

STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
September 3, 2015

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, September 3, 2015, 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, Richard Chichester, Barbara Kirby, Jane Conner, Ken Pitts, and David Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Best-Rolls

STAFF PRESENT: Denise Knighting

GUESTS PRESENT: Eric Mink, National Park Service

Ms. Dodd called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Kirby to call the roll. With six members present it was determined there was a quorum. Ms. Dodd stated there were no public presentations and moved on to new business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Mink reviewed the information sent to the Commission members concerning the Army of the Potomac Camps, 1st Brigade and 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 11th Army Corps. He stated he and Hal Wiggins went to the Primmer Farm area in 2003 and found glass and different articles on site that related to the 3rd Army Corp camps. He stated the developer set aside a parcel of land and he and Mr. Wiggins made suggestions concerning interpretative signage for the parcel. He received a phone call from K. Hovnanian Homes concerning that parcel and they indicated the signs would be installed. He was pleased that another site had acknowledgement of the past and the homeowners in the area could read about the history of the area where they now lived. He stated next month he would be discussing the 2nd Division of the 11th Army Corp.

The Commission thanked Mr. Mink for the update.

2. Bloomington Signage/Flyers

Mrs. Dodd discussed signage and flyers for Bloomington and suggested two members from the Commission work on the language for the signs based on the information Jerrilynn provided.

Mr. Chichester asked about the significance of Bloomington.

Mrs. Dodd stated it was on old plantation site that had terracing and a cemetery.

Mrs. Kirby stated several families owned the property because of inter-marriage in the family.

Mrs. Conner stated she posted a picture of the house on the Stafford Museum Facebook page and got over a thousand hits. It seems people are very interested in the property.

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Mrs. Dodd stated she did not mind working on the project.

Mrs. Kirby stated she would help and asked if the flyers would be available on site.

Mrs. Dodd stated yes, along with signs. She stated she and Mrs. Kirby would consult with Jerrilynn and they would be working with Parks and Recreations on the project.

3. Falmouth Master Interpretive Plan Implementation

Mrs. Dodd gave the Commission members homework and asked each of them to review the report and they would discuss it at the next meeting.

4. George Washington Village Cultural Resources Survey

Mrs. Kirby stated other Phase 1 Surveys done around the area have shown lots of information and felt this survey was not acceptable.

Mrs. Dodd stated it was a resource survey and the Commission still needed to make their voice heard and put recommendations in writing. She asked the Commission members to review the survey and see if there was more information to add to the letter. She then moved on to the Chairman's report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Dodd informed the Commission that she received an email from VDOT regarding the letter sent concerning the I-95 Bridge. She stated the information was in the package they had received on page 66, but the Commission had missed it during the review. She also stated this was only a preliminary report. Mrs. Dodd stated she thought that letters for next year's Preservation Awards would be sent out in October or November.

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Pitts asked if anyone knew what was planned for Oakenwold.

Mrs. Dodd stated she assumed they were trying to figure out what they can do with the property.

Mrs. Kirby asked Ms. Knighting if there was a lawsuit on the Oakenwold property.

Mrs. Knighting stated she was not sure and would check with Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Dodd stated she had not heard anymore about it.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 2, 2015

Mrs. Dodd stated she had many corrections in the July 2nd meeting minutes. She stated she sent those corrections to Mrs. Baker, but they had not been done. The July 2, 2015 minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

August 6, 2015

Mrs. Kirby stated she had one correction in the August minutes on line 311. She stated Randall was a surveyor for the county but has been deceased for many years. She also stated the surveys in the Commissioner of Revenue's office were sometime referred to as the Randall Surveys.

Mrs. Dodd asked if anyone else had any comments.

Mrs. Kirby made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction.

Mr. Pitts seconded.

The motion passed 6 to 0 (Ms. Best-Rolls was absent).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.