

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

October 3, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Warren Green Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

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**Attendance:**

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)  
Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)  
John Toler (Scott District Representative)  
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)  
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)  
Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)

**Absent:**

Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)

**Staff:**

Wendy Wheatcraft, Staff  
Maureen Williamson, Staff

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1. Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Root asked for a status update to the revision of Section 4-300 of the Zoning Ordinance (preservation ordinance). Ms. Wheatcraft said that ComDev staff has determined that the draft is in need of additional revision and continues to be a work in progress.

2. The September 5, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Ms. Gerrish made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.

3. Ongoing Business – There was no ongoing business.

4. New Business

Section 106 Comments/Recommendations – Route 15 Bridge (#1907) Rehabilitation

Ms. Wheatcraft shared VDOT's initial plans and scope of work, as well as photographs of the Remington Bridge. She stated that the bridge was built in 1930 and is an example of a Warren Pony Truss Bridge.

Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that she is in receipt of a letter from the VDOT District Preservation Manager, dated September 5, 2018 addressed to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, in regards to the initiation of the Section 106 review. She said that the letter concludes that Bridge 1907 not individually eligible for listing individually in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nor is it contributing to a historic district or battlefield. Therefore, VDOT staff determined that the rehabilitation project would have no adverse effect

on historic properties. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she does not agree with VDOT's eligibility assessment.

Ms. Wheatcraft stated that Bridge 1907 is individually eligible, as previously advocated in a letter dated January 17, 2017 sent to Sarah Clarke, Environmental Program Planner with VDOT. She also stated that Bridge 1907 is a contributing property of the Hedgeman-Rappahannock River Rural Historic District (DHR ID# 030-5607), which was determined eligible for listing in the National Register in 2014. She explained to the ARB that if the bridge is not determined eligible for listing in the National Register ('historic'), VDOT does not have to consider the effect of the project on its historic integrity.

Ms. Root said in 2012 the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors as well as the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions to save the historic bridge. She also noted having a 2012 letter from Mark Holma of DHR in which he determines the bridge is a historic resource.

Ms. Wheatcraft said the County's Section 106 comment response letter is currently being drafted and she intends to mail it by October 6, the end of the 30-day comment period. Mr. Lee asked that she copy the same individuals who were copied on VDOT's letter to DHR. She explained the letter will focus on making an accurate determination of eligibility.

Mr. Lee suggested making Supervisor Butler aware of the Section 106 Review as Bridge 1907 is in Lee District. He also proposed that Ms. Root may be the best one to explain the importance of the bridge, as she has compiled a history of the bridge.

5. Announcements

Fauquier County Fall Farm Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Remington Fall Festival will also be held on October 13.

At the Town of Warrenton's First Friday October 5, 2018 event, Ms. Gerrish invited the ARB to visit the Wells Fargo area, as the original Wells Fargo stage coach will be on display.

6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.