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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

B R I E F

Old Prince William County Courthouse
Manassas, Virginia

August 14, 2007
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Burgess, Cumins, Cunard, Hawkins, Smith, Turner, Yankey

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

Paul Weinschenk, Bill Olson – Citizens/Guests

7:32 PM

Citizens' Time

King Cemetery – Paul Weinschenk, Vice President of The Peterson Cos., presented their plans for incorporating the King Cemetery into the Market Square project. Mr. Weinschenk requested assistance from the Commission with language for informational signs at the site.

Chairman Duley requested a letter be sent to The Peterson Cos. commending Mr. Weinschenk on his work concerning the cemetery.

Cemeteries – Bill Olson reported he has received a number of requests lately for documentation regarding various cemeteries.

Historical Marker – Bob Bainbridge reported that Bill Olson provided the funds for the manufacture of the Bacon Race Church and Cemetery historical marker.

RES 07-039

Approve July 10, 2007 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Abstain Yankey; Absent from meeting MacDonald, Stickley, Swavely]

Chairman's Time

Membership – Chairman Duley reported Steve Chock has apparently resigned from the Commission.

Effingham Manor – Chairman Duley reported she and Commissioner Yankey spoke in favor of the Effingham Manor adaptive use project at the public hearing before the Board of County Supervisors. The Board approved the application with some modifications.

**Chairman's
Time (continued)**

Meeting Location – Chairman Duley suggested the September meeting of the Commission take place at Effingham Manor. Members agreed.

Cemeteries – Chairman Duley reported on continuing issues regarding “flying” cemeteries and the need to create new state-wide legislature to afford more protection for cemeteries.

Commissioner Cunard expressed concern about construction work at the Griffin and Barbour Payne cemeteries and the creation of a “flying” cemetery. Discussion followed.

RES 07-040

Request the Zoning Administrator issue a stop work order to halt construction around the Griffin and Barbour Payne Cemeteries - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Turner; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald, Stickley, Swavely]

Commendation – Chairman Duley requested a certificate of appreciation be prepared to give to Alexander Jones’ widow.

**Staff Time –
Planning**

Cemeteries – Bob Bainbridge distributed maps to members by district which include information on cemeteries. These maps are for planning and research use by Commissioners only. Please sign and return the attached form to Mr. Bainbridge before you leave tonight.

Blank forms for registering and surveying the cemeteries were also distributed.

**Staff Time –
Public Works**

Update – Heather Hembrey distributed a report summarizing services provided by the Historic Preservation Division during fiscal year 2007.

Rippon Lodge – Ms. Hembrey reported curb and gutter work is beginning this week and the road should be done by mid-September. Plastering is underway inside and the house should be complete by October 1, 2007.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Park - Ms. Hembrey reported trail construction is almost complete at the site.

Ben Lomond – Ms. Hembrey reported an historic road bed was found.

**Staff Time -
Libraries**

Events – Don Wilson reported RELIC After Dark is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 2007. Other activities and programs through September were included in his July email.

Old Business

Cultural Resources Chapter Update – The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to review this portion of the Comprehensive Plan at a meeting on September 12, 2007.

**Budget and
Audit Committee**

Budget Update – Copies of the 2008 budget and of the Historical Commission's FY-08 Budget – Month 1 thru July 31, 2007, were distributed. Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$11,000 in the use or lose category.

**Disbursements
Committee**

Funding Request – Discussed request from Justin Patton, County Archaeologist, for funding for an upcoming archaeology event.

RES 07-041

Allocate \$1,000 in sponsorship of the October 13, 2007, "Seminar on Historic Archaeology in Prince William County" - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald, Stickley, Swavely]

**Publications
Committee**

Thoroughfare Marker – The Thoroughfare Marker has been destroyed. A replacement marker has been ordered and the costs will be covered by the County's insurance.

Woodlawn Markers – Commissioner Yankey reported Brookfield Homes is no longer able to provide the amenities originally planned at the pull-off for these markers but they have pledged \$5000 for construction and installation.

Future Work – Commissioner Burgess provided a breakdown of potential upcoming projects including:

- Republish the Haymarket booklet with updated text;
- Review the Grayson book for possible publication;
- Scan "Bull Run Remembers" and republish in hardback;
- Update the Historical Marker Guide

Yesterday's Schools – Commissioner S. Anderson arranged for the delivery of several cases of "Yesterday's Schools." The Commission will purchase 36 copies and store the remainder.

RES 07-042

Authorize the purchase of 36 copies of "Yesterday's Schools" at \$13 per book - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Yankey; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald, Stickley, Swavely]

**Publications
Committee
(continued)**

No Meeting – Commissioner Burgess advised there will be no Publications Committee meeting in September since the Commission is meeting at Effingham Manor.

Donation – Commissioner S. Anderson reported Steve Phinney donated Lucy Phinney’s framed and signed copy of Eugene Scheel’s Prince William County map to the Commission.

Old Telegraph Road Marker - Bob Bainbridge reported this marker, which had been in storage, has been re-installed near the cemetery on the Potomac Mills ring road.

Land Development Application Reviews

RES 07-043

Phase I Archeological Study Recommendations – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Smith; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald, Stickley, Swavely]

New Business

Membership – Bob Bainbridge reported Debbie Culp has been appointed to fill in the remainder of Alexander Jones’ term for the Neabsco District.

Wheeler’s Grove – Chairman Duley reported the Planning Commission denied this application and she understood the case is scheduled to be heard by the Board on September 11, 2007.

RES 07-044

Authorize Betty Duley, a member of the Historical Commission, to speak on behalf of the Historical Commission regarding Wheeler’s Grove at the September 11, 2007 meeting of the Board of County Supervisors - **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Turner; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald, Stickley, Swavely]

Project – Commissioner Burgess displayed a map and expressed his views regarding a 140 acre restoration project at the Manassas National Battlefield Park that will result in the cutting of a large number of trees.

Announcements

Event – Commissioner Burgess distributed a flyer about programs commemorating the 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Second Manassas (Bull Run) scheduled for August 25-26, 2007.

Adjournment

9:22 PM