

STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
May 4, 2023

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, May 4, 2023, was called to order at 3:04 PM by James Tully in the Activities Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Conner, James Tully, Martha Newton and Anita Dodd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Chichester James Powell

STAFF PRESENT: Kathy Baker, Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

GUESTS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Tully called the meeting to order at 3:04.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Ms. Newton called roll and stated there was a quorum.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Referral Request: Secondary dwelling: 198 Rocky Run Road

Ms. Dodd did a drive-by assessment of the property and feels it doesn't meet the historic criteria. She made a motion to deny the 50 year or older designation. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. Motion to deny passed, 4-0.

It was decided printed copies of the ordinance criteria be given to the planners at the front desk so applicants would be aware of what the criteria is before deciding to make a request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Austin Ridge Logistics – Cultural Resources Reports

Anita would like to visit the site to document the terraces and vegetation. Nancy will reach out to Dovetail to set up a visit. This item will remain on the agenda until the visit is complete.

2. Civil War Database Report – Final Comments

There are no additional comments. Erik will send an electronic version for distribution. Anita would like a hard copy. This item can be removed from the agenda.

3. High School #6, Truslow Road – Cultural Resources, Section 106 Review Update/NK

This project is ongoing. It will remain on the agenda.

4. Annual Historic Preservation Awards

The Board of Supervisors has decided the Historic Preservation Awards will not be presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Anita has drafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors addressing the concern. Edits were discussed and Anita made a motion to send the edited letter to the Board. Ms. Newton seconded. The motion passed, 4-0. Staff will format the letter for Mr. Tully to sign.

The Commission would like to present the awards at a Historical Society meeting. Mr. Tully will reach out to Connie Hilker to make the arrangements. Ms. Dodd requested arrangements be made for the June 15th meeting. Ms. Kotting will reach out to the award recipients to make them aware of the changes.

5. Clift Farm Rezoning Application

No updates. Kathy will follow-up with Mike Zuraf to see where the applicant is in the application process.

6. Lake Mooney Cabin- Update

Ms. Kotting spoke with Parks and Rec and as a temporary measure to help protect the building they will put plywood up from the inside at each of the openings (door/windows). They will not do anything with the flooring as to allow air circulation and to prevent damage from animals that will attempt to get inside. This will remain on the agenda for further updates.

Ms. Kotting said there are exposed ruins at the back of the cabin and questioned how Parks and Recs handles potential vandalism. Kathy said there currently isn't any protection in place and that's something the Commission needs to work on. The Commission's next step is to get the funding in place to finish the work on the cabin as quickly as possible and come up with a plan for protection of the property. Trail cameras are used at Government Island and it was suggested staff make a request that cameras be installed overlooking the cabin.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Anita has been working on an evaluation form to evaluate the county's cultural resources. Cemeteries, archaeological sites and building are all cultural resources owned by the county. She doesn't feel buildings such as schools or the Rowser Building should be included because these buildings are in use and being maintained. Cemeteries should be evaluated based on the condition of burial markers, vegetation issues,

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103 fencing and signage. Ms. Kotting will create the form using Ms. Dodd's suggestions and the form
104 previously used for evaluation.

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106 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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108 Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2023.

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110 Ms. Dodd seconded the motion.

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112 The motion passed 3-0.

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114 ADJOURNMENT

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116 With no further business to discuss, Mr. Tully adjourned the meeting at 3:46