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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Old Prince William County Courthouse
Manassas, Virginia

February 14, 2006
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Vice-Chairman Burgess, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Cunard, Hawkins, Jones, MacDonald, Smith, Swavely, Turner, Yankey

Justin Patton – County Archeologist; Brendon Hanafin – Historic Preservation Manager; Heather Hembrey - Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Dennis Vanderlaske, Bill Olson, Jerry MacDonald – Citizens/Guests

7:40 PM

Citizens' Time

Bill Olson talked about the 225th Anniversary of the Washington Rochambeau Route and suggested the Commission commemorate this event. He thought it would be helpful to relocate the existing marker to a safer spot where people can stop and read it. Mr. Olson also brought a sample and showed pictures of signs he had made and posted to mark the wagon portion of the route that runs through his property.

Brendon Hanafin provided an update, on behalf of Pulte Homes, on the Lucasville School project. Mr. Hanafin showed the Commission the site plan. Pulte Homes will be reconstructing the school building. There are no funds at this time for parking lot construction, restrooms or interior furnishings.

RES 06-005

Approve January 10, 2006 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Amended
- **APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, S. Anderson; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Abstain Cumins, Cunard; Absent from meeting Chock, Duley]

Chairman's Time – Brentsville Trust Appointments

Vice Chairman Burgess reported that Chairman Duley had contacted him and was appointing Commissioner Cunard as the voting member to the Trust and herself as the alternate member to the Trust.



Vice Chairman's Time – Evergreen

Commissioner Burgess reported he received a phone call from Gina Harris at Evergreen (571-261-1211) who is looking for assistance with their April 29th fundraiser.

Staff Time

Morris Farm House – Justin Patton provided an update on this project based on a letter from Brookfield's representative. The home is being heated using a generator as NOVEC has not yet connected permanent electrical service; the landscaping plan for the area around the house has been approved; there is a contract to paint the exterior when weather permits; and Zoning recently inspected the home and was satisfied.

Archaeology – Mr. Patton distributed copies of an archaeology presentation; pointed out items of special interest and provided an overview of the differences between Phase I, Phase II and Phase III studies.

Commissioner Cunard suggested visiting a site where Mr. Patton could provide examples of what he was describing.

General Report – Heather Hembrey provided an update on what's happening in the Historic Preservation Division including: interpretive plans are being developed for all county owned historic properties; deed work is almost complete on the Bristoe transfer; work at Rippon should be partially complete by October; the contractor to work on the graffiti at Ben Lomond has been replaced and work should begin soon; the windows are being installed at the Union Church at Brentsville; work on the courthouse has begun at Brentsville and a site manager has been hired for Brentsville.

Events – Ms. Hembrey noted that there will be a volunteer meeting on March 18th at Rippon Lodge at 10:00 and there will be programs at all the sites for the March 25th County Birthday Celebration.

Lucasville School – Ms. Hembrey provided an overview of plans for the project. The school will be open by appointment only and targeted to school groups. Interpretive panels will be developed and the interior furnishings will be circa 1910. Budget estimates are \$6,000 for furnishings and \$12,000+ for the panels. A grant has been applied for but otherwise there is no funding available for this project. These estimates don't include restrooms, parking or other site development features. Ms. Hembrey asked the Historical Commission to provide \$5,000 for interior work.

Events - Don Wilson advised he sent out an email with information on upcoming events.

Staff Time (continued) **TV** – Mr. Wilson reported Channel 23 will be showing a series of vignettes on Prince William County History.

Budget and Audit Committee **Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-06 Budget – Month 7 thru January 31, 2006, were distributed and Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$10,000 in the use or lose category.

Disbursements Committee **No Report**

Publications Committee **Publications Sold** – No committee meeting was held tonight and no information was received on publications sold last month.

Spring Tour – Commissioner Burgess advised plans are moving forward for the spring tour and it’s time to contract for a bus.

Land Development Application Review

RES 06-006 **Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations** – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Swavely; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Chock, Duley]

Brentsville Trust **Church** – Commissioner MacDonald passed around a picture of the rebuilt pews in the church and noted the work in the church is almost done although the front and rear entrances need to be completed.

Site – Commissioner MacDonald reported work has been done on the site. The tavern site has been filled in and grass is growing there and there is a path to the church and the cabin.

New Business **Nominating Committee** – Sara Anderson, Ellis Hawkins and Ron Smith were elected by majority vote to serve on the nominating committee.

Signs – Commissioner Cumins volunteered to provide draft text for the Civil War Trails sign for Wellingford Industrial Park.

Signs – Commissioner MacDonald suggested asking about having the existing historical marker relocated as Mr. Olson had requested.

Membership – Commissioner Cunard reported Commissioner Harris has resigned so a new Neabsco representative is needed.

New Business
(continued)

Commerce Bank - Commissioner Cunard noted that the mural inside the lobby of the bank is very visible outside. Additionally, Ms. Cunard reported Commerce Bank is planning another building on Route 1 at Four Year Trail and is looking for a picture, perhaps of Williams Ordinary, to create a mural at the new location.

Website – Don Wilson reminded members the library website has several new features including an index of historic photographs.

Adjournment

9:30 PM