



## Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes November 9, 2017

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

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker and Assistant City Attorney Meredith Jacobi

The official meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by the Chair.

**Mr. Schleeper made a motion to approve the October 12, 2017 minutes as written. Ms. Kemple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

The HPC discussed their outreach efforts, such as exploring a haunted house in Deep Creek and even having the owners present at a future HPC meeting. Additionally, HPC is working with the Fire, Police, and Sheriff's Departments for information on their organizations. The Fire Department is also currently working on a museum. The HPC would like to expand their collection of old photographs of Chesapeake and would like to contact Channel 48 and Hackworth Printing. At the Dismal Swamp Art Show, several contacts were made with residents who have historic information. The HPC will also work with their contacts at the Chesapeake Public Schools to encourage the use of Clio, a mobile phone application for exploring and finding historic sites. Dr. Hitt, Director of the Chesapeake Planetarium, will be working on a solar walk at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail with scaled distances for our solar system. The HPC discussed if they will participate in the Battle of Great Bridge this year.

Ms. Jacobi presented revisions to HPC's bylaws. The HPC agreed with the changes.

**Mr. Sledge made a motion to recommend approval to City Council of the changes to HPC's bylaws. Mr. Schleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Changes to the Federal Historic Tax Credit were discussed. The HPC can post information on the changes to their facebook page, provided it is not political. It was also discussed if the City can create tax credits for historic properties. Ms. Jacobi said that the City cannot do that as it is not in the State code. Ms. McCambridge will study Abington's incentive programs.

The Chesapeake Demonstration School was discussed, which was a school that existed from 1967 to 1985 and served kindergarten to sixth grade.

Ms. McCambridge will speak to Parks, Recreation and Tourism again about possibly moving the Cornland School.

The date for the Christmas Party was discussed.

**With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Schleeper to adjourn. Ms. Sledge seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.**