



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes August 10, 2017

Members Present: Thomas Sledge (Vice Chair), Edd Conner, David Schleeper, and Venetta Stephens

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker and Craig Blackman, Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History teacher at Indian River High School.

The official meeting was called to order at 5:05 by the Vice Chair.

Mr. Sledge made a motion to amend the agenda to add a presentation on Native Americans by Craig Blackman and to mention the Preservation Virginia Conference. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Blackman gave a presentation to the HPC on Native American tribes in Virginia. His AP History class learned about Virginia's Native American tribes, invited several chiefs to Indian River High School for a special ceremony to honor their tribes, and followed the Thomasina Jordan Indian Tribes Recognition Act of 2017, which is currently in the U.S. Senate and could potentially extend federal recognition to six Virginia tribes.

Mr. Sledge made a motion to approve the July 13, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Schleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

No updates were given on social media outreach.

An alternative ordinance was approved to amend the City Code for the HPC membership at the July 25, 2017 City Council public hearing. The attendance policy will remain the same, but clerical updates were made.

Mr. Sledge requested that the HPC members send a sentence regarding their projects to Ms. McCambridge so that they can be added to this year's workplan.

The HPC reviewed several historic maps to decide if they would like to spend their budget on copying and preserving them. The HPC deferred their decision until Ms. McCambridge returns due to her photography background.

Ms. Baker reviewed four potential planning applications with possible historic resources. She will send additional information to the HPC members to see if they would like to comment formally.

Ms. Stephens mentioned that the Preservation Virginia Conference is on October 6, 2017 in Petersburg. Anyone who would like to attend should register by September 25th. The fee is \$145 but is a reimbursable expense.

Ms. Stephens made a motion to send at least four people to the 2017 Preservation Virginia Conference on Friday, October 6th. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Next March, the HPC would like to do something for Virginia History Day with schools.

The HPC discussed a historic live oak on Portsmouth Boulevard in Western Branch. It was suggested that Mr. Schleeper contact the HPC's public works liaison, Mr. Mortimer, for more information as it is in a City right-of-way.

Mr. Conner mentioned that Virginia Beach marks historic rail lines and would like to see a similar program in Chesapeake.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.