



# COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM

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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### B R I E F

Development Services Building  
Conference Rooms 202 A & B

August 11, 2009  
Regular Meeting

**In Attendance**

Chairman Van Derlaske, Commissioners Anderson, Burgess, Culp, Cunard, Duley, Frank, Hawkins, Olson, Smith, Stickley, Swavely, Wright

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

Lt. Lawler, Carmela Patrick – Citizens/Guests

7:33 PM

**Citizens' Time**

No citizens spoke.

RES 09-048

**Approve July 14, 2009 Meeting Brief and Resolutions as Presented - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED** [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Swavely; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Abstain-Olson, Stickley; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cavossa, MacDonald, Yankey]

**Chairman's Time**

**Commendation** – Chairman Van Derlaske presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lt. Quentin F. Lawler, III for his stewardship of the “Free People of Color at Thoroughfare” historical marker.

**Meeting Location** - Chairman Van Derlaske advised that the September Commission meeting will be held at the Brentsville Courthouse Historic Centre.

**Training** – Chairman Van Derlaske reported he spoke with the County Attorney regarding training for Commission members on legal concerns such as the requirement to complete the yearly financial disclosure form; Section 106 reviews and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and thought it would be helpful to spend the majority of an upcoming meeting on these and related subjects.

**Vice Chairman's Time**

No report.

**Staff Time  
Planning**

**Publicity** – John Lassiter suggested developing information about the Commission for display on a large board. Other display options were discussed; and the Commission suggested Mr. Lassiter bring his ideas to the next meeting.

**Publications** – Mr. Lassiter asked members who had requested them to remain after the meeting and pick up their copies of “Prince William: A Past to Preserve”.

**Brochure** – John Lassiter distributed brochures about the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

**Update** – Chairman Van Derlaske asked about the photo project. Mr. Lassiter said there had been no activity.

**Staff Time –  
Public Works**

**Updates** – Toni Brzyski provided the following from Public Works:  
Special Tours are scheduled on August 29, 2009 at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park in recognition of the Battle of Kettle Run.

The Certified Local Government Grants for the Woodlawn National Register Nomination and the William Ordinary Phase I Archaeological Survey are nearing completion.

The *Prince William Civil War Heritage Trail* brochure is almost ready for printing and the Commission will be listed as a fundraiser in this version. Heather Hembrey says thanks to the Commission for its support. The August 19, 2009 episode of *Ghost Hunters* on the SyFy channel at 9:00 p.m. is scheduled to include the investigation at Brentsville.

**Staff Time –  
Libraries**

Don Wilson thanked the Commission for the donation of publications to be used as used as door prizes at the 2009 “RELIC After Dark” event.

**Activities** – Mr. Wilson reported he sent out an email recently with information on upcoming activities and programs and an email noting the current issue of Reliquary has been posted.

**Old Business**

**Marker Ceremony** – Commissioner Burgess reported the installation ceremony for the Stony Lonesome Farm marker went well and distributed copies of the program. Mr. Burgess thanked the Chairman for participating and thanked those members who attended.

**Telecommunications** – Commissioner Olson distributed draft text, for discussion, of a policy statement from the Commission regarding the proximity of telecommunication structures to historically sensitive sites.

**Cemeteries  
Committee**

**Update** – Commissioners Culp and Olson reported that, with the assistance of a student volunteer, 217 cemetery survey forms have been entered into the system.

**Budget  
Committee**

**Budget Update** – Commissioner Smith distributed copies of the Historical Commission’s FY-10 Budget – Month 1 thru July 31, 2009.

**Publications  
Committee**

**Donation** – Commissioner Burgess reported he received a request from former Historical Commission member Becky Cumins for publications to give out during the September 19<sup>th</sup> Wounded Warriors Tour.

RES 09-049

**Agree to donate 25 copies of “Prison Life in the Tobacco Warehouse at Richmond” and 25 copies of “The Confederate Blockade of Washington, D.C., 1861-1862” to Yellow Ribbon Tours for the Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Smith; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cavossa, MacDonald, Yankey]**

**Selecman’s Ford Historical Marker** – Commissioner Burgess reported there may be additional edits to the text for this marker following an excursion on August 23<sup>rd</sup> to locate the ford.

**Disbursements Committee** – No report.

**Legislative Committee** – No report.

**Five Year Plan  
Committee**

**Update** – Commissioner Smith reported the committee met and reviewed the first draft of the five year plan. Committee members are to provide their comments by September 4<sup>th</sup> and a draft should be available to the Commission for its October meeting.

**Historic Properties** – No report.

**Historical  
Plaques  
Committee**

**Update** – Commissioner Swavely reported the new plaques have arrived and have a different finish than the previous plaques. The new arrivals have a brown background and a lacquer finish in contrast to the previous natural appearance. Samples of each were presented for viewing. Discussion followed about which finish the Commission prefers.

RES 09-050      **Agree that future castings of the Historical Commission plaques should have the brown background and lacquer finish of the recently received plaques rather than the natural appearance of the original order** - APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Hawkins, Wright; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cavossa, MacDonald, Yankey]

**Review of Pending Development Applications**

RES 09-051      **Land Development Recommendations** – APPROVED – MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Cunard, Swavely; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from vote None; Absent from meeting Cavossa, MacDonald, Yankey]

**Brentsville Trust**      **Update** – Commissioner Cunard reported no news on the Trust or the status of the funds to be received from the Friends or on receipt of a letter from the auditor confirming the audit.

**Historic Preservation Foundation** – No report.

**New Business**      **Journey Through Hallowed Ground** – Commissioner Wright asked members to review the article included in the agenda package.

**Dominion Power** – John Lassiter distributed a report on active Dominion Power projects and provided some additional comments and information.

**Announcements**      **Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB)** – Commissioner Cunard reported that the CVB invites travel writers to visit the County and arranges tours and events for them. Ms. Cunard suggested it might be worthwhile for the Commission to donate publications to them.

**Adjournment**

**9:26 PM**