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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

BRIEF

Old Prince William County Courthouse
Manassas, Virginia

June 13, 2006
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown (arrived at 7:38 pm), Burgess, Chock (arrived at 7:43 pm), Cunard (arrived at 7:48 pm), Hawkins, MacDonald, Smith, Stickley, Turner, Yankey

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

Dave Prokop, Adam Stokes, Jeff Stokes, Dennis Vanderlaske – Citizens/Guests

7:34 PM

Citizens' Time

Evergreen – Dave Prokop, Chairman, Manor House Preservation Fund, provided background information; an update on current preservation plans and answered questions about the Evergreen Plantation Manor House project.

Redmond Cemetery – Adam Stokes provided a description of his Eagle Scout project to clean up the Redmond Cemetery located near Potomac Hospital.

RES 06-024

Approve May 9, 2006 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cumins, Jones, Swavely]

Chairman's Time - Spring Tour

Chairman Duley congratulated and thanked Commissioner Burgess for organizing a successful tour.



Vice Chairman's Time – Spring Tour

Vice Chairman Burgess thanked staff for their assistance with the tour.

Beverley Mill – Vice Chairman Burgess reported the mill received a \$300,000 grant to assist with their stabilization project.

Dennis Vanderlaske reported Beverley Mill will be holding an Open House on Saturday, July 8th.

**Staff Time –
Public Works**

General – Heather Hembrey passed around a copy of a Historic Preservation Division in-house report providing an overview of projects.

Network to Freedom – Ms. Hembrey reported the Historic Preservation Division hosted a meeting concerning eligibility and the nomination process for sites to be included on the Underground Railroad Register.

Staffing – Ms. Hembrey reported two new maintenance mechanics have been hired.

Rippon Lodge – Ms. Hembrey reported the restoration work is 25% complete and the house should be open for viewing in October. Ms. Hembrey also distributed copies of a brochure on the archaeology work at the site.

Brentsville – Ms. Hembrey reported the restoration work on the Courthouse is 75% complete and that the restoration team for the Union Church won the County Executive's Award.

Ben Lomond – Ms. Hembrey reported the graffiti project is almost done.

Lucasville School – Ms. Hembrey reported Pulte Homes is planning to put out a press release about the reconstruction project and Ms. Hembrey passed around a picture of Alice Taylor who was the last teacher at the school.

Bristoe Station – Ms. Hembrey reported Dave Born has been appointed as the site manager.

**Staff Time -
Libraries**

Thank You - Don Wilson thanked the Commission for providing funding for the microfilm copies of "Southern Claims Commission Approved Claims, 1871-1880: Virginia" which have been received.

**Staff Time –
Libraries (con.)**

Additionally, Mr. Wilson passed on a thank you from Tish Como, of his office, for including her on the spring tour which she enjoyed very much.

Events – Mr. Wilson reported an email will be going out to members with information on upcoming events.

Old Business

Spring Tour – Commissioner Burgess distributed extra copies of the handouts from the tour and suggested planning start now for the next tour.

Dumfries Courthouse Marker – Heather Hembrey reported the contractor who agreed to do the job backed out and as no one else appears interested in the work staff will build the marker as time permits.

Hall/Hailslip Cemetery – Commissioner Turner provided an update on the project and indicated he thought everything would work out.

**Budget and
Audit Committee**

Budget Update – Commissioner Smith reported no budget analysis was available at this time but there would be over \$1,000 left in the account for the end of the year.

**Disbursements
Committee**

No new business.

**Publications
Committee**

Book Sales Report – No report was available.

Historical Marker – The text, included in the agenda package, for the new marker for the Washington Rochambeau Wagon Route was reviewed and alternate language discussed.

“A History of Prince William County” – The print shop is working on the final draft.

Prince William’s Disappearing Towns and Other Places – There was discussion about whether or not to publish this document and it was decided to table a decision until next month.

Beverly Mill Thesis – Commissioner Burgess reported the Commission has received permission to publish the thesis, and he gave a CD with the text to Bob Bainbridge who will provide copies for the publications committee to review.

Historic Properties

Willow Green – Bob Bainbridge reported the Board of County Supervisors met in closed session and resolved to settle this issue out of court and based on the outcome of the rezoning case to make a decision on the relevant proffers.

Land Development Application Reviews

RES 06-025

Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cumins, Jones, Swavely

Brentsville Trust

General Report – Commissioner Cunard reported the Trust met on site last month. The restoration work on the Courthouse is moving forward on schedule. With the Union Church almost complete a Use Policy and Rental Fees are being developed. In order to eliminate parking problems a gate is being installed across the top of the path down to the cabin and plans for the summer include installing the door, siding, and windows and rebuilding the chimney for the cabin.

New Business

Cemetery Committee – Ron Turner, Becky Cumins, Dave Swavely and Harry Stickley were appointed to the Cemetery Committee.

Meeting at One Room School - Brentsville – It was agreed the Commission would hold its regular August meeting in the One-Room School at the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre site and tours of the reconstruction work would be conducted.

Fall Tour – It was suggested the fall tour be of the eastern end of the County perhaps a Potomac River tour. Ron Smith, Harry Stickley and Fred Brown were appointed to the Tour Committee.

Announcements

Newspaper Article – Commissioner Cunard passed around a copy of the article about Justin Patton, County Archaeologist, which was published in the Old Bridge Observer this month.

Marine Corps Heritage Center – Commissioner Cunard reported she attended a hard hat tour of the new facility and was very impressed.

Commissioner Smith reported the Heritage Center is raising money by selling \$300 memory bricks. Additionally, Commissioner Smith reported the Heritage Center is looking for volunteers.

Adjournment

8:58 PM