



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

**James J. McCoart Administration Building  
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**June 12, 2007  
Regular Meeting**

#### In Attendance

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

Justin Patton – County Archaeologist; Heather Hembrey - Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Bill Olson, Jerry MacDonald, Dennis Vanderlaske – Citizens/Guests

**7:37 PM**

#### Citizens' Time

**Beverly Mill** – Dennis Vanderlaske provided an update on the work being done at Beverly Mill and reported that the November issue of Preservation Magazine will have an article about the project.

**Bacon Race Church and Cemetery Marker** – Bill Olson reported the monument has been installed and the historical marker has been ordered and should be installed by the end of the summer.

RES 07-029

**Approve May 8, 2007 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Abstain Chock, Cunard; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Cummins, Jones]

#### Chairman's Time

**Grayson's Tomb** – Chairman Duley reported she and other members received correspondence from Chairman Stewart's office regarding the Belle Aire Plantation site and the William Grayson Tomb. Discussion followed.

RES 07-030

**Send a letter to Chairman Stewart saying that the Commission recognizes the historical importance of the Belle Aire Plantation site and the William Grayson Tomb and has recommended them for inclusion on the list of Designated Cultural Resources to be considered by the Board next year - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Chock, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Cummins, Jones]

**Chairman's  
Time (continued)**

**Future Commission** – Chairman Duley suggested members provide comments to the Prince William County Future Commission and provided handouts of the questions and information on contacting the Future Commission.

**Vice Chairman's  
Time**

**Thanks** – Vice Chairman Swavely thanked the members for electing him to this position and thanked Jan Cunard for her work on the Designated Cultural Resources Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

**Staff Time –  
Planning**

**Effingham Manor** – Justin Patton reported this case is currently scheduled to be heard by the Prince William County Board of Supervisors on July 10, 2007.

RES 07-031

**Recommend Elaine Yankey, a member of the Historical Commission, to speak at public hearings on behalf of the Historical Commission regarding Special Use Permit #PLN2007-00129, Effingham Manor – Event House - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Cumins, Jones]**

**Events** – Mr. Patton provided an update on his plans for October is Archaeology month. He has arranged a seminar with several hours worth of guest speakers on October 13 possibly to be held at the Union Church at the Brentsville site. Mr. Patton reported the estimated cost for the program, advertising and refreshments at approximately \$1000 for 70 people to attend.

**Bristoe Station Battlefield** – Mr. Patton reported on the likely installation of a monopole at this location.

**Staff Time –  
Public Works**

**Staffing** – Heather Hembrey reported Delain Fink has resigned effective June 25<sup>th</sup> to take a marketing position in Savannah.

**Rippon Lodge** – Ms. Hembrey reported work on the entrance road at Rippon should begin shortly.

**Archaeology** – Ms. Hembrey reported URS identified the location of the kitchen at Ben Lomond.

**Signs** – Ms. Hembrey reported the wayside signs at Ben Lomond and Brentsville have been installed.

**Staff Time –  
Public Works  
(continued)**

**Bristoe Station Battlefield** - Ms. Hembrey reported the trail system is being worked on at the Battlefield.

**Lucasville School** – Ms. Hembrey reported Pulte Homes has requested permits for the reconstruction work at the school.

**Williams Ordinary** – Ms. Hembrey reported an alarm system has been installed at Williams Ordinary.

**Staff Time -  
Libraries**

**Move** – Don Wilson reported the staff of RELIC has returned to Bull Run Library.

**Budget and  
Audit Committee**

**Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-07 Budget – Month 11 thru May 30, 2007, were distributed and Commissioner Smith reported that the budget is over spent by approximately \$3,500 but the Commission will not be required to make up the shortfall.

**Disbursements  
Committee**

**Requests Received** – Commissioner Stickley reported that as no funds are currently available for disbursement the Committee will keep the requests on file for future consideration.

**Publications  
Committee**

**Thank you** – Commissioner Burgess reported a thank you note was received from the Prince William Public Library System for their receipt of free copies of “A History of Prince William County” and “The Curtis Collection.”

**Historical Markers** – Commissioner Yankey reported her contact at Brookfield Homes, for the Woodlawn markers, is no longer there and there is some confusion about whether or not Brookfield owns the pull-off where the markers were going to be installed. Additionally, Brookfield is no longer able to provide funding to landscape the area.

**Inventory** – Commissioner Burgess reported Sara Anderson has acquired copies of “Yesterday’s Schools” from Steve Phinney which can be paid for after the new fiscal year begins. Also, Heather Hembrey reported the Historic Preservation Division has a supply of “African American Heritage Maps” in storage.

**Beverly Mill Book** – Commissioner Burgess reported he forwarded a copy of the new Beverly (Chapman’s) Mill publication to the author but hasn’t received any comment on it. Additionally, Mr. Burgess reported he received a request from Ellen Percy Miller, of the Turn the Mill Around Campaign, to purchase 100 copies of the new book at a discount. Discussion followed.

- RES 07-032      **Sell 100 copies of the new Beverley Mill book to the Turn the Mill Around Campaign at a cost of \$5.50 per copy - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Stickley; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Cumins, Jones]

**Land Development Application Reviews**

**Land Development Application Review of Belk @ Virginia Gateway -**  
Chairman Duley expressed concern about the location of the cemetery relative to the rest of the project as well as preservation of the large trees.

- RES 07-033      **Send a letter expressing the Commission’s concern about the preservation of the trees and the cemetery at the Virginia Gateway site and requesting a meeting of interested parties to discuss these issues - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion MacDonald, Swavely; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Cumins, Jones]

- RES 07-034      **Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Burgess; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting S. Anderson, Cumins, Jones]

**Brentsville Trust**      **No Meeting** – The Trust did not meet in May but will be meeting tomorrow.

**New Business**      **Events** – Commissioner Smith reported he attended the June 2<sup>nd</sup> dedication of the rebuilt marker for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prince William Courthouse in Dumfries and it appears one of the plaques is missing. Additionally, Mr. Smith provided a copy of Prince William County Resolves of June 6, 1774. Mr. Smith has requested a copy of these resolves be included in the next agenda package and Heather Hembrey volunteered to provide some history regarding the resolves to also include in the agenda package.

**Cemetery** – Commissioner Smith reported he was contacted regarding responsibility for the Bailey Cemetery at Four Seasons as the cemetery is in poor condition. Discussion followed. Commissioners Smith and Turner volunteered to prepare a consistent response to this type of question.

**Adjournment**

**8:58 PM**