

STAFFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

July 3, 2025

The meeting of the Stafford County Historical Commission on Thursday, July 3, 2025, was called to order at 3:10 PM by Anita Dodd in the ABC Room of the George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Newton (late - 3:18), Frank White, Jane Conner, Emma Dietrich and Anita Dodd

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Powell

STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Kotting, Stacie Stinnette

GUESTS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Dodd called the meeting to order at 3:10.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Roll was called and there was a quorum.

VOTE TO ACCEPT/AMEND AGENDA

Ms. Kotting had two additions to the agenda; a report on the reserve account and a follow-up on the Grizzle building. Ms. Dietrich made a motion to accept the additions. Ms. Conner seconded the motion. Motion passed, 4/0.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Development Review: Drew Middle School Replacement

AP # 25156529

Staff requests Historical Commission comments for consideration in review submission

Ms. Kotting presented the staff report for the DMS Replacement at the Clift Farms property. Discussion followed which included suggesting various facilities could be named appropriately referencing the history of the site and the creation of a micro-museum or similar display area within the school highlighting the property's history. Ms. Dietrich made a motion to send a letter to the Planning Commission requesting a Phase II archaeological investigation to include a metal detecting survey of the expanded archeological resource area, the consideration of commemorating individual facilities with names associated with the site's history and consideration of a permanent display in the building that tells the story of the site. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

2. Development Preliminary Review: Forest Lane

AP #'s 25156545, 25156542, 25156546

Staff requests Historical Commission comments for consideration in preliminary review

Ms. Kotting presented the staff report for the Forest Lane project. This is a data center project adjacent to Sherwood Forest Farm. In 2023 the ARB referred this resource to the BOS for consideration of a Historic

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Resource Overlay Zoning designation but as of this date it has not been placed on the BOS agenda. Ms. Dietrich made a motion to send a letter to the Planning Commission requesting Phase II and III archaeological investigations be done, a Historic Structure report be done for 089-0094 to include the first floor plan drawings, the consideration of a preservation plan for Sherwood Forest Farm and related resources to include its restoration and preservation, consideration of mitigation of the visual impact of the new construction, consideration of conducting a viewshed study and consideration of facilitating a site visit for the SCHC. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

3. Escrow Account Update

There is \$11,449.24 in the Historical Commission account and \$107 in the Cemetery Committee account

4. Update on Grizzle Building

Nancy Kotting shared that the Historical Society has expressed interest in exploring utilizing the Grizzle Building and site as a Stafford County Museum with the County and invited the Historical Commission to comment.

Ms. Conner made a motion to send a letter to County Admin in support of the Historical Society's interest in the adaptive reuse of the Grizzle Building for a Stafford County Museum. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. Motion passed, 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

Kendall Family cemetery boy scout project underway.

REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Martha Newton made a motion to approve the amended minutes from June 5, 2025. Emma Dietrich seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Anita Dodd adjourned the meeting at 4:23.