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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

B R I E F

Old Prince William County Courthouse
Manassas, Virginia

December 13, 2005
Regular Meeting

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

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

Jerry MacDonald, Dianne Swavely, Earl Cunard, Art Anderson, Quentin Royer (left at 7:55), Rick Dengler (left at 7:55), Lacey Compton (left at 7:55), Wally Covington (left at 7:55) – Citizens/Guests

7:30 PM

Welcome – Chairman Duley welcomed everyone.

Citizens' Time Lacey Compton (Compton & Duling, L.C.) and Rick Dengler (Brookfield Homes) provided an update on and answered questions about the Morris Farm House.

RES 05-054 **Approve November 8, 2005 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Amended** - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Chairman's Time – Chairman Duley thanked everyone for coming.

Vice Chairman's Time – Manassas National Battlefield Park

Commissioner Burgess provided an update on research done on a formerly unnamed camp which has now been identified as Camp Georgia.

Staff Time **APVA** – Bob Bainbridge reported the Commission has received ten guest passes to visit APVA properties.

Events – Heather Hembrey distributed flyers advertising Christmas activities at the Ben Lomond Historic Site.

**Staff Time
(continued)**

Historic Preservation – Ms. Hembrey provided information on what’s happening in the Historic Preservation Division including: work on the Union Church at the Brentsville site is almost complete and work on the Brentsville Courthouse is expected to start soon; interior work at Rippon Lodge is scheduled to start in January; a Historic Preservation Symposium was held in November; and work is about to begin on the Lucasville School site.

Events - Don Wilson advised Ray Goodrow will be providing a Historic Preservation presentation at the Bull Run Library in January.

Archaeology – A request was made for monthly status reports from the County Archaeologist. Bob Bainbridge reported that Justin Patton, the County Archaeologist is reviewing pending land development applications and performing cultural resources records checks.

Cemetery – Commissioner Smith requested assistance from the County Archaeologist regarding upcoming construction near the cemetery at the intersection of Joplin Road and Route 1.

RES 05-055

That the Commission send a letter to Craig Gerhart expressing concern about the possible consequences of planned road construction on the cemetery located in the southwest corner of the Joplin Road and Route 1 interchange - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Harris; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Archaeology – Suggestions were made that the County Archaeologist provide some educational assistance to the Commission including field trips and sample case reviews.

Mr. Bainbridge advised that Mr. Patton will attend some Commission meetings and Mr. Bainbridge will provide updates on Mr. Patton’s work.

**Budget and
Audit
Committee**

Budget Update – Copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-06 Budget – Month 5 thru November 30, 2005, were distributed and Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$10,000 in the use or lose category.

**Disbursements
Committee**

Update – Commissioner Cunard reported the committee met and was reviewing materials from other organizations to help establish criteria for funding requests made to the Commission. The Committee is interested in instituting an accountability segment to the financial support the Commission provides.

**Publications
Committee**

Meetings – Commissioner Burgess noted the committee did not meet tonight but will be meeting in January.

Publications Sold – Commissioner Burgess reported 14 publications were given away and 8 publications were sold last month.

History of Prince William – Commissioner Burgess inquired whether the file on this publication includes a list of required corrections/edits.

Historic Properties

Morris Farm House – There was discussion about the current status of this property, however, no decision was made on any further action.

Old Business

Cemeteries – A request was made to include a copy of the new cemetery standards in the next agenda package.

Land Development Application Review

RES 05-056

Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Brentsville Trust

History Channel – Commissioner S. Anderson reported that the program the History Channel filmed at the Union Church on the Brentsville site is scheduled to be shown in the spring.

New Business

Monroe Cemetery – Commissioner Yankey reported she was questioned about heavy equipment being parked at this cemetery located in a traffic island at the Route 234 bypass and I-66 interchange and requested assistance from staff.

Lucasville School - Commissioner S. Anderson asked if Heather Hembrey is working with Lillian Gaskill on this project and Ms. Hembrey replied in the affirmative.

Historic Preservation – Commissioner Cunard commented on the excellent presentation Brendon Hanafin gave to the Board of County Supervisors.

Announcements

Bristoe Battlefield – Ms. Hembrey advised there is an open house hosted by Brookfield Homes on December 20, 2005 at Marsteller Middle School regarding the Brentswold development.

Adjournment

8:55 PM