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2 **STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES**

3 **September 7, 2023**

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5 The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, September 7, 2023, was called to
6 order at 3:07 PM by James Tully in the ABC Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

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

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10 MEMBERS ABSENT: Gordon Silver, Richard Chichester, James Powell

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12 STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

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14 GUESTS PRESENT:

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16 CALL TO ORDER:

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18 Mr. Tully called the meeting to order at 3:07.

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20 ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

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

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24 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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28 NEW BUSINESS

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30 1. Welcome New Commission Member Mr. Gordon Silver

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32 Mr. Silver was absent.

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34 2. New Flood Maps – Revised Historic Resource Impacts Assessment Project/UMW

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36 Ms. Kotting has selected Mathew Krause, a University of Mary Washington GIS Geography
37 Department student to help update the database regarding historic resources that are in flood zones.
38 FEMA just updated their flood zone maps and projections going forward with climate change. The
39 objective is to make sure that we have the most current information about potential threats to historic
40 resources. The hope is this will give us an understanding of potential impacts in the next 5-10-15
41 years based on projections available from FEMA.

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43 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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45 1. Proffers / Ivy Project at Oakenwold / Update on Memorandum of Agreement

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47 Ms. Kotting provided a hard copy of the Memorandum of Agreement to Ms. Dodd. This is the final
48 agreement that states the County or its designee has 90 days to go in and retrieve architectural
49 materials, including whole buildings, from the site. The County does not have the capacity at this
50 time to physically do or fund that. The intended designee in this case is the Stafford County
51 Historical Society and they are discussing amongst themselves what their capacity is. Mr. Tully
52 asked if other counties or municipalities put items like that in their budget. Ms. Kotting stated that she

could present the idea of requesting funding for the pulling out of storage and reconstruction or locating it on county property. Right now, she is going to wait and see what the Historical Society is able to do.

2. Austin Ridge Logistics Center Update: Phase II archeological survey under review

There are three warehouses to be built on this project. One of the warehouses is slated to be located directly above an eligible archaeological site. The developer is being proactive and has put together a mitigation plan that they're willing to commit to. Their mitigation plan is not the result of a 106 process. They're trying to be proactive and get ahead of having to go through all of that. Their submitted proposed plan for voluntary mitigation is currently being reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Historical Resources. The problem with this is that it is not enforceable. It's a voluntary mitigation plan. It's up to the Army Corps of Engineers and the DHR. Ms. Dodd requested a copy of the mitigation plan. Ms. Kotting doesn't have a copy at this time but will share when/if she gets one.

3. Counting House Update: RFP being developed

No update. The RFP is still in the hands of Capital Projects.

4. Cemetery Data Base Update: Completed

The Cemetery Database update is complete and extremely useful. This item can be removed from the agenda.

5. Little Falls NRHP Eligibility Determination Update: Photo session scheduled

This is the Duff Green property. Ms. Kotting is putting together the paperwork to submit to the Department of Historic Resources to determine whether it's eligible for the National Register. It's not a nomination. It's just an eligibility determination. The next step is a photo session which has been scheduled. Exterior and interior photos will be included with the application. The reason for doing this is that if it is eligible, it will help us provide guidance to our lessee about how they handle that building and changes to the exterior. We may even go so far as to contemplate creating an overlay district on it so that this lessee and future lessees would have to come before the Architectural Review Board for any changes.

6. Buzzards Roost Final Installation Update: On schedule for September

This project is moving ahead. The proffer money which totals \$10,000 is in hand and we are just waiting for Dominion Masonry to come back with the dollar figure for the cost of moving it from where they were dropped in front of the picnic pavilion to the final installation location. Facilities has cleared the space where the stones are going and they are all marked out and coded. Ms. Kotting requested the Commission help with the wording on the interpretive sign. Members will also provide Ms. Kotting with photos they may have of the rocks prior to the area being graded.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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None

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Dodd wanted an update on the Stone House near Dodd's Corner. She would like to have permission to get on the property to record it. She also recommended asking for a Phase I. She recommends the Commission compose a letter to the developer to explain why this would be important for them to do.

Monica Gary reached out to Ms. Dodd to ask if the Commission wanted to comment on the additional property being added to the Rowser Building. The Tourism Department is interested in expanding their Civil Rights Trail to include regional locations and had mentioned the Rowser Building as a potential inclusion in the future. Ms. Kotting has a meeting with Tourism on the 19th to discuss.

Ms. Dodd was contacted about the Hammett Cemetery located at the corner of Holly Corner Road and 17. The Property is owned by the University of Mary Washington. The citizen was concerned because the University is getting ready to develop the property and he is worried about the cemetery. Ms. Dodd assured him that the county has an ordinance to protect the site or the developer has the option to move the cemetery with the permission of the relatives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the amended minutes from August 3, 2023.

Ms. Dodd seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Tully adjourned the meeting at 3:34