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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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**One Room Schoolhouse
Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre
Brentsville, Virginia**

August 8, 2006

Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Burgess, Chock, Cumins, Hawkins, Jones, Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Turner

Bob Bainbridge – Staff Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary; Rob Orrison & Brendon Hanafin – Historic Preservation Division

Dave Prokop, Morgan Breeden, Dennis Vanderlaske – Citizens/Guests

7:30 PM

Tour of Brentsville Site

7:32 – 8:14 PM

Citizens' Time

Evergreen – Dave Prokop, Chairman, Manor House Preservation, Inc., provided an update on preservation plans and made a formal request for funds from the Commission for the Evergreen Plantation Manor House project.

RES 06-031

Approve July 11, 2006 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Cumins; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cunard, MacDonald, Yankey]

Chairman's Time - Thank You

Chairman Duley thanked Rob Orrison and Brendon Hanafin for making the Commission welcome at Brentsville; for providing a tour of the site and for all the work done on the property.

Invitation – Chairman Duley reported Randi Reid of the Bull Run Observer sent a letter inviting the Historical Commissioners to lunch on September 8, 2006 at a location in Manassas. As many members are not available for lunch during the week, it was suggested that Ms. Reid might want to provide dessert at the November Historical Commission meeting instead as that meeting will be held in Manassas.

Vice Chairman's Time



RES 06-032

To provide copies of Historical Commission publications to Randi Reid, Publisher, Bull Run Observer, at the November 14, 2006 meeting of the Historical Commission – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, S. Anderson; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cunard, MacDonald, Yankey]

Staff Time – Planning

Tree Registry – Bob Bainbridge reported County Arborist, Julia Flanagan, plans to provide an update to the Commission on the Champion & Historic Tree Registry project after the new, second, County Arborist is hired.

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route - Mr. Bainbridge reported on a request for the Commission to pledge funds for a study of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Virginia.

Staff Time – Public Works

General – Brendon Hanafin, Historic Preservation Division Chief, provided a status report on the various historic properties including: the house and property next to Union Church at Brentsville has been purchased by the County; a \$10,000 grant has been received for exhibits and interior work at Lucasville School; the interior work has been completed at Ben Lomond and plans for the stone building are in plan review; and the restoration work at Rippon Lodge is moving forward.

Staff Time - Libraries

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

Microfilm – Mr. Wilson reported the cataloguing of the Commission funded microfilm purchase has been completed.

Old Business

Fall Tour – Commissioner Smith suggested moving the tour to a date in the spring. Members agreed.

Land Development Application Reviews – Commissioners Burgess and Smith each requested a change to a plan they reviewed for the July meeting to reflect suggestions made by the County Archaeologist. See RES 06-033.

Budget and Audit Committee

Budget Update – Copies of the Historical Commission's FY-07 Budget – Month 1 thru July 31, 2007, were distributed and Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$13,000 in the use or lose category.

Publications Committee

Book Sales Report – Commissioner Burgess reported 42 publications were sold and 19 were given away in July.

“The Curtis Collection” – Committee members received copies of the book for editing purposes and to decide whether to reprint at the previous size or as an 8½ x 11 publication.

“A History of Prince William County” – The final draft should be available for review at the September meeting.

Beverley Mill Thesis – Committee members reviewed the document and considered it to be a good candidate for publication. They will, however, request the author make some edits including adding a postscript regarding the current condition of the site.

Historic Properties

Rezoning – Bob Bainbridge reported the Bradley Square and Woodlawn rezonings are moving forward; and he will advise the Commission when the cases are scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission.

Land Development Application Reviews

RES 06-033

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

New Business

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route – Members discussed the request for a \$1000 pledge.

RES 06-034

To pledge to contribute \$1000 to match grant funding, if approved, from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to study the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route in Virginia.
– **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cunard, MacDonald, Yankey]

Announcements

Oral History – Commissioner R. Anderson reported she will be arranging an interview with Mr. Purcell.

Adjournment

9:38 PM