



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes March 8, 2018

Members Present: Patricia McCambridge (Chair), Venetta Stephens, David Schleeper, Melissa Kemple, and Edd Conner

Staff/Others Present: Guest Speaker David Shaw, Senior Planner Alexis Baker and Assistant City Attorney Meredith Jacobi; and HPC Staff Advisors, Park Manager Kevin Kaul, Public Works Project Manager Wayne Mortimer, and Development and Permits Code Compliance Inspector Pam Witham

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

Ms. Stephens made a motion to approve the February 8, 2018 minutes as written. Ms. Kemple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

David Shaw, the owner of the Cherry Hillard House and the grandson of Major Hillard, spoke about the historic structures in Deep Creek along George Washington Highway. His remarks were followed by a question about previous attempts at establishing a National Historic District in that area. Staff will research this issue and follow up with the HPC by email.

1414 Ohio Street was part of the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 process due to its location in the South Norfolk National Historic District. The terms in the original memorandum of agreement for constructing a new residential home were amended from two years to four years from the date of demolition. The HPC was an original consulting party. Ms. McCambridge will sign the amended MOA on behalf of the HPC.

Frederick Douglass re-enactor, Nathan Richardson, will present on May 20th at the Central Library for National Preservation Month. Ms. McCambridge requested historic facts about Chesapeake to post on Facebook. She also requested interesting videos, especially on how to use Clio, a historically themed application for mobile phones to also commemorate National Preservation Month.

Mr. Schleeper updated the group on Bear Quarter. Doris Stewart has completed a book on the area.

The HPC would like to speak with Buck Hodges regarding the history of Oak Grove Church.

Staff updated the HPC on a street closure in South Norfolk. Ms. Jacobi gave the legal update. The City Council sponsors have decided not to pursue adding two additional members to the HPC.

The HPC would like to reconvene the Chesapeake Alliance for Historic Preservation.

The HPC discussed the Certified Local Government process. Staff will forward a memorandum to HPC that was written to City Council several years ago on the subject.

Several members would like to visit the Civil War fort on Jolliff Road.

The HPC was reminded that officer elections are in June. The strategic plan and annual work plan should be reviewed again in preparation for the beginning of the next fiscal year.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. Ms. Kemple seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.