



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

Old Manassas Courthouse  
Manassas, Virginia

December 14, 2004  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Chairman Smith, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Burgess, Chock, Cunard, Duley, Harris, Hawkins, Jones, MacDonald, Swavelly, Turner, Yankey

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

Art Anderson, Joseph Balicki, Stephen Bilicki, G. E. MacDonald, Marilyn Turner – Guests/Citizens

**7:30 PM**

#### Citizens' Time

Presentation regarding a project to identify locations associated with the Civil War campaign along the Potomac River in 1861-1862 in the areas south of Washington DC. The presenters requested a letter of support from the Commission for their grant application for this project.

RES 04-069

#### Approve November 9, 2004 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED

[VOTING RECORD: Motion Harris, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting Cumins]

#### Chairman's Time

December Meeting – Chairman Smith reported he would be presenting copies of the Tayloe book to the Board of County Supervisors at their December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### Vice Chairman's Time

Doors – Commissioner Burgess reported the Park has some non-historic 20<sup>th</sup> century doors that need a home. Kim Valente indicated Public Works would like to see the doors.

#### Staff Time

Archeologist – Bob Bainbridge reported the request for the archeologist position is scheduled for a vote by the Board of County Supervisors on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The expectation is to complete the hiring process and have the position filled by March 2005.

**Old Business**

**Stipends** – Chairman Smith reported information is being gathered to review stipends currently received by other citizen boards and commissions.

**Willow Green** – Commissioner Cunard reported the Board of County Supervisors discussed this property at their meeting today and the Chairman requested the County Executive investigate the situation.

**Budget and Audit Committee**

**Budget Update** – Commissioner Chock presented the Historical Commission's FY-05 Budget – Month 4 thru October 31, 2004 report. Mr. Chock reported there is over \$14,000 in the use or lose category.

**Publications Committee**

**Publications Sold** – Commissioner Burgess reported 70 publications were sold and 15 were given away in November.

**Prince William County Public Schools** – It was reported that the schools picked up the books they requested.

**Land Development Application Review**  
RES 04-070

**Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations** – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Swavely; Abstain MacDonald; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting Cumins]

**Brentsville Trust**

**Events** – Commissioner MacDonald reported a Christmas event was held on Saturday, December 11, 2004.

**Officers** – Ms. MacDonald reported the Trust elected several new officers whose terms will begin in January 2005.

**Church and Courthouse Design Contracts** – Ms. MacDonald reported the design contracts are in the permitting process.

**Jail Use** – Ms. MacDonald reported future uses for the jail were discussed.

**Brentsville Trust (continued)**

**School Use During Construction** – Ms. MacDonald reported using a room in the schoolhouse as an office during construction was discussed.

**Sign** – Kim Valente reported the brick has been installed and the foundation poured for the new sign at the site.

**New Business**

RES 04-071

**To provide a letter of support for the grant application for the project to identify locations associated with the Civil War campaign along the Potomac River in 1861-1862 in the areas south of Washington DC. - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED**

[VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Harris; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting Cumins

**Announcements**

**Programs** – Don Wilson announced some upcoming genealogical workshops at Bull Run Regional Library.

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm – “Genealogy Resources Users Group: What’s Wrong with Internet Research?”, presented by a local genealogist and historian.

Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm - "Researching Your Family History: Where to Begin", presented by a local genealogist.

March workshop on genealogical research in Northern Virginia.

April workshop on publishing family histories.

**Lecture** – Jim Burgess will be speaking on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Old Manassas Courthouse on “Preserving Civil War Sites”.

**Historic Preservation** – Kim Valente reported the next Prince William County Preservation newsletter will be distributed in January.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Smith wished everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday.

**8:30 P.M.**