



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

Members Present: Patricia McCambridge (Chair), Thomas Sledge (Vice Chair), Edd Conner, David Schleeper, Melissa Kemple

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker, Assistant City Attorney Meredith Jacobi, and HPC Staff Advisor and Public Works Project Manager Wayne Mortimer

The official meeting was called to order at 5:04 by the Chair.

Mr. Sledge made a motion to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Social media and education outreach has been successful. At least 30 people have asked to make YouTube videos on historic subjects. In August, members of the HPC will make a presentation at a teacher's meeting to talk about how HPC can assist with teaching social studies. Additionally, HPC would like to participate in the Reflections Art Program from the National PTA by encouraging students to create a historic art theme for Chesapeake around film, literature, music, photography, or the visual arts.

Ms. Jacobi informed the HPC that their recommendations for updates to the Code regarding the HPC was continued to the July 25, 2017 City Council meeting. Ms. Jacobi discussed having an alternative ordinance, as City Council may decide against changing the meeting requirements but may allow other clerical changes. Both the original proposed ordinance and an alternative ordinance will be presented to City Council for their approval.

Several HPC members presented information on historic maps or documents that they had found. They will find ways to copy and preserve the documents.

HPC members reviewed the progress on their projects. Mr. Sledge is documenting historic church and has photos of the structures. Mr. Mortimer will get photos of the bridges and can help Mr. Conner in the fall with the Conway Bridge that he had been researching. Mr. Schleeper is attempting to contact the owner of Beechwood again regarding research and pictures required for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Work Plan and Strategic Plan were reviewed. Each member should send a sentence of what elements they are working on to Ms. McCambridge.

The HPC would like to print generic business cards for events.

Preservation Virginia and the Department of Historic Resources is having a workshop in Staunton, Virginia on August 3, 2017. Ms. McCambridge will be unable to attend and offered her seat to any HPC member who would like to go.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. Ms. McCambridge seconded the motion. The meeting was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.