Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019

Members Present: Patti McCambridge (Chair), Melissa Kemple (Vice Chair), Venetta Stephens, and Edd Conner

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker; Assistant City Attorney Meredith Jacobi; HPC Staff Advisors, Park Manager Kevin Kaul, and Public Works Project Manager Wayne Mortimer

The official meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chair.

Ms. Kemple made a motion to approve the November 8, 2018 minutes as written. Mr. Conner second the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The approval of the December 13, 2018 meeting minutes were tabled as a quorum from the previous meeting was not present.

Ms. McCambridge will draft a letter to Chesapeake City Manager James Baker. This letter will notify the City Manager that the HPC will contact select City departments requesting a list of artifacts. The HPC will compile each department’s list of artifacts into a historic inventory that will include pictures and an abstract outlining the artifact’s history, location, and cultural significance.

Ms. Kemple will put a notice on the HPC’s Facebook page to find private collections of historic artifacts.

The template for the historic inventory will potentially be used in Chesapeake Schools for their history and social studies courses. The HPC will collaborate with the School Superintendent. Instead of inventorying City artifacts, the students will use known historic resources such as historic districts to create abstracts. Additionally, the students could include their research in the Clio mobile history application. A test run could be used in high schools and for home schoolers before being used in other grades.

The historic inventory will need to be added to the HPC’s strategic plan and annual workplan as a new activity.

The HPC would like to work with other localities on National Historic Preservation Month activities for May. They would like to do a virtual tour, potentially at the new Battlefield and Waterways Museum. The HPC proposed the Civil War as a theme. Each locality could discuss how the Civil War affected them.

Mr. Conner notified the HPC that he will not be reappointed to the Chesapeake Historic and Architectural Review Board in March.
With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.