



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

Development Services Building  
Conference Rooms 107 A & B

November 13, 2007  
Regular Meeting

#### In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Burgess, Culp, Cumins, Cunard, Hawkins, MacDonald (arrived at 8:22 p.m.), Olson, Swavely, Turner, Yankey

Steve Griffin – Director of Planning; Bob Bainbridge – Staff Liaison; Justin Patton – County Archaeologist; Heather Hembrey - Public Works Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

Martha Hendley, John Foote, Michael Coughlin, Lillian Gaskill, Dane Magoon, Sam Spinitos, John De Pue, Nathan Qeu, Randy Peeler, Ann Brower, Cathy Monahan, Carol Hanna, Robert Hanna, Linda Wright, David Blake, John Hutchinson, Dennis Vanderlaske, Jerry MacDonald – Citizens/Guests

7:31 PM

#### Presentations

Martha Hendley, Chairman, Prince William County Planning Commission presented Bob Bainbridge with a plaque acknowledging his years of service to the Planning Office and the County.

Betty Duley, Chairman, Prince William County Historical Commission presented Bob Bainbridge with a plaque recognizing his years of service and support to the Historical Commission and its mission.

#### Citizens' Time

**Buckland Historic District (Boundary Increase) Nomination** – David Blake, of the Buckland Preservation Society, provided an update on the Buckland project and asked the Historical Commission to send a letter to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources supporting the nomination. Several guests spoke in opposition to having their specific property included in the nomination.

Staff distributed copies of a time line for the nomination provided by Linda Wright of the Buckland Preservation Society.

**Manassas Business Park** – John Foote and Michael Coughlin of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, P.C. distributed copies of information and provided details about this rezoning case.

RES 07-056

**Approve October 9, 2007 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Cumins; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Smith, Stickley]

**Chairman's Time**

**Request** – Chairman Duley passed around an email she received requesting information on the Selecman family. Commissioner Hawkins said he would contact Ms. Duley with a response.

**William Grayson's Tomb and Belle Air Site** – Chairman Duley reported she has received additional communications from Lucy Baker-Dickey requesting assistance regarding issues at the site.

**Vice Chairman's Time**

**Publicity** – Vice Chairman Swavely reported there was a nice article in the Bull Run Observer about the ceremony at Rippon Lodge.

**Staff Time – Planning**

**Comprehensive Plan** - Justin Patton distributed copies of a revised Figure 1 - Bristoe Station Historical Area to be included as part of the technical update to the Comprehensive Plan.

**Staff Time – Public Works**

**Thanks** – Heather Hembrey thanked everyone who attended the door opening ceremony at Rippon Lodge and/or the ribbon cutting ceremony at Bristow Station Battlefield Heritage Park.

Ms. Hembrey also thanked members for their resolution at the October meeting commending her efforts at the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre site.

**Events** – Ms. Hembrey distributed a press release about the Holiday Concerts being held at Brentsville on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Projects** – Ms. Hembrey reported the Historic Preservation Division is working on a 2008 calendar and their 2007 annual report.

**Williams Ordinary** – Ms. Hembrey reported on activity at this location. The Ordinary is getting a new roof, new mechanicals, and the cornice is being repaired. Additionally, the smokehouse is being stabilized and reconstructed.

**Lucasville School** – Ms. Hembrey reported reconstruction of the school has begun and the opening is planned for February 2008.

**Staff Time – Libraries**

**Events** – Don Wilson reported he's happy to be back at work, and he recently sent out an email with upcoming activities and programs.

**Budget and  
Audit Committee**

**Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-08 Budget – Month 4 thru October 31, 2007, were distributed and Commissioner Cunard noted there is over \$10,000 in the use or lose category.

**Disbursements  
Committee**

**Archaeology Seminar** – Justin Patton read his report providing details on funds spent and results of the Seminar On Historic Archaeology in Prince William County held on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative  
Committee**

**Update** – Commissioner Cunard provided an update on the project. Copies of an email from Dana Fenton regarding the legislative process were distributed. Commissioner Cunard read a resolution she wrote requesting the Board of County Supervisors amend their legislative agenda. Discussion followed.

RES 07-057

**Request that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors amend their 2008 Legislative Agenda to include an item “Prince William County seeks additional authority to protect cemeteries and graves, and archaeological and architectural sites from negative impacts” as submitted to the Board in the Commission’s October 1, 2007 letter - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Swavely; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Smith, Stickley]**

Steve Griffin, Director of Planning advised he would speak with Dana Fenton regarding this project.

**Publications  
Committee**

**William Grayson Book** – Commissioner Burgess reported the book will be scanned; the foot notes will be moved to the end of the document and the publication will be kept at its current size. After final review it can be sent out for printing.

**New Grayson Publication** – Commissioner Cumins reviewed a new book about William Grayson and will provide comments directly to the author. Toni Brzyski will return the book to Supervisor Barg’s office.

**Haymarket Publication** – Commissioner Burgess will contact the Haymarket Museum about the Haymarket booklet.

**New Plaque** – The sample mold of the new Historical Commission plaque was passed around for review.

RES 07-058

**Approve the mold as presented for the new Historical Commission plaque - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Cunard; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Smith, Stickley]**

Chairman Duley advised a committee will be appointed to establish guidelines for the plaque including criteria for receiving it and how it will be paid for.

**No Meeting** – Commissioner Burgess advised the publications committee will not be meeting in December.

**Historic Properties**

**Chapman Cemetery** - Commissioner Cunard requested staff research the ownership of this cemetery.

**Bacon Race Rezoning** – Ms. Cunard alerted members about a rezoned property that might result in the destruction of a historic structure, although, there is a possibility that someone may purchase the property instead.

**Land Development Application Reviews**

RES 07-059

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

**Brentsville Trust**

**Friends** – Commissioner Cunard reported there is discussion about disbanding the Friends; although no action has been taken.

**Events** – Ms. Cunard reported approximately 30 people attended the One Room School Reunion in September.

**Jail** – Ms. Cunard reported a firm will be hired to design a stabilization plan for the jail.

**Investigation** – Ms. Cunard provided details about investigations in the jail and gallows area of possible paranormal activity.

**New Business**

**Holiday Dinner** – Toni Brzyski requested members let her know whether or not they will be attending the holiday dinner being held prior to the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the commission.

**New Business (continued)**

**2008 Appointments** – Ms. Brzyski reminded members that their terms on the Historical Commission expire December 31, 2007 and if they wish to continue serving on the commission they should contact their Board of County Supervisor representative to express their interest.

**Buckland Historic District (Boundary Increase) Nomination** –  
Members discussed David Blake’s request for a letter to the Virginia  
Department of Historic Resources in support of this nomination.

RES 07-060

**Agree to send a letter to the Virginia Department of Historic  
Resources in support of the nomination for the Buckland Historic  
District (Boundary Increase) to the Virginia Landmarks Register and  
the National Register of Historic Places - APPROVED – MOTION  
CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Burgess; Approved  
by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Smith,  
Stickley]

**Announcements**

**Clover Hill** – Commissioner Olson reported the slave quarters have been  
cleaned out and representatives from Mt. Vernon will be studying the  
area.

**Adjournment**

**10:18 PM**