



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

Development Services Building  
Conference Rooms 202 A & B

April 14, 2009  
Regular Meeting

**In Attendance** Chairmen Duley and Van Derlaske, Commissioners Anderson, Burgess, Culp, Cunard, Frank, Hawkins, Olson, Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Wright, Yankey

John Lassiter – Staff Liaison; Don Wilson – Library Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary

7:35 PM

**Citizens' Time** No citizens spoke.

RES 09-025 **Approve March 10, 2009 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Anderson, Wright; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Abstain-Culp, Cunard, Yankey; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

**Chairman's Time** **Newsletter** - Chairman Duley commented favorably on the Brentsville Neighbors Newsletter that was included in the agenda package and recommended particular attention be paid to the article by Heather Hembrey of the Historic Preservation Division.

**Comments** – Ms. Duley thanked members for their support during her term as Chairman and stated that she's very proud of the members of the Historical Commission and the work they do.

**Vice Chairman's Time** **Comments** – Vice Chairman Burgess thanked members for the confidence they placed in him as Vice Chairman.

**Staff Time – Planning** **May is Historic Preservation Month** – John Lassiter noted the Board of County Supervisors proclaimed May as Historic Preservation month at its April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Lassiter distributed a list of activities planned for May is Historic Preservation Month.

Mr. Lassiter also distributed flyers about the Commission sponsored community event being held on May 2, 2009 at the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre site.

**Project** – Mr. Lassiter reported there are plans to assemble a map identifying the 65 National Register of Historic Places located within Prince William County.

**Staff Time -  
Public Works**

**Events** – Toni Brzyski distributed flyers about a variety of upcoming events at several of the County’s historic sites.

**Staff Time -  
Libraries**

**Activities** – Don Wilson reported he sent out an email recently with information on upcoming activities and programs and an email noting that Reliquary’s twenty-eight issue has been posted.

**Elections**

Ballots were completed and turned in. John Lassiter counted them. The results were as follows:

Chairman: Dennis Van Derlaske  
Vice Chairman: Ellis Hawkins

**Chairman** – The gavel was passed to the new Chairman, Dennis Van Derlaske, who expressed thanks at being elected; acknowledged Betty Duley’s work as Chairman; thanked Jim Burgess for his work as Vice Chairman and congratulated Ellis Hawkins on his position as the new Vice Chairman.

**Committees** - John Lassiter noted that the existing committees expire with the election of a new Chairman. Chairman Van Derlaske requested the committees continue as currently established.

**Old Business**

**Historical Marker** – The “Stony Lonesome Farm” marker has been ordered.

**Mount Atlas** – A meeting is scheduled with Angela Horan of the County Attorney’s office for Ron Smith to turn over the World War II Bonds he discovered among the items removed from Mount Atlas.

**Cemeteries  
Committee**

**Events** – Commissioner Olson reported the Charette that was recently held about cemeteries within Prince William Forest Park covered a number of relevant topics including cemetery management plans, conservation and vandalism. Cooperation is planned between the Park and Historical Commission members on updating the surveys on the 42 cemeteries within the park.

**Update** - Commissioner Olson reported cooperation is also planned with the Bull Run Conservancy on updating the surveys on the cemeteries within their lands.

**Education** – John Lassiter reported Justin Patton, County Archaeologist, has volunteered to put together a class for members to assist with their cemetery survey work. Members indicated interest in the class.

**Budget  
Committee**

**Budget Update** – Copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-09 Budget – Month 9 thru March 31, 2009 were distributed. Commissioner Smith identified \$8,590 available to fulfill requests for funding.

**Publications  
Committee**

**Townsend Paper** – Commissioner Burgess continues to work on editing and updating this document.

**Funding** – Commissioner Burgess recommended members provide some funding to the Historical Preservation Division to print additional copies of the *Prince William Civil War Heritage Trail* brochures.

**Haymarket Booklet** – Commissioner Burgess reported staff is working to finalize this document for publication. It won’t be ready for this fiscal year but should be ready for printing in the upcoming fiscal year.

**Donation** – Members discussed the request from the Fauquier County Public Library for the donation of a number of Prince William County Historical Commission publications.

RES 09-026

**Provide Historical Commission publications as listed at no charge to the Fauquier County Public Library - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Yankey; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

**Disbursements  
Committee**

**Update** - Commissioner Stickley distributed copies of a report reflecting requests for funding received by the Commission. An additional request from RELIC was noted and all of the requests were discussed.

RES 09-027

**Allocate \$2500 to the Buckland Preservation Society to provide partial funding to design, construct and install a gateway sign complementing the Buckland Historic District and providing an entrance to the development area along the Route 29 corridor - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Burgess; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

RES 09-028      **Allocate \$550 to Historic Dumfries, Virginia Inc. or HDV, which operates the Weems-Botts Museum, to fund the Weems Botts Document Project subject to the requirement that in order to mitigate light damage the Weem's Document not be on permanent display - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Hawkins; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

RES 09-029      **Allocate funds not to exceed \$1,698.30 to RELIC to frame the recently restored original 1901 Brown map of Prince William County subject to the requirement that the map be regularly rested in order to mitigate light damage - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Smith, Stickley; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

RES 09-030      **Allocate \$3841.70 (funds remaining after \$2500, \$550 and \$1,698.30 are subtracted from the \$8,590 identified as available) to the Historic Preservation Division of the Public Works Department to partially fund the second printing of the *Prince William Civil War Heritage Trail* brochures - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Burgess, Duley; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

**Legislative Committee**      **Update** – Chairman Van Derlaske and Commissioner Cunard discussed the new legislation.

**Historic Properties**      No Report

**Historical Plaques Committee**      **Update** – Commissioner Swavely reported 10 plaques have been ordered at a cost of \$999.99. Mr. Swavely also noted that some plaques are scheduled for presentation at the 2:00 pm meeting of the Board of County Supervisors on May 12, 2009.

**Review of Pending Development Applications**

RES 09-031      **Land Development Recommendations – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Yankey; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting MacDonald]

**Brentsville Trust**      **Update** – Commissioner Cunard reported the Trust is not meeting in April as the audit is not complete.

Ms. Cunard reported members of the SCI FI Channel's Ghost Hunters were investigating at Brentsville. The program is scheduled to air this summer.

**Historic  
Preservation  
Foundation**

**Update** – Commissioner Anderson reported the Foundation met on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Old Prince William County Courthouse in Manassas and should be holding its annual meeting in June.

**New Business**

**Major Civil War Engagements** – Commissioner Burgess distributed an additional listing of Civil War events in Prince William County to add to what was included in the agenda package. Mr. Burgess provided details about the listings.

**Adjournment**

**9:37 PM**