



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes September 14, 2017

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

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

The official meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. by the Chair.

Mr. Conner made a motion to approve the August 10, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Sledge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

HPC members discussed public outreach. Upcoming events will be put on Facebook. Mr. Sledge will finish up his research on historic churches and highway markers. The highway markers could also be created as a PowerPoint presentation or a GIS story map on the HPC's Facebook page and their webpage. The HPC could also possibly write a column for the local newspaper. The HPC would like to participate in Paddle for the Border and the Battle of Great Bridge events. A roster and schedule for the HPC's booth for the Dismal Swamp Arts Festival and the Waterways Heritage Festival, occurring in October, circulated before the meeting. The HPC would also like to do an event for Arbor Day at the Arboretum and recognize century farms possibly at the Gertie School.

The HPC would like to continue to invite speakers like Craig Blackman to speak on the Korean War and Native American speakers. Speakers could participate in special events. They would also like to reach out to the Dismal Swamp Arts Festival committee about having a speaker at next year's event.

The HPC will be allowed by Chesapeake Public Libraries and the Norfolk County Historical Society to keep a drawer in the Wallace Room with historic information.

The HPC discussed the history of the Chesapeake Alliance for Historic Preservation.

Ms. McCambridge will speak with Kim Murden with the Tourism Division of the City's Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department regarding heritage tourism.

After discussion on historic maps, a motion was made.

Mr. Schleeper made a motion to approve spending a portion of the HPC's budget on copying and laminating historic maps. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A discussion on the Superintendent's House and how to preserve it occurred. HPC was unable to secure grant funding from the Department of Historic Resources. However, they would like to find some other way to fund the possibility of moving or re-creating the house. It is important to continue to have conversations with the Army Corps of Engineers, which owns the house, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism, which oversees the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail and has land in close proximity to the Superintendent's House, where it could be located.

After discussion on HPC's work plan, a motion was made.

Ms. Stephens made a motion to accept the work plan as amended. Mr. Conner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The HPC reviews the Planning Department's development applications for historic resources impacts. The Application Review Committee deadlines for comment fall outside the HPC's meeting schedule. Planning Staff has tried to get information to the HPC before the ARC committee agenda was finalized. The HPC would rather discuss the final ARC agenda and have a special meeting on applications if necessary.

A discussion on questions to have at the HPC's booth at the Waterways Heritage Festival occurred.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Conner to adjourn. Mr. Sledge seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.