



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### BRIEF

McCoart Administration Building  
Potomac Conference Room

May 9, 2006  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners Burgess, Chock, Cumins, Cunard,  
Hawkins, Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Turner, Yankey

Bob Bainbridge – Staff Liaison; Heather Hembrey - Public Works  
Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission  
Secretary

Dennis Vanderlaske – Citizen/Guest

7:38 PM

#### Citizens' Time

None

RES 06-020

**Approve April 11, 2006 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented -**  
**APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion  
Yankey, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None;  
Abstain Chock, Cumins, Smith; Absent from meeting R. Anderson, S.  
Anderson, Brown, Jones, MacDonald]

#### Chairman's Time - Publicity

Chairman Duley passed around a copy of the article in the Bull Run  
Observer about County Archaeologist, Justin Patton.

**Committees** - Chairman Duley requested three members volunteer for the  
Disbursements Committee and suggested the Cemetery Committee be  
reinstated.

#### Staff Time

**Request for Slide Presentation** – Bob Bainbridge reported a request was  
received from the Director of the Prince William Senior Center for a  
presentation on Historical Markers. Don Wilson volunteered to respond  
to the request.



**Staff Time  
(continued)**

**Buckland Mills Battlefield** – Mr. Bainbridge reported there will be two presentations tomorrow by the American Battlefield Protection Program about preserving the Buckland Mills Battlefield. The morning session is at 10:30 in the Prince William County Board of Supervisors' Chambers and the evening session is a 7:00 at the Fauquier County Administration Building.

**Historical Marker** – Mr. Bainbridge reported the Military Operations marker has been relocated to the Bacon Race Church site.

**Lucasville School** – Mr. Bainbridge advised the Historical Commission has sent a letter to the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, as part of a grant application, indicating it will be providing support for the Lucasville School project. A copy of the letter is in the agenda package.

**Designated Cultural Resources** – Mr. Bainbridge reported there is a sample letter in the agenda package of what is being sent to owners of property suggested for inclusion in the listing of designated cultural resources.

**General Report** – Ms. Hembrey provided an update on what's happening in the Historic Preservation Division including: a grant application has been sent to the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities for the Lucasville School project; a site manager has been hired for Ben Lomond; and the restoration work at Brentsville is moving forward. Ms. Hembrey also passed around pictures of the completed interior of the church at the Brentsville site.

**Events** - Don Wilson reported an email will be going out to members with information on upcoming events. Mr. Wilson advised he will be attending a program on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Old Prince William County Courthouse to discuss sites for nomination to the Underground Railroad Register.

**Old Business**

**Spring Tour** – Commissioner Burgess reminded members the spring tour is this Saturday, May 13, 2006.

**Manassas Business Park Rezoning** – Commissioner Cumins reported she has been in contact with outside agencies, such as the Civil War Preservation Trust, who may be interested in opposing this rezoning, which the Historical Commission has already passed a resolution in opposition of, due to its impact on a portion of the Bristoe Station Battlefield.

**Budget and  
Audit Committee**

**Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-06 Budget – Month 10 thru April 26, 2006, were distributed with a use or lose of \$2,856. Adjustments were made including revising the estimated cost of the tour down \$500 and estimating that all the printing costs would not be charged this fiscal year. Commissioner Smith suggested this would result in \$6,000 in use or lose funds.

**Disbursements  
Committee**

**Funding** – The Disbursements Committee suggested \$6,500 in spending including moving the cost of the new historical marker for the Washington Rochambeau Wagon Route to the 2006 budget as funds were already anticipated for it and funding \$4,500 to The Historic Preservation Division in response to their request for \$5,000 to support the furnishing and interpretive plans for the Lucasville School.

RES 06-021

**To appropriate \$2,000 to develop a new historical marker for the Washington Rochambeau Wagon Route** – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Yankey; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Jones, MacDonald]

RES 06-022

**To allocate \$4,500 to the Historic Preservation Division, based on the attached request, to support the furnishing and interpretive plans for the Lucasville School** – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Jones, MacDonald]

**Publications  
Committee**

**Book Sales Report** – Commissioner Burgess reported 20 publications were sold and 10 were given away in April.

**“A History of Prince William County”** – Commissioner Burgess reported the Publications Committee reviewed the edits to the book and its new cover. The book is ready to be printed and a copy of the new cover was passed around.

**Vint Hill Road Markers** – Commissioner Yankey reported that in response to citizen requests for right-of-way availability for the installation of historic markers for Woodlawn School and Church on Vint Hill Road, Brookfield Homes has volunteered not only to provide the necessary space for a pull-off but also to pay for the fabrication and installation of the markers as well as landscaping the area. Ms. Yankey reported the citizens will be providing the text for the markers.

**Publications  
Committee**

**Prince William's Disappearing Towns and Other Places** – Copies of the bound rough draft of this document were distributed to members.

**Historic  
Properties**

**Wheeler's Grove** – Bob Bainbridge reported this rezoning case is scheduled for review by the Planning Commission on July 19, 2006 and by the Board of County Supervisors on September 5, 2006.

A suggestion was made that members might want to attend and speak at these hearings, however, the Historical Commission needs to authorize members to speak on its behalf.

A request was made that members receive a copy of the staff report for this case when it's available.

**Land Development Application Reviews**

RES 06-023

**Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations** – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Jones, MacDonald]

**Brentsville Trust**

**General Report** – Commissioner Cunard reported the Trust meets tomorrow. A suggestion was made that the Commission might want to hold an upcoming meeting at the site. The restoration work on the Courthouse is moving forward. The bell rope was put through the roof and is now available inside the church. The property has been posted for no hunting, bikes or motorized vehicles. The “Back to the Blueprints” episode on the church will probably air the Saturday before Memorial Day.

**New Business**

**Dumfries Marker Repair** – Commissioner Smith requested an update on this project.

**Stipends** – Commissioner Cunard raised a question about members receiving their monthly stipend whether or not they are able to attend the regularly scheduled meeting.

**Announcements**

**Upcoming Events** – Heather Hembrey announced there will be a Network to Freedom meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Old Prince William County Courthouse, and there will be an archaeology open house at Rippon Lodge on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-3.

**Thank You** – Both Ms. Hembrey and Mr. Wilson thanked members for providing funds for their projects.

**Cemeteries** - Commissioner Turner reported the Piper Lane cemetery is okay.

Commissioner Cumins reported she received several calls regarding possible vandalism of the Hall/Haislip cemetery. Other members reported they also received calls about this issue. Ms. Cumins will check into and report back.

**Adjournment**

**8:38 PM**