



Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Meeting Minutes February 14, 2019

Members Present: Patti McCambridge (Chair), Venetta Stephens, Thomas Sledge, and David Schleeper

Staff/Others Present: Senior Planner Alexis Baker; and HPC Staff Advisor, Park Manager Kevin Kaul

The official meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by the Chair.

Ms. McCambridge made a motion to approve the December 13, 2018, minutes as written. Mr. Schleeper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The approval of the January 10, 2019, meeting minutes were tabled as a quorum from the previous meeting was not present.

Ms. McCambridge and Ms. Stephens spoke to the Chesapeake City Schools Superintendent and the Social Studies Supervisors regarding a history module for students. Ms. McCambridge and Ms. Stephens created a packet of information to give to the superintendent and the supervisors, including the HPC's strategic plan, list of properties on the historic register, and types of architecture in the City. Chesapeake students may be able to research and create abstracts on historic properties and places in Chesapeake. This module could become part of the international baccalaureate (IB) program for Chesapeake Schools. The HPC will continue to work with Schools to develop the new history program.

Ms. McCambridge met with City Manager James Baker on Monday regarding the historic artifact inventory. Assistant City Manager Robert Geiss will take the lead on setting up a meeting with department heads to discuss historic artifacts in their respective departments. Mr. Baker also saw this inventory as an opportunity for better records management by identifying and creating guidance for records that should be maintained beyond legal requirements.

The history component for the City School's social studies program and the historic inventory should be added to the strategic plan and annual work plan.

Mr. Schleeper made a motion to add the historic artifact inventory and social studies component to the strategic plan and annual work plan. Mr. Sledge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) will assist the HPC with the design and manufacture of the Bear Quarter sign. It will be sited at Cornland Park near Benefit and Douglas Road. PRT will also create a 9-11 sign for the City Park and a Moses Grandy sign at the north end of the

Dismal Swamp Canal Trail. Once the Bear Quarter sign is finished by PRT's graphic designer, it will be brought to the HPC for approval.

Ms. McCambridge will create a design for HPC business cards. The business cards will have basic information for contacting the HPC with a design on the back with a historic place or structure in Chesapeake.

Ms. McCambridge was unable to contact other localities for National Historic Preservation Month. The Tidewater Coin and Relic Club expressed interest in doing a presentation. Ms. McCambridge will attend their March 12th meeting to discuss their presentation further. She has reserved a room at the central library on May 11, 2019, from 10 a.m to 12:30 p.m for their presentation.

Ms. Baker spoke to the HPC about the outcome of the South Norfolk Image Committee focus group on February 5th.

Ms. McCambridge presented the Virginia Assembly bill extending the state rehabilitation tax credit.

Mr. Kaul said there were no updates on the Jolliff Road Fort from the City. A lot of the area is privately owned. There was discussion on artifacts related to the Fort. Mr. Kaul suggested posting on Nextdoor asking about artifacts or the Hessian graves. The Civil War Roundtable requested assistance from the HPC to contact private owners and the Hampton Roads Executive Airport for access to the Fort and to artifacts potentially in the nearby stream. The HPC discussed their work plan and their need to focus on the historic artifact inventory and developing a history program for schools.

Mr. Sledge made a motion not to be involved in contacting private owners or the Hampton Road Executive Airport for access to the Fort and artifacts. Ms. Stephens seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Elizabeth Vaughn with Public Communications and the City's television station, WCTV, contacted Ms. McCambridge about doing television segments on historic preservation. There could be onsite interviews and in-studio discussions. The HPC brainstormed a list of places that could be discussed on-site and experts that could speak in-studio.

The HPC would like to see a permanent display at the Central Library for Dr. Ward, potentially coinciding with the 50 year anniversary of the Central Library.

The architect position on the HPC is now vacant. The HPC also discussed the open position on the Historic and Architectural Review Board (HARB) for an HPC member. No members at the meeting volunteered for the open HPC position on the HARB. Mr. Schleeper will continue to represent the HPC at the HARB meetings.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38PM.