



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes October 12, 2017

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

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 5:10 p.m. by the Chair.

Mr. Conner made a motion to approve the September 14, 2017 minutes as written. Mr. Schleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Conner discussed his research into the Woodard's Mill Bridge near Conway Road. He spoke to Mr. and Mrs. White who own the property near the bridge. The bridge was built on old pilings. He would be willing to allow 2 or 3 people to look at the remnants of the bridge. Mr. White also spoke of a freeman's settlement called Slabtown in Southern Chesapeake and an old facility that kenneled greyhounds for a track in Moyock in the 1930s.

Ms. Kemple will work with Chesapeake City Schools to incorporate more history projects into their curriculum.

Mr. Mortimer is compiling information on the bridges in Chesapeake. He is trying to figure out a system to categorize bridges by uses. He would like to get better pictures of the Deep Creek Bridge before it is replaced. Ms. McCambridge will work with the City of Chesapeake's Public Communication Department to get pictures of the Jordan Bridge and the Bunch Walnuts Bridge.

Ms. McCambridge talked about the Clio mobile phone application. The Clio application shows historic sites near your location. She would like to create an account for HPC and also have students create accounts, do research, and add to the database of sites in Clio. This could be a project for Preservation Month.

Ms. McCambridge and Ms. Stephens talked about their attendance at the Preservation Virginia Conference. They learned about heritage tourism, how to create public/private partnerships, and visited historic properties such as Blandfield Church.

Mr. Mortimer gave an update on the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Visitor Center and Museum. Construction will begin in November and should be completed by December of next year.

Mr. Conner wanted to know if historic signs for historic sites in Chesapeake, such as the Great Bridge School, could be possible. Staff directed him to Steve Froncillo in the Public Works Department.

The Cornland School Foundation is having a meeting at the beginning of November to discuss their future plans.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. Ms. Kemple seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.