

STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

May 2, 2019

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, May 2, 2019, was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Jane Conner in the ABC Conference Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Henderson, Anita Dodd, Jane Conner, David Rodriguez, Ryan Lovell, and Richard Chichester

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Tully

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsey Marr, Eva Campbell

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Conner called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M, and asked Mr. Rodriguez to call roll.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Rodriguez called roll and Ms. Conner stated there was a quorum present.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Civil War Park Discussion – Glenn Trimmer

Mr. Chichester introduced Mr. Trimmer.

Mr. Trimmer described the voluntary work that a group of inmates from Rappahannock Regional Jail does for the Stafford Civil War Park. He stated the group was made up of non-violent offenders and that he felt they deserved recognition for the work they had done and he felt the work done fell within the character of Stafford's Historic Preservation awards.

The members of the Historical Commission discussed how they could recognize the volunteer work of the RRJ inmates at the Civil War Park. They agreed it was too late to recognize them with the rest of the 2018 Historic Preservation awards at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Ms. Henderson made a motion for the Historical Commission to create a unique plaque to award the RRJ inmates, recognizing their service to and assistance with the preservation of the Civil War Park.

Mr. Chichester seconded Ms. Henderson's motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Signage at Government Island

Ms. Conner stated she had a discussion with Mike Morris, the director of Parks and Recreation, about her concerns at Government Island concerning visitors climbing on the cultural resources and the abundance of snakes. She stated Mr. Morris shared her concerns and he was going to consult with other counties to see

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how they handled cautionary signage at their parks. She stated he also mentioned putting a notice in the paper alerting the public to the increase in snakes at Government Island.

3. Annual Historic Preservation Awards

The Commission discussed who would be completing the written introductions for the 2019 Annual Historic Preservation Awards. They decided to send all input to Ms. Conner and she would complete the introductions.

4. County-owned Cultural Resource Properties

Ms. Henderson stated she had contacted Mr. Morris regarding the current flood plan for Shelton's Cottage. She stated he had informed her that there was a plan in place for the 2019 flood season, but he did not give her any details as to what that plan entailed.

Ms. Dodd stated they should request a copy of the plan.

Ms. Henderson stated she felt if the Chair requested the plan that might carry more weight and they would be more likely to receive it that way.

Ms. Conner agreed to contact Mr. Morris and get the details of the 2019 flood plan for Shelton's Cottage for the Commission.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Dodd asked if Eric Mink had provided an update on the Civil War Database that he had been working on.

Ms. Marr replied that Ms. Baker had reached out to Mr. Mink and he had no update for them.

Ms. Henderson stated that the Museum Foundation Board had hired a consultant to assist them and that they would be starting focus groups soon.

Ms. Dodd stated the Cemetery Committee was hosting a Memorial Day Service at Bethlehem Church at 1:00 P.M. on Memorial Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the amended minutes with the changes she had submitted.

Mr. Lovell seconded the motion.

The motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Ms. Conner adjourned the meeting at 3:40 P.M.