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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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McCoart Administration Building
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January 11, 2005
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Smith, Commissioners Burgess, Cumins, Duley, Jones, MacDonald, Swavelly, Turner, Yankey

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

7:30 PM

Citizens' Time

No report.

RES 05-001

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

[VOTING RECORD: Motion Swavelly, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Chock, Cunard, Harris, Hawkins]

Chairman's Time

December Meeting – Chairman Smith reported he presented copies of the Tayloe book to the Board of County Supervisors at their December 21st meeting.

Vice Chairman's Time

Maps – Commissioner Burgess distributed copies of an article regarding access via the Internet to thousands of Civil War era maps and diagrams.

Cemeteries – Commissioner Burgess reported he received a phone call expressing concern about the Potters Field Cemetery that may become landlocked, and he distributed copies of a county mapper identifying the cemetery's location.

Staff Time

Passes – Bob Bainbridge advised members he received a limited number of free passes to a variety of historic attractions, from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, and asked if anyone would be interested in using the passes.

**Staff Time
(continued)**

Seminar – It was agreed Mr. Bainbridge would delay presenting his report from the Cemetery Preservation Seminar until a meeting Commissioner Cunard was able to attend.

Willow Green – Kim Valente reported the Board of County Supervisors requested, as a result of the Historical Commission's resolution, Public Works investigate options regarding the Willow Green property.

Newsletter – Ms. Valente distributed the current edition of the Prince William County Preservation Newsletter to the Commission.

Events – Ms. Valente announced a new lecture series at the Old Manassas Courthouse with Jim Burgess as one of the guest speakers for the program on January 13th.

Brentsville Sign – Chairman Smith commented that the new sign at Brentsville looks good.

Dumfries Marker – Ms. Valente reported three bids for the work on the marker should be available for review at the next meeting. Chairman Smith requested an attempt be made to publicize the rededication of the marker.

Old Business

Stipends – Chairman Smith distributed a current listing of stipends received by County Boards, Committees and Commissions and commented that the Historical Commission is one of a limited number, of approximately 92 groups, to receive any stipend.

**Budget and Audit
Committee**

Budget Update – Chairman Smith reported Commissioner Chock had not received the Month 5 information so no report is available tonight and the next report will include both Month 5 and Month 6.

**Publications
Committee**

Publications Sold – Commissioner Burgess reported 23 publications were sold last month of which "Past to Preserve" was the big seller and 424 publications were sold this past year.

Prince William County Public Schools – Commissioner Burgess reported 11,103 books were given away and the majority of these were provided to the schools for their new program on Prince William County history.

RES 05-002

To donate copies of Historical Commission publications to the Sudley Methodist Church and to all Prince William County Libraries - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from meeting R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Chock, Cunard, Harris, Hawkins]

**Land Development
Application Review**

RES 05-003

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

Brentsville Trust

Map – Commissioner Turner reported a map from the 1830s was recently discovered showing substantial detail about structures located on the tavern site.

New Business

Spring Tour – Commissioners Burgess and Yankey provided an update on the spring tour. Current plans are centered on the Buckland area of the county with a tentative tour date the first week end in May.

Announcements

Events – Copies of press releases describing several upcoming events at the Manassas Museum were distributed.

Adjournment

8:20 P.M.