

STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
July 6, 2023

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, July 6, 2023, was called to order at 3:00 PM by James Tully in the ABC 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: Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

GUESTS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Tully called the meeting to order at 3:00.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sherwood Forest Overlay District Proposal

The ARB voted to send Sherwood Forest to the BOS to make it the 23rd Historic Overlay District. The owner notification letter has been mailed out. We will wait 30 days for the owner to respond and then move forward in the process. Owner approval is not required to create a historic district overlay but it's good practice to involve them in the process.

2. Counting House Update

The agreement with the individual to restore the Counting House has expired. The paperwork has been submitted and a meeting has been scheduled for July 12 to decide how to move forward.

3. Cemetery Data Base Update

Nancy and Anita have been working on a spreadsheet for all the cemeteries. They have identified 36 that need to be surveyed and 433 that have been surveyed. This will be used by the Planning and GIS departments as development plans are submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Annual Historic Preservation Awards Refresh Ideas

The Commission discussed the ideas for new/revised award categories submitted by Ms. Kotting. They decided to eliminate #1 (Preservation Award) and replace it with a combination of B and C (Adaptive Re-Use

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and Restoration Award). Keep 2-5. Add A (Emerging Preservationist Award), D (Cemetery Achievement Award) and E (Outstanding Developer Award). The Commission also recommended dropping the word Historic and just using Stafford County Cultural Resource in the description of the Awards. Ms. Kotting will edit the list and bring it back for a vote next month.

2. Proffers / Ivy Project at Oakenwold

Ms. Kotting will be completing her review of Project Ivy by COB on Friday to check the status of the review of that project and make sure that there are no changes and everything is carried forward from the previous iterations. The proffers will follow through.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Kristin Maxson, 1816 Richmond Highway, feels the term USA used to identify Utility Service Area is getting in the way of our Constitution. It's our country. This is confusing to a lot of people and should not be used.

Ms. Maxson has found a 2005 document that has 2022 information. No information was given on the document name or location but Ms. Maxson is concerned this living document has changed and is affecting historical content for the public.

Ms. Maxson is concerned about a private graveyard, location not provided, but it's southeast of the airport and the airport area is being targeted for a data center. This might put the graveyard in jeopardy. Ms. Dodd explained that Stafford County has a cemetery ordinance and any land that's going to be developed that has a cemetery on it, the developer has to comply with the ordinance to protect the cemetery.

Ms. Maxson's last concern is Belmont Park. The naming of the industrial park after a historical site can confuse people and lead them to believe they are related to the historic area. Ms. Kotting will address this if she sees any projects come up in the future.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Dodd made a motion to approve the amended minutes from June 1, 2023.

Ms. Newton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Tully adjourned the meeting at 3:31