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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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**McCoart Administration Building
Occoquan Conference Room**

**January 9, 2007
Regular Meeting**

In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, Burgess, Chock, Cunard, Hawkins, Jones, MacDonald, Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Yankey

Bob Bainbridge – Staff Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

William Thomas Sinclair, William M. Sinclair, Alice Sinclair, Keith Brammer, Walter Wood, Bill Olson, Jerry MacDonald – Citizens/Guests

7:35 PM

Citizens' Time

Commendation – Commissioner Duley congratulated William Thomas Sinclair on the work he and his team performed completing the trail system at the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre site in fulfillment of the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank and presented him with a commemorative plaque.

Thank You – Bill Olson reported the new Washington/Rochambeau Wagon Route historical marker has been installed and thanked the Commission for its assistance with this project.

Williams Cemetery – Mr. Olson offered to assist with the expense of installing a metal fence around the Williams Cemetery on Cardinal Drive.

Oak Grove – Bacon Race Church – Mr. Olson provided some history on the church and distributed copies of text for a marker being installed by the trustees of the cemetery that surrounds the church.

RES 07-001

Approve December 12, 2006 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Amended - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Chairman's Time

Wheeler's Grove – Chairman Duley provided an update on the historical plaque stolen from the granary. Bob Bainbridge reported the plaque is also missing from Evergreen Manor House. There was discussion about contacting the police, filing an insurance claim and whether or not to have new plaques manufactured.

Chairman's Time (continued) Staff will investigate filing a claim with the insurance company and investigate the cost of casting a new plaque.

Vice Chairman's Time **Avendale** – Vice Chairman Burgess reported he is reviewing the revised archaeological report on this property.

Lee Family Driving Tour – Mr. Burgess reported he will be participating in this Historic Preservation Division sponsored event on January 27th.

Staff Time – Planning **Dettingen Parish** – Bob Bainbridge reported he received a copy of a research project on Dettingen Parish, Prince William County, Virginia which provided excellent information on the lives of the Vestrymen and Ministers of the County, 1745-1785. Mr. Bainbridge suggested it would be appropriate for the Commission to send a letter of appreciation to the author of the document.

RES 07-002 **Send a letter to the author of the Dettingen Parish research project commending him on the extensive and outstanding research he compiled on the lives of the Vestrymen and Ministers of the County, 1745-1785 - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Swavely; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

DCR – Mr. Bainbridge distributed the list of sites to be reviewed for addition to the table of Designated Cultural Resource Properties. The staff report, scheduled for Planning Commission review on April 4, 2007, recommends approval of 11 of the 19 locations. It was suggested that attendance by Commission members at the Planning Commission hearing would be helpful.

Staff Time - Public Works **Annual Report** – Toni Brzyski reported the Historic Preservation Division's annual report will be distributed to the Commission in February.

New Acquisition – Ms. Brzyski reported the purchase of Williams Ordinary is complete and clean-out of the property has begun.

Oral History – Commissioner Cunard reported that Brendon Hanafin has arranged for an oral history with Dumfries Historian, Lee Lansing.

Budget and Audit Committee **Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission's FY-07 Budget – Month 6 thru December 31, 2006, were distributed and Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$9,000 in the use or lose category.

Memberships - Commissioner Cunard asked what memberships the Commission should hold. Staff suggested the National Trust for Historic Preservation in addition to APVA.

**Disbursements
Committee**

No report.

**Publications
Committee**

Book prices for “A History of Prince William County” & “Beverley Mill” – Commissioner Burgess reported the committee recommends these books be priced at \$7.50 each.

RES 07-003

Agree to the sales price for “A History of Prince William County” & “Beverley Mill” of \$7.50 per book - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Yankey; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Yesterday’s Schools – Commissioner Yankey suggested that the Prince William County School Board would find copies of this publication useful for informational and reference purposes and recommended donating copies to the School Board clerk and each of the Board members.

RES 07-004

Agree to provide copies of Yesterday’s Schools to the elected members of the Prince William County School Board and to the Clerk of the School Board for informational and reference purposes - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Agnewville Historical Marker – The draft text for the proposed historical marker was reviewed. Staff to contact Steve and Sharon Hopkins, who requested the marker, with the edits and confirm they want to start the manufacturing process.

Dettingen Parish – Commissioner Cunard suggested asking the author for the rights to publish his research.

**Historic
Properties**

Dominion Virginia Power Line -Commissioner Cunard expressed concern about how much historically significant data would be lost with the installation of the new power line. Ms. Cunard suggested inviting representatives of Dominion Virginia Power to present their plan to the Commission.

RES 07-005 **Agree to invite representatives of Dominion Virginia Power to present their plan for the new power line to the Historical Commission - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, R. Anderson; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Land Development Application Reviews

RES 07-006 **Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Duley, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Brentsville Trust **General** – Commissioner Cunard reported there was discussion about dissolving the Trust as its primary objectives have been accomplished.

Historic Overlay District – Commissioner Cunard expressed concern about future uses of areas adjacent to and in view of the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre site and suggested establishing an historic overlay district for this neighborhood.

RES 07-007 **Agree to send a letter to property owners about the possibility of establishing an historic overlay district covering the original 50-acre town of Brentsville site - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, MacDonald; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Hatcher’s Memorial Church – Commissioner Cunard expressed concern about how the expansion of Hatcher’s Memorial Church might affect the Brentsville site.

RES 07-008 **Agree to invite representatives from Hatcher’s Memorial Church to provide an overview of their church expansion plans to the Commission - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Chock; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Brown, Cumins, Turner]

Announcements **Meeting Location** - Toni Brzyski reported the February 13th Historical Commission meeting will be held in Room 107A & 107B of the Development Services Building.

Adjournment

8:48 PM