately \$700 in the use or lose category, after funding the request for the new entrance sign at Brentsville, which will not allow funding of the entrance sign at Ben Lomond or the funding of the request from RELIC. Chairman Smith indicated that since the resolutions to fund these items have already been approved the actual funding could be done in July.

Land Development Application Review

RES 04-037

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

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) – Commissioner Cunard reported that the BZA would be hearing cases involving Saratoga Hunt and The Villages of Rippon Lodge at their June 21st meeting and she suggested representatives from the Historical Commission attend the hearing.

Publications Committee

Publications Sold - Commissioner Burgess reported 33 books were sold during the previous month.

Multicultural Summer Institute – Although the Commission was invited to sell their publications at this event they will not be participating as it is during the day on a Thursday.

**Publications
Committee
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RES 04-038

Troop Movements and Camp Marker – Bob Bainbridge reported that since the old marker was broken a new one needs to be ordered which will be paid for by the County’s insurance.

Adopt revised pricing for Historical Commission publications effective July 1, 2004. – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Duley; Approved; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Harris, Hawkins, Turner]

Tourism – Commissioner Cunard reported the Tourism Board will put a PDF version of the Historical Marker Guide on their website and will also provide a link to the County website where the Historical Commission publications are for sale.

Kim Valente indicated Public Works would also put a link from their website to the County website where the Historical Commission publications are for sale.

Publications Sold – Kim Valente reported Public Works has made Historical Commission publications available for sale at their historic sites. Additionally, she reported 17 books were sold at Rippon Lodge during their week-end event.

Brentsville Trust

Entrance Sign – Kim Valente passed out a revised drawing of the entrance sign for the Brentsville site.

Meetings – Jane MacDonald reported that in addition to their regular meeting, the Trust met at the site in May to discuss revisions to their Memorandum of Understanding.

New Business

Prince William Civil War Trails Guide – Chairman Smith reported that the guide is an ongoing project.

One Year Plan – It was reported the plan should now say FY-05 instead of FY-04.

Bob Bainbridge reported he included additional information in the agenda package as the Board of County Supervisors has requested Commissions be aware of the County’s Strategic Plan when making plans for the future.

New Business
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Chairman Smith advised the One Year Plan needs to be updated and should incorporate comments from the County's Strategic Plan as well as from the Brendon Hanafin and the Historic Preservation Department. Mr. Smith suggested he and Mr. Chock would work on the update.

Buckland Resolution – There was considerable discussion about the resolution the Buckland Preservation Society had provided. Concern was expressed about involving the Historical Commission in road issues. Chairman Smith requested Bob Bainbridge ask the County Attorney to review and provide comment on the resolution.

Chairman Smith asked the publications committee to provide comments and assist the Buckland Preservation Society in preparing the historic markers planned for the area.

Zoning Ordinance Update – Commissioner Cunard commented on the current review and update of the Zoning Ordinance including some additions for cemetery preservation and how important it is for Cultural Resource items from the Comprehensive Plan to be included in the Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman Smith suggested the Special Projects Committee might want to work on this issue.

Announcements

Commendations – Chairman Smith requested staff provide commendations for the members who are no longer serving on the Commission.

Meeting Schedule – Chairman Smith requested staff provide an updated meeting schedule including the location of the December meeting.

Brentsville – Don Wilson announced Saturday, June 12th, was Preservation Day in Brentsville.

Adjournment

10:10 P.M.