

**STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**December 4, 2014**

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, December 4, 2014, was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chairman Anita Dodd in the ABC Conference Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT Anita Dodd, Ken Pitts, Richard Chichester and David Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT Barbara Kirby, Jane Conner and Ann Best-Rolls

STAFF PRESENT Erica Ehly, Keith Dayton, Jamie Porter and Denise Knighting

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Civil War Database Update – Erik Mink, National Park Service

Mr. Mink apologized to the Commission for not attending the November meeting and stated he had sent an electronic update of the work done to Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Dodd stated the Commission had received that information and thanked Mr. Mink.

He briefly reviewed the latest work he had finished and handed copies out to each Commission member.

2. Landfill Expansion Project Update – Keith Dayton, Deputy County Administrator

Mr. Dayton gave the Commission members maps of the landfill area with a summary sheet concerning the archeological survey of the area. He explained the location of the cell areas and where the expansion areas would be located. When asked how close the cells would be to the Civil War Park he stated a Conservation Easement would buffer the Park on the north and east side. It would not be part of the Park but it would be a dedicated conservation area to mitigate some stream impacts with the construction of the new cells. Because of the terms of the Conservation Easement there will be no activity allowed so the Civil War Resources will be protected. He moved on to the third paper and pointed out the Historic Resources that were found in the 2007 survey and identified the impacts of the current cell expansion. He stated a stockpile area for dirt in preparation of cell F2 would be closest to the Civil War Park. He explained eventually there would be 6 more landfill cells which would encompass approximately 75 acres and has been permitted through the Department of Environmental Quality. He stated the total life of the landfill is estimated to be about 55 years. He stated the key sheet noted there were some sites located outside the Civil War Park, but they would be protected by the Conservation Easement or a hundred foot buffer and outside of the landfill area.

Mrs. Dodd asked if there was still a report on the areas not eligible.

Mr. Dayton stated yes, the documentation was done by Dovetail.

Mrs. Dodd asked about the existing cemetery. She stated she only knew of a cemetery off of Eskimo Hill Road that was related to the landfill.

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Mr. Dayton stated he did not know anything about the cemetery, but did see it was noted. He stated he could not tell if it was an active cemetery site or if the Cemetery Committee had it in their data base.

Mrs. Dodd stated she would go back and check but she did not think so. She asked if the Cemetery Committee could do a site visit.

Mr. Dayton stated that could be arranged and it was located along the power line easements and was not difficult to walk there.

Mrs. Dodd stated she would check and get back with Mr. Dayton.

Mr. Pitts stated he was glad to see the Conservation Easement there.

Mrs. Dodd stated the Commission's concern was the actual boundary for the Park has never been formally surveyed.

Mr. Dayton stated there were metes and bounds around the entire perimeter of the property, so it has a legal definition of the easement boundary. It is not owned fee simple, but there is an easement granted by the R-Board to the County for the establishment of the Civil War Park. It has been recorded and is official.

Mrs. Dodd stated since the Park is not protected from actual construction, she suggested they should look into trying to protect that area more. She asked Mr. Dayton, with the landfill expanding in that general direction at some point, did he feel the general description was good enough to make sure nothing encroached on the Park property.

Mr. Dayton stated he did because limits of disturbance were outside the limits of the Civil War Park. He stated the reason there were no restrictions on development was because it would prohibit completion of the interpretative...

Mrs. Dodd stated she felt something could be drawn up to allow that type of construction.

Mr. Dayton stated the Park and development on the Park was totally controlled by the County, the only entity that could submit a plan for activity there would be the County. He stated his feeling was the only thing that could be completed there was something that would enhance the Civil War Park.

Mrs. Dodd stated that was true and the request would have to be run through the planning procedures.

Mr. Dayton stated any land disturbing activity would have to go through planning.

Mrs. Dodd thanked Mr. Dayton for the update and the maps and stated the Commission would like to be informed about any changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. CLG Grant Regarding Slavery-Related Resources – Update

Mrs. Dodd stated she did not have a lot of update, but she did pass on some information to Dovetail that she received.

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Ms. Ehly stated a meeting with stakeholders was held November 10, 2014 with approximately 20 people attending and Dovetail was continuing the research and contacting stakeholders for more information.

Mr. Pitts asked if they received any input.

Mrs. Dodd stated yes, there was a good crowd and they received some very good information and contacts.

4. Proposed Ordinance O06-47 – July 18, 2006 – Archaeological Surveys & Investigations

Mrs. Dodd stated the proposed Ordinance was an ongoing thing and there were no additional presentations by the public. She moved on to the Chairman's report.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Dodd stated she became aware there was a VDOT report concerning the Falmouth Cemetery. She stated they found 9 graves by using ground penetrating radar. She asked if it was possible for the Commission to obtain a copy of that report VDOT. She also asked about the most recent archeological report on the Courthouse area where they found the extension of the Clerk's Office among other things and asked for a copy of that report also. She asked if the Commission members could get a copy of the minutes that were approved at the last meeting.

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Chichester stated Kevin Crown contacted him about visiting Sherwood, and asked if the Commission members were interested.

Mrs. Dodd stated she thought Mrs. Baker was going to contact Mr. Crown to arrange something. She stated she would prefer to visit before the end of the year.

Mr. Chichester stated he would contact Mr. Crown and let him know Mrs. Baker would contact him to set a date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 6, 2014

Mrs. Dodd had several questions about the minutes. It was decided the Commission would not vote on the minutes to allow staff time to review the audio and make corrections.

Mrs. Porter gave the Commission a brief presentation concerning the placement of a 350<sup>th</sup> plaque in front of the Courthouse in the area where the streetscape work had been done.

A brief discussion ensued and the Commission agreed they wanted to walk out to the Courthouse to select a location for the 350<sup>th</sup> plaque.

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The Commission recessed at 4:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 4:11 p.m.

Mrs. Dodd stated the Commission would like to see 1 foot of brick around the circular 350<sup>th</sup> design, on the west, north and east side and solid bricks going to the grey sidewalk. The Commission suggested the same brick surround around the time capsule with the brick going to the grey sidewalk. She then asked for a motion.

Mr. Pitts made a motion.

Mr. Rodriguez seconded.

The motion passed 4-0 (Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Connor and Ms. Best-Rolls were absent).

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pitts made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rodriguez seconded.

The motion passed 4-0 (Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Connor and Ms. Best-Rolls were absent).

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.