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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Old Prince William County Courthouse
Manassas, Virginia

December 11, 2007
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners R. Anderson, S. Anderson, Burgess, Cunard, MacDonald, Olson, Smith, Stickley, Swavely

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

Deanne Swavely, Dennis VanDerlaske, Mary Lou VanDerlaske, Art Anderson, Donna Smith, Jerry MacDonald – Citizens/Guests

7:34 PM

Citizens' Time

No citizens spoke.

RES 07-061

Approve November 13, 2007 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Amended - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING

RECORD: Motion Cunard, S. Anderson; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Abstain Smith; Absent from meeting Culp, Cumins, Hawkins, Turner, Yankey]

Chairman's Time

Season's Greetings and Thanks for Attending the Holiday Dinner!

Vice Chairman's Time

Merry Christmas!

Staff Time – Planning

Buckland Historic District (Boundary Increase) Nomination and Evergreen Nomination – Justin Patton reported these nominations to the Virginia Landmarks Register were approved.

General Information – Mr. Patton reported he will be assuming most of Bob Bainbridge's historic preservation duties.

Manassas Battlefield Viewsheds Project – Mr. Patton reported this project is moving forward. Data is being gathered and field work should begin soon. He will inform members when the next meeting is scheduled.

**Staff Time –
Planning
(continued)**

Bristoe Station Battlefield Monopole – Mr. Patton reported the Memorandum Of Agreement for this communications tower is included in the agenda package beginning on page 17. Mr. Patton noted that Prince William County declined to sign the agreement.

**Staff Time –
Public Works**

Update – Heather Hembrey wished everyone a Happy Christmas and distributed a current copy of Historic Perspectives along with flyers about upcoming holiday events at the historic sites.

Brentsville – Ms. Hembrey reported work is continuing on the cabin which will be interpreted as an 1830 farmstead.

Projects – Ms. Hembrey reported the Historic Preservation Division is working on a 2008 calendar.

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

Commissioner Cunard reported ownership of the Chapman Cemetery near the Lucasville School is unclear. Mr. Patton will investigate.

**Staff Time -
Libraries**

Events – Don Wilson reported he sent out an email with information on upcoming activities and programs.

RELIC – Mr. Wilson reported the most current edition of Prince William Reliquary has been posted on the website.

Old Business

Appointments – Chairman Duley reminded members their Commission appointments expire December 31, 2007.

Membership – Chairman Duley reported that Ron Turner has not requested reappointment to the Commission.

Future Commission – Commissioner Cunard reported the Board of County Supervisors viewed a presentation by the Future Commission 2030 today. Cultural and historic items were included in the report.

**Budget and
Audit Committee**

Budget Update – Commissioner Smith thanked Commissioner Cunard for her assistance at the October meeting. Copies of the Historical Commission's FY-08 Budget – Month 5 thru November 30, 2007, were distributed and Commissioner Smith noted there is over \$10,000 in the use or lose category.

Tour – Members discussed an April tour to Jamestown. Staff to investigate.

**Disbursements
Committee**

Funding Requests – Commissioner Stickley reported the Committee will be reviewing the requests it's received to date.

**Legislative
Committee**

Update – Chairman Duley thanked Commissioner Cunard and the committee for all their hard work. Chairman Duley and Commissioner Cunard will be meeting with Senator Colgan to further discuss this project. There is more work to do.

**Publications
Committee**

No Meeting – The Publications Committee did not meet tonight. Commissioner Burgess provided the following.

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

William Grayson Book – 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 edits it will be sent out for printing.

Historical Marker Guide – The guide needs to be updated and reprinted.

Thoroughfare Marker - Mr. Patton reported the replacement marker has been received.

Preservation Brochures – Commissioner Cunard asked about updating and reprinting the Preservation Brochures. Staff to investigate whether the documents are available for reprinting.

Woodlawn Markers – Mr. Patton reported there is nothing in the proffers about historic markers. Commissioner Burgess advised the Commission will need to decide if it wants to fund these markers.

Agenda Order - Members requested changing the agenda in future so that the Publications Committee reports before the Disbursements Committee.

**Historic
Properties**

Manassas Business Park – Commissioner Burgess reported he, Commissioner Yankey and staff met with John Foote and Michael Coughlin last night and discussed proffers for this project. Mr. Burgess noted the case is scheduled to be heard by the Planning Commission on January 16, 2008. The Historical Commission previously passed a resolution opposing this rezoning.

Land Development Application Reviews

RES 07-062

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

Brentsville Trust

Meeting Schedule – The Trust is not meeting in January. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 1:30 PM in the One Room School at the site.

New Business

Buckhall Community – Commissioner Olson reported he has been involved with work at the Buckhall Cemetery and wondered if it would be a reasonable idea to provide a Historical Marker for the Buckhall area, Cemetery and School. Mr. Olson indicated private funding could probably be arranged to pay for the marker. Members agreed it was a good idea.

Commissioner Olson, with assistance from Don Wilson, will provide draft language for the marker.

Poster – Commissioner Cunard provided a poster (with pictures of historic sites) entitled “INTERACT with HISTORY” which Sharon Pandak wanted presented to the Commission. Ms. Cunard suggested it be inexpensively framed. Staff to investigate cost.

Announcements

Clover Hill – Commissioner Olson reported representatives from Mt. Vernon visited Clover Hill on November 28th and will be returning to perform additional study and research in the area.

Adjournment

8:44 PM