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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Old Prince William County Courthouse
Manassas, Virginia

December 9, 2008
Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman Duley, Commissioners Burgess, Culp, Cunard, Frank, Hawkins, MacDonald, Olson, Stickley, Swavely, Van Derlaske, Wright, Yankey

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

Several spouses – Guests

7:40 PM

Citizens' Time

No citizens spoke.

RES 08-064

Approve November 18, 2008 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Yankey, Van Derlaske; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Anderson, Smith]

Chairman's Time

Chairman Duley thanked everyone who attended the holiday dinner; welcomed new member Linda Wright; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

Vice Chairman's Time

Vice Chairman Burgess wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Staff Time – Planning

Purchases – John Lassiter noted the new metal detector and new camera and accessories had been brought to the meeting for members to see them.

County Registered Historic Sites (CRHS) – Mr. Lassiter reported securing consent for 7 of the 13 possible new CRHS and distributed proposed comprehensive plan text relative to the sites. Mr. Lassiter asked members to review and provide comments on the text before the end of the year.

**Staff Time –
Planning
(continued)**

Cemeteries – Justin Patton distributed disks with the maps used for land development application reviews (LDAR) and explained how to access them noting that the files are large and may take some time to open. The cemeteries map is searchable by name and all the maps referenced on the LDAR form are included. Chairman Duley thanked Mr. Patton and Mr. Lassiter for all the work done to put this information together.

**Staff Time –
Public Works**

Updates – Heather Hembrey provided some end of year notes:
Attendance increased by 22% at the Brentsville site
2500 people visited Bristoe Station
2000 people visited Rippon Lodge
Lucasville School was completed
The cabin at Brentsville was completed
Bennett School was mothballed
Historic Preservation Division staff moved to Williams Ordinary
Two CLG Grants were received (National Register research at Woodlawn and archaeology work at Williams Ordinary)
Kiosk information panels are being installed at Bristoe Station

Ms. Hembrey also noted members can visit the 2009 Historic Preservation Events page on the County website.

**Staff Time -
Libraries**

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

Old Business

None

**Cemeteries
Committee**

Report - Commissioner Olson endorsed Mr. Patton's map work. Mr. Olson distributed disks with cemetery maps, lists of cemeteries by magisterial district and information on cemetery websites. Mr. Olson requested members proceed with the reevaluation of the cemetery survey forms using Ron Turner's work as a starting point.

**Budget and
Audit Committee**

Budget Update – Copies of the Historical Commission's FY-09 Budget – Month 5 thru November 30, 2008 were distributed.

**Publications
Committee**

Commissioner Burgess noted that the Publications Committee has been on holiday but will be meeting in January. Scanning projects can begin after the new software has been loaded.

Disbursements Committee – No report.

**Legislative
Committee**

Update – Commissioner Cunard reported she attended last month's legislative meeting and noted that the County is required to fund unfunded state mandated projects before funding county projects.

JTHG Update – Commissioner Van Derlaske reported applications are being turned in by State and Virginia’s application has gone in.

Historic Properties – No report.

Bylaws Committee **Update** – Mr. Lassiter reported he received extensive comments from the County Attorney on the edited bylaws which he will forward to the Bylaws Committee for a report at the next meeting.

Historical Plaques Committee – Nothing new to report.

Land Development Application Reviews

RES 08-065 **Phase I Archaeological Study Recommendations** – **APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Swavely; Approved by acclamation; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Anderson, Smith]

Brentsville Trust **Update** – Commissioner Cunard reported the Trust isn’t meeting in December. The next meeting of the Trust will be on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 1:30 PM in the One Room School at the site.

Historic Preservation Foundation – No report.

New Business **Membership** – Toni Brzyski distributed copies of the 2009 meeting schedule and an updated membership list.

Richard Stoddert Ewell – Commissioner Swavely asked whether the Commission wanted to take any action regarding recognition of this Prince William County resident. Discussion followed about installation of a historical or Civil War Trails marker. No action was taken.

Announcements None

Adjournment

8:26 PM