



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes March 14, 2019

Members Present: Patti McCambridge (Chair), Edd Conner, Venetta Stephens, and Thomas Sledge,

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker; and HPC Staff Advisor, Public Works Project Manager Wayne Mortimer

The official meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by the Chair.

The approval of the minutes was moved to the end of the meeting as Ms. Stephens, who was necessary for their approval, would join the meeting later.

A motion was made by Mr. Sledge to move the meeting to April 25th at 5pm. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

After discussion on the open position for a member of the HPC on the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB), Mr. Conner volunteered to continue serving on the HARB. Ms. Jacobi made the HPC aware of a potential initiating resolution to eliminate the HPC position on the HARB. An HPC member will attend the City Council meeting on March 19, 2019 to address the potential resolution.

A member of the HPC was previously removed from the HPC for non-attendance, leaving a position open on the Commission for an architect.

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department will design and create the signs for Bear Quarter and Moses Grandy. The design will be presented to the HPC for their approval. The HPC discussed additional locations for future historic interpretive signs such as the Old Great Bridge School, Green Sea, the Gertie School, the Portlock School, and the railroad at Centerville Turnpike.

The HPC will speak to each of the school supervisors regarding a Chesapeake history component to the social studies program. The HPC will use their portfolio of photographs to demonstrate possible structures and areas that students could explore.

On March 28th, Ms. McCambridge will attend a meeting with Deputy City Manager Bob Geiss and other City department heads to discuss the creation of a historic artifact inventory for the City.

For National Preservation Month, a presentation will be held at the Central Library on May 11th from 10:00 am to 12:30pm. The Tidewater Coin and Relic Club will bring artifacts to present to the public.

A brief discussion was held on the Bowers Hill Interchange Study and the National Historic Preservation Act's Section 106 Process. A letter was received by the Planning Department discussing archaeological and architectural surveys as well as road alternatives for the Bowers Hill interchange.

There were no legal updates.

Ms. McCambridge will continue updating the HPC's Facebook page. She has several entries prepared for Women's History Month. Additionally, the HPC came up with several ideas such as Earth Day in April and Preservation Month, Mental Health Month, National Teachers' Day, Mothers' Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day for May.

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens to approve the January 10th meeting minutes. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. All members present at the January meeting voted yes by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Sledge to approve the February 14th meeting minutes. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. All members present at the February meeting voted yes by voice vote.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.