

**STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**October 3, 2024**

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission of Thursday, October 3, 2024, 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: James Tully, Martha Newton, Frank White and Anita Dodd

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Chichester, Jane Conner and James Powell

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Kotting, Crissy Kendall

GUESTS PRESENT: None

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.

VOTE TO ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA

A motion to accept the published agenda was made by Anita Dodd. Martha Newton seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commission Recommendations for Gov't Center Art/History/Stafford Identity Interior Wall Installations

Nancy met with Donna Krauss to discuss the installation of artwork in the government center. The front entry is currently scheduled to be remodeled. Ms. Krauss asked for the Commission's ideas for an exhibit. Members discussed making it a showcase of influential people who helped shape Stafford. The names mentioned included George Washington, Hayden Palmer, James Hunter, Daniel Morgan, Dan Chichester, Steve Dempsey, Sheriff Ashby, Gary Melcher, George Mason, Mark Lenzi, Torrey Smith and Jeff Rouse. Nancy suggested creating themes by floor/hallway such as historical images, artists, athletes and activists. Lost landscapes of Stafford was also suggested. Nancy requested members email any suggestions they may have and she will create a master list.

2. Development Review: Stafford Technology, TM Parcel 38-124 and 38-29A. Site contains three potentially eligible or eligible for National Register listing archeological sites with Phase II survey recommended based on results of Phase I survey.

This site was recently rezoned for the Stafford Technology Campus. One of the eligible sites has had a Phase II study done and the other two sites have had a Phase I with recommendations for a Phase II.

If a 106 Review is not required for this project a Phase II can be requested by the Commission. No action is required at this time. This will remain on the agenda as unfinished business.

3. Development Review: Conditional Use Permit application for auto repair (Butler Rd Take 5) on TM Parcel 54F-2-13A. Site contains a vernacular International style circa 1948 building recommended for additional survey in 2014. Not in the Historic Resource Overlay District.

The building on this parcel will be torn down to build an oil change shop. This is an example of why a countywide survey needs to be done. There won't be a 106 review and there is no overlay district in place so the building will be demolished. Ms. Dodd requested to record the building. A letter will be sent to the owner by the Commission to request access.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Scheel Map Sales Proceeds- Interpretive Sign Inventory Evaluation Status

Originally the Commission planned to inventory and evaluate the signs but it was discovered that Parks and Rec has already started the process. Items 1 and 2 should be combined and remain on the agenda while P & R completes the work. Monies from the map sales will be used to update the signs.

2. Update on interpretive signage inventory and conditions assessment

See Item 1.

3. Byram's Corner Naming Request from Supervisor English

Mr. Tully spoke with VDOT and found there is a form that needs to be presented to the Board and approved. The County will have to pay for the sign and its upkeep. Supervisor English requested the Commission table this item until further notice. It will remain on the agenda and Mr. Tully will remind Supervisor English in 60 days.

4. Celebrate Virginia Development Review: Status of 2001 MOA (VDHR #98-2257)-no update

There is the possibility the MOA is void because the permit is void. Ms. Kotting will continue to work on this project. This will be a 55+ residential community with 130 units. There is nothing being proffered.

5. Counting House Update: Request for Proposal Status: Under Review-BOS closed session item, Sept. 17, 2024

Progress is being made. It was brought to a closed session with the Board and it is being reviewed by legal now.

6. Commission Member Recruitment Update

The Commission is still short one member. Please let the Commission know if you have any recommendations for someone that would be interested. That person doesn't have to live in the Falmouth District, just in the County.

#### ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

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None

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Tully thanked the Stafford Historical Society members for their help in making the Via Colori event a success. Seventy-eight artists participated in the event.

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anita Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2024.

Martha Newton seconded the motion.

The motion passed 4/0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, James Tully adjourned the meeting at 3:38.