

VIRGINIA BEACH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

06/06/18

TOWNE BANK BUILDING

2101 PARKS AVENUE, STE 500

Approved September 5, 2018

Attending: Bill Gambrell (Chair), Sharon Felton, Harriet Frenzel, Katie Paulson, Jimmy Jordan, Mac Rawls, Bernice Pope (Past Chair), Glenn Carwell, Sharon Prescott (2nd Vice-Chair), Bobbie Gribble (Secretary), Madeleine Penree, Justin Burns (Student Leaders Committee), Sean Diment (via Facetime)

City Staff: Mark Reed, Carolyn Smith
Mark Shea, Corinna Green, Anna Stachofsky

Community Attendees: Cheryl Scott, Frank Ramaekers III, Linda Ramaekers

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Commission is to advise the City Council and the Departments of Planning and Community Development and Museums on all issues related to the preservation of historic buildings, structures and sites located in the City of Virginia Beach

MISSION: The mission of the Commission shall be to preserve, protect and maintain the historic identity of Virginia Beach and the former Princess Anne County through a program of advocacy and increased public awareness and involvement.

Welcome - Bill Gambrell

Bill Gambrell welcomed Commission members, City staff and the public. He read the mission and purpose.

Virginia Beach Historical Register Plaque Presentation - Katie Paulson

429 26th Street - Frank Ramaekers, Jr.

318 27th Street - Frank Ramaekers, Jr.

Katie Paulson and Bill Gambrell presented plaques and certificates for the two properties to Linda Ramaekers and her son Frank. Mark Reed provided a brief overview of each property and showed a few photographs of the buildings and their features.

Burton Station, SGA Projects Update - Mark Shea, SGA Office, Anna Stachofsky, Parks and Recreation

Planning staff is working on an update of the Burton Station Strategic Growth Area (SGA) Plan. The city has 9 SGA's with 7 located along the I-264/Virginia Beach Blvd. Corridor. The Burton Station Plan was first adopted in 2009 and there have been many changes in the area that led to the decision to update the plan. Burton Station has a long and rich history – it is located northwest of Northampton Blvd. and runs from Premium Outlet's Blvd. to Diamond Springs Road and then Diamond Springs Road to Shore Drive. The City of Norfolk forms the remainder of the boundary. The Plan will be presented to the Planning Commission on July 11, 2018.

The Components of the Land Use Plan were described based on the attached Draft Map:

Red - Commercial Center (directly across from Lake Wright and Quality Inn) There is a rezoning application before City Council to rezone this area for a 250,000 square feet shopping center.

Orange - Mixed Use - mixed use within building or within side by side buildings. The plan participants asked for a 5 story limit to the height of the buildings. There will be design features such as, parking in the rear and streetscape guidelines.

Purple - Industrial areas closest to Airport and Clear Zone. Extension of Airport Industrial Park

Green - Greenway open space plus rails to trails concept to replace the golf course feature in the original plan.

The hope is to have it adopted by City Council in August. A detailed traffic usage will be conducted in the near future to ensure the roads can carry the traffic. Another follow up activity is to develop a park to memorialize the history of Burton Station. Mr. Shea pointed out the generalized location within the Burton Station Village. The park could be funded through public, private or a combination of sources.

Anne Stachofsky - Parks and Recreation

The memorial park presentation could have varying characteristics (several concepts) which will be presented to the residents to discuss and select. Ms. Stachofsky went over a brief presentation on how to decide on a particular style for memorial parks. Her presentation included examples of the following:

- Dynamic versus Passive
- Interactive versus Contemplative
- Direct versus Abstract

Parks and Recreation is reaching out to residents and conducting research before beginning the conceptual design. There was some discussion about the oral histories that had been done with several Burton Station residents a number of years ago. Historic Preservation Commission members suggested several names of library employees who can help with tracking down that research.

Approval of May 2, 2018 Minutes - Bobbie Gribble

Harriet Frenzel moved to accept to minutes as presented. Glenn Carwell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes of the May 2, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved

2018 Strawberry Festival May 26 - Review - Sharon Prescott

The commission volunteers made numerous contacts with festival attendees. The colonial games that the student members brought were a big hit. The commission's display this year was very much improved with a new banner and we had a give-away – a measuring tape in the shape of a house that was given out. Thanks to everyone who assisted and volunteered to make this year's event a big success.

Student Member Recommendations - Sharon Felton

Brianna Perez - Salem High School

Victoria McQuay - Green Run High School

Seven students were interviewed. The interview panel was unanimous on the two recommendations. Councilperson Rosemary Wilson has accepted and forwarded those recommendations to the City Clerk. City Council will be making the appointments soon.

Sean Diment and Madeleine Penree have created a notebook to turn over to the new student members. Ms. Penree read a note from Mr. Diment (attached) that thanked the Commission for his experience working with them.

Committee Reports

Cape Henry Historic Site - Mac Rawls

Base Access - Fort Story

Great things are happening at Cape Henry. Things will change with how the public is able to access the lighthouse. There will be two 14 Passenger busses that the City will provide (own, maintain and fuel them). Preservation Virginia will provide the drivers and manage their operation.

1792 Lighthouse Stabilization

Bids were advertised April 8 and were opened on May 16. Conquest USA has been certified as low bidder - \$779,880. The additional funding needed for the project is less than \$100,000.

April 2019 100th Continuous Observance of First Landing by Order of Cape Henry 1607

The 100th Consecutive observance of the First Landing by the Order of Cape Henry 1607 will be in April 2019. We should help make this a big deal. It should coincide nicely with the completion of the lighthouse project.

Princess Anne County Confederate Monument - Jimmy Wood, Sharon Felton

A meeting was held May 4th and the committee agreed on recommendations. They are working on details of a public input meeting later in June. The PACCSR will then revise recommendations as needed and will submit to the VBHPC.

Student Leaders - Sharon Felton, Sean Diment, Madeleine Penree

THANKS TO SEAN AND MADELEINE FOR A GREAT YEAR!! Thanks to: Justin Burns, Riley Wood and Zoe Quinones for serving on the Student Leaders Committee.

Project Updates - Mark Reed

Courthouse Village & Municipal Center National Register Historic District

Mr. Reed has received an update on the status of the nomination. There were issues on some addresses and staff at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) took care of the discrepancy and sent it

back on May 4th. DHR staff estimates there will be a 45 day turnaround from the National Park Service (NPS).

There is a similar issue with Adam Thoroughgood House boundary increase; although it appears DHR staff will not be able to address the revisions. Once Mr. Reed has received a copy of the nomination and the NPS concerns he will try to move it forward to resolution.

Archaeological Assessment; Architectural Survey update - Northern Portion

Both of these projects are moving ahead. The draft report for the Archaeological Assessment has been submitted to DHR by Dovetail Cultural Resources Group. One of the attendees at the April public meeting, Dr. Paul Green, volunteered to assist in archaeological projects. He is a retired U.S. Air Force cultural resource officer and is a professor at ODU. Mr. Reed asked him to review and comment on the assessment, which Dr. Green did. His comments were then forwarded to DHR.

For the architectural survey update, consultants have completed most of the individual properties. They will be back in town the week of June 11th to focus on the neighborhoods. They appear to be on schedule, which is to submit their final report by the end of August.

FY18 Research Grant Program

The contracts were signed by Bill Gambrell today so the checks should be issued soon.

City Council Briefing June 12

The briefing will be next Tuesday in the City Manager's Conference Room at approximately 4 p.m. Council will be updated on activities. A presentation was last done September 2016. Bill Gambrell will make the presentation on behalf of the Commission. Dr. Carwell will discuss the Courthouse Historic Structure Report. Mr. Reed briefly went through the draft slides for the presentation.

There will be an overview since the September 2016
Public Meetings
Publicity
City Council supported initiative
19 Grants
Virginia Landmarks Register National Register of Historic Places
Virginia Beach Historical Register
Historic Markers
Student Members
Certified Local Government (CLG)
Honor our Heritage
Princess Anne County Confederate Monument
Princess Anne County Courthouse Historic Structure Report
Projects for 2018/2019

Mr. Rawls asked if he missed a slide on the Cavalier Hotel. He said he understands it wasn't the Commission's project, but it is a significant historic preservation accomplishment. Mr. Reed said he would add a slide for the Cavalier Hotel.

Mr. Reed also noted that Brian Solis in the SGA Office was the City staff person that has been most responsible for facilitating the shuttles to Cape Henry Lighthouse on Ft. Story.

Old Business

Mr. Reed said there are a number of historic properties that are up for sale right now: Carraway House, Pleasant Hall, and Pembroke Manor. He said we need to try to keep an eye on these. Bobbie Gribble said she heard the Carraway House had been sold. Mr. Reed said he would check on that.

New Business

Mr. Gambrell was contacted by an individual who purchased homes on 34th Street and is trying to rehabilitate and preserve them. He asked Ms. Paulson if she knew anything else and she said the firm she works for had been approached about a small historic district for those properties but she doesn't think that will work. She noted that Steve McNaughton is the architect for the project.

Adjournment -

Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 5:00 pm, Towne Bank Building, Suite 500

The meeting closed at 6:30.

Mark Reed

From: Madeleine Penree <18penreem@chsvb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 10:55 PM
To: Mark Reed
Subject: Sean's message

Dear Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission,

I want to thank you all for the incredible opportunities and experiences you allowed Madeleine and I to partake in this year. It has been so much fun, and to me there was never a dull moment. From the Confederate monument forum, to the Richmond trip, to the Cavalier Hotel Openings, and countless other exciting event attendance opportunities, I have loved serving our city and with you. I am very sad that I cannot be there with you all today to say this in person, but I've been having a blast in New York City and I'm sure Mrs. Sharon Felton can attest based on the number of Facebook posts I've made. You all have made a great impact on my life, and have allowed me to do a job most 17 year olds would never imagine possible. Thank you for everything. I am eternally grateful! God Bless you all, and I hope to see you again sometimes soon.

Sincerely,

Sean Diment