

VIRGINIA BEAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 3, 2018, 5:00 pm

Towne Bank Building, 2101 Parks Avenue, Suite 500

Approved November 7, 2018

Present

Officers: Chair: William Gambrell; Immediate Past Chair: Bernice Pope; First Vice-Chair: James Wood; Second Vice-Chair: Sharon Prescott; Secretary: Bobbie Gribble

Members: Sharon Felton, Harriet Frenzel, Victoria McQuay, Katie Paulson, Brianna Perez, Mac Rawls

City Council Liaison: Rosemary Wilson

Staff: Mark Reed, Carolyn Smith, Bill Landfair

Public: Linda Alcox, Steve Alcox

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/REMARKS - Bill Gambrell

Chair Bill Gambrell welcomed the Commission members and the public.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 - Bobbie Gribble

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 5 general meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission as presented. Sharon Prescott made a motion to approve. Harriett Frenzel seconded it. The September 5, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cape Henry Historic Site - Mac Rawls

This committee has been expanded. Harriet Frenzel and Glenn Carwell have joined the committee from the Commission. Ceci Budimier has joined the committee as a representative for the Order of Cape Henry 1607. There will be a National Park Service representative on the committee, but they were unable to attend this morning's meeting.

Construction work has begun on the Cape Henry Lighthouse to stabilize the foundation. It started shortly after Labor Day. The work is expected to be completed in about 180 days so near the 1st of March.

Preservation Virginia is offering walking tours of the area while the tower is not available for the public to climb. The tour will take in other parts of the site including the bunker at the back of the dune, the 1881 lighthouse and the First Landing Cross.

They are getting ready to launch the shuttle buses, which are provided by the City of Virginia Beach. On the 12th of October at 10:00 am, they will begin the tours with the new buses. Mark Reed send out an email that has RSVP information for the VIP tour on the 12th.

Mr. Rawls noted that everything is going well and there is a lot of excitement around it. You will still need to have the registration for your car, driver's license and proof of insurance to park on the base and take the shuttle. If you do have a military ID in the car you can go directly to the lighthouse.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH MAY 2019 - Sharon Prescott

Sharon Prescott noted that the Executive Committee had selected the Mayor's Proclamation, the Scavenger Hunt and the Pints for Preservation activities to focus on for Historic Preservation Month. She said Mark Reed is taking the lead on the Pints for Preservation.

It was noted that the activities will be promoted at the April 2019 Public Meeting. Other promotional activities will include a press release, a proclamation and a poster.

The committee is still open for input. We would like to get our students involved in the scavenger hunt and working with the Clio app. Ms. Prescott said the committee needs to get working on this and asked members to please look over the ideas (see Appendix 1 below) and email her (skprescott@msn.com) with any additional ideas.

COMMISSION COMMITTEES - Bill Gambrell

Election of Nominating Committee

Mr. Gambrell noted that Bernice Pope has volunteered to chair the committee in the past and he asked if she was willing to do so again. Ms. Pope said she would. At Ms. Pope's request, Katie Paulson and Sharon Prescott said they would be willing to serve. Sharon Felton made a motion to elect Ms. Pope, Ms. Paulson and Ms. Prescott as the 2018 Nominating Committee. Harriett Frenzel seconded the motion. The Nominating Committee was elected unanimously.

Mr. Gambrell noted that there is still a need for additional members on some committees and for more activity with some of the committees. He asked members to let him know on what additional committees they would like to participate.

Committees and Chairs:

Cape Henry Historic Site - Mac Rawls
Historic Districts - Sharon Felton
Historic Preservation Month - Sharon Prescott
Policies for City owned Buildings and Sites - Sharon Prescott
Princess Anne County Confederate Statue Roundtable - Sharon Felton, Jimmy Wood
Princess Anne Courthouse - Glenn Carwell
Public Meeting - 2nd Vice-Chair (Sharon Prescott)
Recognition of Historic Buildings – Katie Paulson
Sea Level Rise – Jimmy Wood
Student Leaders – Brianna Perez, Victoria McQuay, Sharon Felton
Threatened Buildings and Sites – Jennifer Estes

PROJECT UPDATES - Mark Reed

FY17 Research Grants - Marker Dedications

Mr. Reed noted that there are several highway marker dedications coming up and he encouraged Commission members to attend. There is one coming up a week from Thursday for the **Camp Ashby POW Camp**. It is scheduled for **October 11, at 11:00 am**.

The date for the dedication ceremony for the **Meeting of Three Commanders** is still undetermined and is thought to be happening in late October. He will inform the Commission once a date is set.

The dedication ceremony for the **Skirmish at Kemp's Landing** marker is scheduled for **Saturday, November 10** with the time still undetermined.

Architectural Survey Northern Half

Mr. Reed said he has received the draft architectural survey report, which is about 370 pages long. He noted that staff is actively working on the review and comment. He said this will be an excellent resource that will help guide us in the future. It will also serve as a guide for future neighborhood surveys.

Carraway House Archaeological Survey

Mr. Reed said that he has distributed the Solicitation for Quotations for the Carraway House archaeological survey to seven cultural resource firms that specialize in archaeology. He noted that there is a site visit scheduled on September 28 for prospective firms. Proposals are due on October 9.

Cavalier Hotel Baseline Documentation

Mr. Reed noted that two proposals were received for the Cavalier Hotel project and one has been selected to do the documentation. He said that the information has been forwarded to Purchasing for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Native American Heritage Month Proclamation – Mr. Reed noted that Chief Lee Lockamy will be at the City Council Meeting on October 16 to accept the proclamation from the Mayor. He said the proclamation will be presented at 6:00 on the 16th. Commission members are encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reed said that after the last meeting Jennifer Estes told him that the prevalent use of acronyms during discussions might be a little confusing and overwhelming to newer members, especially the Student Members. She suggested that he develop an acronym guide to assist all of the members. Mr. Reed said that it was a work in progress, but he had at least made a start on it. He handed out a draft acronyms guide (see Appendix 2). Sharon Prescott recommended that he add PIF to the list.

The students will be meeting October 11th.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting closed at 5:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2018, 5:00, TOWNE BANK BUILDING, STE 500

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“Protect It, Preserve It”

Appendix 1

Historic Preservation Month – May 2019

Outline – Plan of Action

Purpose:

To celebrate Historic Preservation Month by raising awareness about historic preservation in the City of Virginia Beach and to recognize the accomplishments of the Historic Preservation Commission during its first ten years.

Public Awareness Activities and Programs

Promote at Public Meeting in April

Press Release

Mayoral Proclamation May 7, 2019

Pints for Preservation

- Partner with local breweries – Coasters – (around \$0.25 each) One-color imprint
 - Back Bay old commercial building often mislabeled as a train station
 - Commonwealth Brewing in old Chesapeake Beach Fire and Rescue Station
 - Deadline Brewing near Seaview Beach and Amusement Park
 - Smartmouth in old Seapines Post Office
 - Back Bay Farmhouse brewery Kempsville Road – William E. Wood house
 - Cavalier Hotel (distillery)
- Pints for Preservation Day or Happy Hour at each partner brewery – Commemorative Cups – (around \$0.42 each) – \$5 donation
- Collaboration brew or individual brewery Preservation Ales
- Poster – (around \$700 for 100 four-color, glossy, 18 x 24)
- Donations go to Preservation Virginia/Cape Henry Lighthouse

Web page/Facebook/Twitter

Scavenger Hunt

Clio

Other Activities Considered

Historic House Tour

- Focus on promoting the historic buildings that are regularly open to the public
- Private homes tour

School Curriculum

- What grades do we target for local/Virginia history?

Strawberry Festival

Student Leaders programs in schools

Involve Descendants of local historic families

Committee:

Sharon Prescott
Sharon Felton
Jimmy Jordan
Jennifer Estes
Victoria McQuay
Brianna Perez
Linda Alcox
Steve Alcox

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Appendix 2

Historic Preservation Acronyms and Terms

COA – Certificate of Appropriateness – A document issued by a local review board or preservation commission indicating approval of a project in a local historic district that is protected by the local historic preservation zoning ordinance.

CLG – Certified Local Government – This is a historic preservation program of the National Park Service that is coordinated in Virginia through the Department of Historic Resources. The program recognizes local governments that are working to achieve excellence in their local historic preservation program. CLG communities are expected to maintain up to date surveys/inventories of architectural and archaeological resources, to have a trained and effective review board and to comply with and enforce their historic preservation ordinance.

DHR – Virginia Department of Historic Resources – The State Historic Preservation Office and it provides guidance and professional support to localities throughout Virginia. DHR maintains an inventory system of cultural resources and provides advice and support to localities for the survey and inventory process. National Register nominations are evaluated by DHR and they maintain the Virginia Landmarks Register. DHR provides and coordinates numerous programs, including state highway markers, preservation easements, cost share grants, certified local government and tax credits for rehabilitation.

HPC – Historic Preservation Commission – Generally a body appointed by the local elected governing authority to advise them on historic preservation issues. Sometimes the HPC has the responsibility of overseeing local historic districts and issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness.

NPS – National Park Service – The federal agency that is directly involved in supporting and coordinating historic preservation with the state historic preservation office. They are part of the Department of the Interior. The NPS maintains the National Register of Historic Places and oversees the Certified Local Government program. They produce technical bulletins that address all areas of historic preservation and general set the standards and criteria for historic preservation practices.

NRHP – National Register of Historic Places – This is a list of buildings, structures, objects, sites and districts that meet National Park Service criteria for recognition and formal placement has been made by NPS. Listing on the National Register is voluntary and is honorary, providing no regulations or protections.

SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office or Officer – Each state is required to have a state historic preservation office and officer to coordinate preservation programs. This acronym is usually pronounced “ship-poe”. In Virginia, the SHPO is the Department of Historic Resources and the Director of DHR.