



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

Old Prince William County Courthouse  
Manassas, Virginia

November 14, 2006  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Brown, Burgess, Cumins, Cunard, Jones (left at 8:58 pm), MacDonald (left at 8:58 pm), Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Turner

Bob Bainbridge – Staff Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Mike Baumstark, Heidi Baumstark, Randi Reid, Ellen Wilson, Steven Hopkins, Jerry MacDonald, Ellie MacDonald Wrable, Frank W. Smerbeck, Lauren Smerbeck – Citizens/Guests

7:32 PM

#### Citizens' Time

**John Hall Cemetery** – Commissioner Cumins read Ryan Murray's Eagle Scout project description for the work at the cemetery. Mr. Murray was unable to attend tonight's meeting but plans to be at the December Historical Commission meeting.

**Effingham** – Chairman Duley introduced the new owners of Effingham, and they provided an update on the work they're doing at the property.

**Presentation** – Commissioner Burgess thanked Randi Reid of the Bull Run Observer for providing treats for tonight's meeting. Additionally Mr. Burgess thanked Ms. Reid and Heidi Baumstark for their efforts regarding historic interests in the County and gave Ms. Reid copies of the Commission's publications.

**Historic Tree** – Steve Hopkins provided an update about the historic tree on his Minnieville Road property and requested a letter of interest and/or a resolution from the Commission.

RES 06-041

**Approve October 10, 2006 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented** - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Swavely, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

#### Chairman's Time

**Absence** – Chairman Duley reported that due to illness Commissioner Hawkins will not be attending upcoming meetings.

**Vice Chairman's  
Time**

**Marine Corps Museum** – Vice Chairman Burgess remarked that he's interested in visiting the new museum and several Commissioners, who have already toured the museum, reported that it is definitely worth the visit; especially the immersion experiences.

**Staff Time –  
Planning**

**Williams Cemetery** – Bob Bainbridge distributed copies of a memo from Justin Patton, County Archaeologist, regarding the Williams Cemetery. Discussion followed.

RES 06-042

**To send a letter to the Home Owners Association where the Williams Cemetery is located expressing the concerns of the Historical Commission regarding the fence around and the condition of the cemetery and requesting a response from the Home Owners Association - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]**

**Old Family Cemeteries** – Mr. Bainbridge distributed copies of a memo from the County Attorney's Office regarding ownership of old reserved family cemeteries.

Commissioner Cunard suggested care of cemeteries be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

**Bristoe Monopole** – Mr. Bainbridge directed members to pages 13 thru 17 of the agenda package for an update and information on the Bristoe Station Battlefield Monopole.

**Old Business**  
RES 06-043

**Hopkins Oak**

**To recommend the Prince William Board of County Supervisors direct staff to ensure upmost care and protection for the large white oak tree located at 13200 Minnieville Road in conjunction with the Caton Hill Road to Old Bridge Road section of the Minnieville Road widening project - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion MacDonald, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]**

**Barns of Prince William County** – Mr. Bainbridge reported the slides of barns, photographed by Lucy and Steve Phinney, have been converted to digital images and are available on a cd.

**Budget and  
Audit Committee**

**Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission's FY-07 Budget – Month 4 thru October 31, 2006, were distributed and Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$10,000 in the use or lose category.

**Disbursements  
Committee**

**Update** – Commissioners Stickley, R. Anderson and S. Anderson were appointed to the disbursements committee.

**Publications  
Committee**

**A History of Prince William County** – Commissioner Burgess reported \$3000 has already been budgeted to print this book and it's ready to go to the print shop.

**“The Curtis Collection”** – The draft is complete. The index will be kept as is but needs to have the page numbers updated. Staff will get a price to print the document.

**History of Haymarket** – Commissioner Burgess reported the committee recommends no action be taken this year on reprinting this booklet. The next printing may require some additions/changes.

**Historical Marker Guides** – The supply of guides is running low. The Committee recommends reprinting without updating. Staff reported the cost to reprint is approximately \$1.00 each.

RES 06-044

**To authorize reprinting the Historical Marker Guides at a cost not to exceed \$1000 - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

**Beverley Mill Thesis** – This document is ready to go out for bid.

**Historical Marker** – A request has been made for a historical marker for the Old Agnewville Post Office. Please see the text on page 32 of the agenda package. The text needs editing. Staff to investigate if there will be a safe place to pull off and view the marker.

**Historic  
Properties**

**La Grange** – Commissioner Cunard provided an update on the Special Use Permit request by the winery at La Grange to allow special events and retail sales. Discussion followed about the importance of archaeology work being properly conducted on this and other sites.

RES 06-045

**Concur with and recommend the Prince William Board of County Supervisors support the archaeology conditions recommended by staff for Special Use Permit #PLN2007-00089, Winery at La Grange - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

RES 06-046      **To request a representative of the Historical Commission, Jan Cunard, speak on behalf of the Historical Commission before the Prince William Board of County Supervisors regarding Special Use Permit #PLN2007-00089, Winery at La Grange - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Stickley; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote Jones, MacDonald; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

**Land Development Application Reviews**

RES 06-047      **Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote Jones, MacDonald; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

**Brentsville Trust**      **Policies** – Commissioner Cunard reported the Historic Preservation Division has posted a Collection Management Policy on their website.

**Events** – Commissioner Cunard reported the grand opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007.

**Concerts** – Commissioner Cunard reported there will be two free holiday concerts in the Union Church on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

**Cabin** – Commissioner Cunard reported the work on the cabin will be done in house except for reconstructing the chimney which will be contracted out.

**Movie** – Commissioner Cunard reported Trust members watched a quality interview produced by Chanel 23 with Rob Orrison, Brentsville Site Manager and Ray Goodrow, Historic Preservation Division Engineer.

**Hatcher’s Memorial Church** – Commissioner Cunard reported concern was expressed by the Trust about the possibility that Hatcher’s Church plans to request a Special Use Permit to construct a new, larger church with related facilities directly across from the Brentsville site.

**Trail** - Commissioner Cunard commented on the work done by Eagle Scouts to complete the trail system.

RES 06-048      **To provide a commendation for the work done by Eagle Scouts on the trail system at the Brentsville site - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote Jones, MacDonald; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

**New Business**

**Holiday Dinner** – Toni Brzyski asked whether members wanted a holiday dinner before the December meeting and if yes, how it would be funded.

RES 06-049

**To contract with Kitchen Gourmet for a holiday turkey dinner at a cost not to exceed \$20.00 per person with the cost to be paid by Commission members - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED**

[VOTING RECORD: Motion S. Anderson, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote Jones, MacDonald; Absent from meeting Chock, Hawkins, Yankey]

**Archaeology** - Commissioner Brown reported he visited a Phase III archaeology project at Spriggs and Minnieville Roads and recommended members stop by if they have the opportunity.

**Oral History** – Commissioner Cunard suggested an oral history should be done with Dumfries Historian, Lee Lansing.

**Adjournment**

**9:28 PM**