

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Warren Green Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

Attendance:

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)

Not in Attendance:

Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)
Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)

Scott District Representative (position open)

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner
Maureen Williamson, Staff

1. Call to Order.
Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.
2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2016
The April 6, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. LaMonica seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.
3. Ongoing Business
 - May 14, 2016 Public Program – *Historic Property Research Workshop*
Ms. Wheatcraft stated that refreshments will be purchased locally to make the process of set-up the morning of the workshop easier.

Ms. Wheatcraft confirmed the 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. program timeframe and also noted that the workshop would be set-up in the Board of Supervisors chambers the Friday afternoon before the event. She said that the sound system would be tested and the chairs and tables set-up. She also said that she would not need the assistance of the ARB members with the set-up, as staff has volunteered to assist, but encouraged ARB members to arrive early on Saturday, between 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. to assist with last-minute preparations/emergencies.

Ms. Wheatcraft said that the workshop flyer was posted in many places, including the Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center (RELIC) in Prince William County.

The ARB had a general discussion about educational materials for the program. Ms. Wheatcraft presented the ARB with a draft of a brochure, which will provide a list of general Fauquier property research sources. Ms. Wheatcraft also stated that the

Fauquier County Library graciously donated copies of educational cards that discuss research material found in the Virginia Room in the Warrenton Library.

Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that an appreciation gift certificate for Professor Spencer was purchased. She will contact Professor Spencer one last time to ask if he has any special needs and to confirm whether his presentation will be received prior to the workshop or on the day of the program. Ms. Root asked if staff had a thank you note ready for Professor Spencer, as she believes it may be useful if he is seeking continuing education credits. Ms. Root offered to write the thank you note using County letterhead with the official ARB insignia.

- Other Business

Mr. Lee asked Ms. Wheatcraft to contact VDOT to ask if a representative could brief the ARB regarding the Waterloo Bridge and its plans for possible rehabilitation. Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that there have been recent meetings between County Administration, Fauquier County staff, Culpeper County and VDOT. She also noted that a resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) at its April 14 meeting to demonstrate the BOS's support of the rehabilitation and reuse of the bridge. Fauquier County staff is hoping that Culpeper County will adopt a similar resolution. The ARB is hoping to get an update on the Remington Bridge, as well.

Ms. Wheatcraft suggested that Marie Pham, Fauquier County Transportation Planner, could brief the ARB on House Bill 2 and its impact to the funding of transportation improvement projects, including the rehabilitation of the Waterloo Bridge. Because VDOT staff has already presented an update of the Waterloo Bridge at the Transportation Committee meeting, Ms. Pham could also provide the ARB with this update.

4. New Business

- Section 106 Review, Warrenton Training Center, Springs Road

Ms. Wheatcraft reported receiving a Section 106 consulting party letter from the Army Corps of Engineers notifying the County of plans to demolish eight buildings and numerous structures that were part of the former Warrenton School for Girls located on the grounds of the Warrenton Training Center. She said that the school was in operation from 1914 until its purchase by the Department of Defense in 1951. She noted that the federal funds and/or permit needed to go forward with the project initiated the Section 106 review process. The buildings were then determined eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; therefore, the project would create an adverse effect. To mitigate the adverse effect, Ms. Wheatcraft recommended that the federal agency at the very least conduct intensive level architectural surveys of the eligible buildings to be demolished. Offsite mitigation efforts could also be proposed. Ms. Root said that a mitigation fund could be established for identification and documentation of historic Fauquier County schools. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she will write the response to the letter and circulate it to the ARB for review.

Mr. Lee suggested that Ms. Wheatcraft meet with Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel to ensure that she is aware of the Section 106 review, as the Warrenton Training Center is in her district.

Ms. Wheatcraft distributed copies of a Department of Historic Resources publication titled, "*A Handbook and Resource Guide for Owners of Virginia's Historic Houses.*" The book, written by Camille Agricola Bowman, provides information on good stewardship practices, basic preservation issues, and additional sources for expert

advice on historic building maintenance and restoration. This publication is available to the public on the DHR website.

- Ms. Wheatcraft told the Board that she was asked to write a proclamation honoring National Historic Preservation Month (NHPM) so as to make the community aware of NHPM and the benefits of historic preservation. The proclamation is scheduled to be presented at the May 12, 2016 BOS meeting.

5. Announcements

- The Comprehensive Plan amendment for Chapter 2 will be heard at the May 12, 2016 BOS meeting. Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that the Planning Commission gave their recommendation to the BOS for approval. She said that staff met one-on-one with BOS members to answer any questions they might have on the amendment. Ms. Wheatcraft said she does not anticipate citizen opposition at the public hearing.
- Journey Through Hallowed Ground 2016 Conference, May 24-25, 2016 <http://jthgannualconference.org>, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mr. Lee said that it may be informative for someone from Journey Through Hallowed Ground to speak to the ARB about cultural heritage in Fauquier County.

- *Community Conversations – A Strategic Planning Process for Fauquier County’s Future* – A flyer was distributed that detailed the new community planning project, a year-long development that will proceed with:
 - Four public workshops on a series of topics that will inform the public and seek their input and guidance. The workshops are open to all citizens and will be interactive with individual exercises and small group discussions. **The first public workshop is scheduled for May 17 at Fauquier High School at 7:00 p.m.**
 - An interactive website, <http://www.fauquiercommunityconversations.org>.Ms. Wheatcraft encouraged ARB members to visit the website and take the Community Conversations online public survey.
- Fauquier History Museum at the Old Jail – *Legends by Lanternlight: Warrenton, the War, and After*. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for students. The walking tour meets at the Old Jail.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.