



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes April 13, 2017

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

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker, Assistant City Attorney Meredith Jacobi, Bud Cartwright (Beechwood), Doris Stewart (Bear Quarter), and Jennifer Knight (Stop Developing Southern Chesapeake).

Mr. Conner made a motion to approve the February 7, 2017 minutes as written. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. McCambridge discussed the HPC's Facebook page. Mr. Schleeper has written an excerpt to post.

Historic Preservation Planning Intern, Kimberly Parker, and Ms. McCambridge looked for historic highway markers and found some missing.

Recommended changes to the HPC Bylaws and City Code regarding the HPC were discussed with Ms. Jacobi.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to accept recommended changes to the Bylaws and City Code. Ms. Stephens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Jacobi will share edits to the Bylaws and Code with the HPC before it is sent to City Council.

May is National Preservation Month. The Mayor will sign a proclamation on April 25th at 3:30 pm.

The HPC will place photographs of 14 historic properties on display at the Central Library from May 1st to May 21st.

The HPC would like to use their budget to hire a speaker in May to speak on the Underground Railroad in Chesapeake. May 31st is a potential date at the Greenbrier

Library. The HPC would also like to consider using their budget to produce business cards and rack cards, which list information on the HPC and the benefits of historic preservation, to distribute at events. Additionally, creating posters for historic churches and bridges may be a potential use for their budget.

Ms. Stewart and Mr. Cartwright were given an opportunity to address the HPC.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The planning application for the Callison Street closure was discussed. The street closure is in the Albemarle and Chesapeake Historic District and within the Great Bridge Village Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to write a letter in regards to the Callison Street closure. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Conner discussed his research on an old bridge crossing the Northwest River. It appears to be part of Woodard's Bridge Road, which was closed several decades ago. The ownership of the bridge is unknown. The owner of the property near the bridge is Eugene White.

A motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to write a letter to Mr. White requesting entrance to his property to view the bridge. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.