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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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McCoart Administration Building
Occoquan Conference Room

May 10, 2005
Regular Meeting

In Attendance Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Burgess, Chock, Cumins, Cunard, Harris, Hawkins, Jones, MacDonald, Smith, Swavely, Turner, Yankey

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

Lewis Steinhoff, Lew Steinhoff, Patricia A. Karel-Normandin, Tam Steffen,
Bill Olson, Jerry MacDonald, Steven Hopkins - Guests/Citizens

7:35 PM

Citizens' Time **Cemetery** - Presentation by Boy Scout Lewis Steinhoff on a cemetery clean-up project he is organizing.

Invitation – Bill Olson invited Commission Members on a boat tour of historic interest at Fountainhead Regional Park. Commissioner Cunard will coordinate this tour.

RES 05-022 **Approve April 12, 2005 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Harris, Turner; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting None]

Chairman's Time **Thank You** – Betty Duley, recently elected Chairman, thanked Members for nominating her and invited them to call her anytime with suggestions, etc.

Vice Chairman's Time **Thank You** – Jim Burgess thanked Members for their continued confidence in once again nominating him as Vice Chairman.

Battlefield Bypass Study – Vice Chairman Burgess reported there was a meeting on May 5th to discuss the bypass issues involving the Manassas National Battlefield Park and advised there is a comment period until June 6th and additional details are available at www.battlefieldbypass.com.

Staff Time

Archeology – Bob Bainbridge introduced Justin Patton, the new County Archeologist.

National Recognition – Mr. Bainbridge reported Prince William County has been designated as a *Preserve America* Community by the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Network to Freedom – Mr. Bainbridge reported he attended a gathering about the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The meeting focused on open communications, working together, and avoiding duplication of efforts. Articles from the event were included in the agenda package.

Dumfries Marker – Kim Valente reported a contractor has been hired to rebuild the marker for \$1850 and work is expected to begin shortly. Public Works removed and is storing the brass plaques while the work is being done.

Cemetery Marker – Commissioner Cumins reported the police contacted her regarding a cemetery marker on Coverstone Drive. Commissioner Turner reported he was also contacted regarding this marker and suggested it be placed in the Repository since it's this isn't the first time it's been removed from the cemetery. Mr. Turner will handle relocating the marker.

Chimney – Ms. Valente reported the chimney stones Commissioner Cumins found will be used to rebuild the chimney on the cabin at the Brentsville site. Public Works thanked Ms. Cumins and will be sending thank you notes to Engle Homes and William A Hazel, Inc.

Events – Ms. Valente distributed flyers about the Children's Archeology Dig on May 14th and 15th at Ben Lomond Historic Site.

Old Business

National Register Listing – Commissioner Yankey requested an update on the letter of support for the Cockerille Family Farm.

Bob Bainbridge responded that recommendation of the farm for National Register listing has already been reviewed and due to the extent of changes made to the property it is not a candidate so no letter has been sent.

**Budget and
Audit
Committee**

Budget Update – Commissioner Smith distributed copies of the Historical Commission's FY-05 Budget – Month 10 thru April 30, 2005. Discussion followed regarding how to disburse the available funds.

RES 05-023 **To disburse funds to The Town of Occoquan towards painting the Town Hall (\$1000) and Prince William County Public Works toward purchasing furnishings for Ben Lomond (\$1000) as previously appropriated - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Yankey; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting None]

Publications Committee **Publications Sold** – Commissioner Burgess reported 35 publications were sold and 37 publications were given away last month.

Historical Marker Guides – Mr. Burgess reported the supply of historical marker guides is running out and the Commission needs to decide about reprinting them.

Publications – Chairman Duley advised the Woodbridge Women’s Club had expressed their thanks for the publications the Commission provided to them.

Historic Properties **Willow Green** – Chairman Duley reported no success in contacting the attorney handling this property. Bob Bainbridge advised there is a rezoning in process that doesn’t include the house and granary. Mr. Bainbridge will investigate the zoning of the house and whether there is interest in relocating the structures.

Land Development Application Review
RES 05-024 **Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Yankey; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting None]

Old Business (continued) **Designated Cultural Resources** – Bob Bainbridge advised the Board of County Supervisors has not initiated a request for a new designated cultural resources list.

RES 05-025 **To send a letter to the Board of County Supervisors recommending initiation of a resolution to accept a revised listing of properties as Designated Cultural Resources in the Comprehensive Plan - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting None]

RES 05-026 **To approve the listing of properties as Designated Cultural Resources in the Comprehensive Plan with the removal of “The Villages at Rippon Lodge” and the addition of “King’s Highway at Rippon Lodge” - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting None]

Brentsville Trust **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Commissioner Sara Anderson reported the Board of County Supervisors adopted the revised MOU.

Events – Ms. Anderson reported the annual chili cook-off at was held at Brentsville last Saturday.

Courthouse – Bob Bainbridge referred to page 25 of the agenda package which are drawings of interior trim detail for the Courthouse provided by and based on research done by Dr. Carl Lounsbury of Colonial Williamsburg. These drawings etails will influence the trim in the rest of the Courthouse and the plans will be incorporated with Doug Gilpin’s existing construction drawings.

New Business **Presentation** – Commissioner Yankey reported David Blake and the Buckland Preservation Society have invited the Commission to a presentation at his house. Possible dates were discussed. Commissioner Yankey will contact Mr. Blake and provide details.

Announcements **Events** – Don Wilson reminded members of the RELIC event scheduled for this Saturday, May 14, 2005.

News - Commissioner Smith reported there was an article on page 3 of today’s Potomac News about the Turn the Mill Around Campaign.

Adjournment

9:10 PM