

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 2, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Warren Green Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

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**Attendance:**

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)

John Toler (Scott District Representative)

Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)

Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)

Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)

**Absent:**

Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)

Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)

**Guests:**

James Ivancic – Fauquier Times

**Staff:**

Wendy Wheatcraft, Staff

Maureen Williamson, Staff

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1. Chair Mary Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The December 5, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Concerning election of 2019 ARB officers, Mr. Lee made a motion to reappoint all ARB members currently serving as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for the 2019 term [Mary Root, Chair; Jack LaMonica, Vice Chair; Virginia Gerrish, Secretary]. Ms. Root said she would be happy to accept the nomination of Chair for one additional year. The ARB voted in favor of the motion 5-0.

Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that Ms. Rodgers fulfilled her ARB term and has decided not to serve an additional term due to time constraints. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) could potentially appoint another citizen representing Cedar Run District at the next BOS meeting.

3. Ongoing Business
  - 2019 Enslaved Craftsmen Project Research  
Ms. Root updated the ARB on additional research she has done regarding the families who once owned Hannibal, a noted craftsman, almost certainly a stone mason.

While researching Chestnut Lawn Farm, Ms. Wheatcraft noted having found a black and white photograph showing the date stone. She said the initials HAN 1832 are on the stone, and the photo shows the date stone placed in the *middle* of the wall, which

is unusual. It is of interest she noted that all three buildings associated with Hannibal, Grove Baptist Church, Chestnut Lawn, and Zoar Baptist Church, are constructed of stone.

Mr. Toler shared that he believes Hannibal built the house located at 127 Culpeper Street in Warrenton, the Keith House. The house is constructed of cut stone.

Ms. Wheatcraft reminded the ARB that for research purposes, access to every highlighted property will be needed. Mr. Jacobs noted having contacts for Zoar Baptist Church, Grove Baptist Church, and Chestnut Lawn Farm.

The ARB discussed the scope of the research involved in the project and proposed to pare it down due to time restraints by focusing on structures that were proven to be built by the enslaved through primary sources. Ms. Wheatcraft mentioned that there is a good amount of information on Weston, located near Casanova, as well as a property known as Waveland, a historic plantation near Marshall, which at one time was owned by the Washingtons. She noted wanting to choose properties that are in different areas of the County. Mr. Lee mentioned the home site of Chief Justice John Marshall (Oak Hill). There was also mention of Mount Bleak House at Sky Meadows State Park, which is made of stone, as being a viable candidate. Mr. Lee noted that at the Clifton Institute the slave quarters have been restored.

Ms. Wheatcraft noted that Ms. Karen White of the Afro American Historical Association shared that the Poor House indenture documents provided another good source of information. She explained that before and after the Civil War, indigent people living at the Poor House, black and white, children and adults, were indentured to local craftsmen. Ms. White also mentioned the Church of Latter Day Saints are currently taking on a research project about the Fauquier Poor House. The ARB asked if a graveyard was located on the Poor House property, which is now privately owned. Ms. Wheatcraft said the Poor House Cemetery was recorded by the cemetery intern in 2017.

#### 4. New Business

- Telecommunications Ordinance Text Amendment Draft

Ms. Wheatcraft distributed copies of the draft of the Telecommunications Ordinance Text Amendment, which she said will bring the Ordinance into compliance with recent changes to related State legislation. Mr. Lee said that from a Planning Commission perspective the draft is a real step forward. He said that the role of the ARB would be reduced, but they would still have a continuing role to review those applications that could possibly affect heritage resources.

Ms. Wheatcraft summarized the revised role of the ARB per the draft. She confirmed that the ARB is meant to give recommendations, as the ARB does currently. She confirmed that applications submitted under Tiers 3-5 for proposed facilities that are proposed within half of a mile of a historic property listed in the National Register of Historic Places, adjacent to or on a battlefield, or within half of a mile of a designated Virginia Scenic Byway are subject to ARB review. She described the new Hierarchy of Preferences for New Wireless Facilities on page one of the draft.

On page three of the draft, within TABLE 11-203.1: Approval Process, the ARB questioned the terminology within the heading indicating that the ARB was an "Approval Authority." ARB members believe the language in the column heading should read: Subject to ARB review with Board of Supervisors Approval Authority. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she will discuss the ARB's concern with Andrew Hopewell.

Ms. Wheatcraft said the draft will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a work session later in January and potentially heard at a BOS public hearing in February.

5. Announcements

- Mr. LaMonica shared a thank you card for Julie Broaddus for all to sign in appreciation of her allowing the ARB to use the meeting room at Old Bust Head Brewery for the December meeting.
- Ms. Wheatcraft said that there will be a federal Section 106 review for the VDOT Route 15/29 Vint Hill Intersection Project, as the project area is being funded with Federal funds. She reported that she received an invitation from VDOT to be a consulting party and, as a local government is always considered a consulting party per 36 CFR 800, she will provide comment accordingly.

Ms. Root asked if the Buckland Preservation Society, and specifically Ms. Linda Wright, have been notified. Ms. Wheatcraft confirmed that as far as she knew, VDOT had notified Buckland Preservation Society.

Ms. Wheatcraft said that DHR or the American Battlefields Protection Program (a Federal agency and division of the National Park Service) had not given official input on the project and likely would not until the Section 106 process starts.

- Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that she received a note from Ms. Gerrish that the Town of Warrenton was planning to host a Certified Local Government (CLG) training on March 28, 2019. The training may cover topics related to the treatment of historic properties, environmental sustainability, the Standards for Rehabilitation, the Section 106 process, and a Virginia architectural style guide update. Ms. Wheatcraft will confirm the County and ARB's opportunity to provide assistance with the event.
- Ms. Root shared that she received a book titled, the *History of Virginia Architecture*, a Virginia Historical Society publication. She told the ARB that Maral Kalbian is listed in the acknowledgement section of the book and again in the listings of citations. Her 1988 Master's thesis is cited.
- Mr. Lee informed the ARB that the Fauquier Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the John Barton Payne Building.

6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.