

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Warren Green Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Kristie Kendall (Cedar Run District Representative)

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Staff
Maureen Williamson, Staff

1. Chair Mary Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The March 6, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. It was asked that the minutes be amended on Page 1, Section 3, Paragraph 1, Sentence 12 to read:

“He said that most of the Planning Commissioners do not know that there are several jurisdictions in Virginia that have adopted an ordinance to recognize and protect their local districts and individual sites.”

Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted revision. Ms. Gerrish seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 – 0.

3. Ongoing Business

- May 2019 Public Program – New Information, Photographs, Etc.

Ms. Wheatcraft announced that the public program will be held Saturday, May 18 at the Afro-American Historical Association (AAHA). She said the ARB program on enslaved and free black craftsmen will begin at 11:00 a.m. On the same Saturday, the AAHA will also host an event, a book signing showcasing *Alexandria's Freedmen's Cemetery: A Legacy of Freedmen*, by Char McCargo Bah. It will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Wheatcraft said that this project is not finished. There is still much research left to do. The Saturday program will present stories of only a small portion of known tradesmen. She commented that the research has been difficult because it involves trying to find people in the historic record who were rarely documented, if at all. She said one of the hardest parts of the research was associating a craftsman with a specific building or construction project. Ms. Wheatcraft shared copies of a spreadsheet she created to organize her research.

Ms. Root asked if Ms. Wheatcraft would like related artifacts of the period for display at the program. Ms. Wheatcraft said that tangible items would be helpful and much appreciated.

Mr. Jacobs offered to take photographs of Grove Baptist Church and Chestnut Lawn Farm. Ms. Wheatcraft asked Mr. Jacobs to photograph the initials HAN 1832 found on a date stone, which is placed in the middle of a wall at Chestnut Lawn Farm. Ms. Wheatcraft confirmed that she has photographs of Waveland and Clover Hill and can attribute the same enslaved craftsmen to both of these properties. Ms. Wheatcraft said she would try to continue to work on the project in her free time and attempt to associate more enslaved and free black craftsmen with Fauquier's historic properties. She stated that the research is still a work in progress, but she feels there is enough information for a presentation to bring the work of these craftsmen to light and to give them recognition. Mr. Lee said that the general public probably does not realize that there were artisan craftsmen among the enslaved and that they were often loaned out to other property owners for their expertise. The ARB agreed that there was no need for a brochure for the public program.

4. New Business

- Ms. Wheatcraft announced that the Vint Hill Preliminary Information Form (PIF) has been completed and submitted to the Department of Historic Resources for review.
- Ms. Root announced receiving an email from Susan Russell who is working with Piedmont Environmental Council and requesting suggestions of a historic property/building in Southern Fauquier County that may be eligible for the National Register listing. Ms. Russell told Ms. Root that she would like to support a National Register nomination of a historic property or building. Ms. Wheatcraft noted that Ms. Russell also contacted her to discuss several potential projects. A list of possible suggestions were discussed.
- Ms. Wheatcraft shared that another county cemetery, the Ball-Shumate Cemetery, is being threatened. The property is located in between Route 29 and Old Culpeper Road and consists of approximately ten acres. It has been vacant for a long period of time. She stated that there are single family residential properties around this particular parcel. The cemetery was documented with a Fauquier County Cemetery Form about ten years ago. This cemetery consists of two sections—one small section enclosed with a cast iron fence on the east side and another section to the west with several unmarked burials and one burial marked with an inscribed stone indicating the remains of John Ball, a Revolutionary War veteran. The new owners have been given a permit for grading. Ms. Wheatcraft was allowed to provide comment when the owners applied for an agricultural affidavit, prior to the grading permit application. She has since spoken with the property owner who assured her that the cemetery would not be disturbed, but no boundary delineation study is being proposed to determine limits of burial. Mr. Lee felt that Rick Gerhardt should be made aware of the situation, as the parcel is within the Cedar Run District.

5. Announcements

- Public Historic Preservation Month Presentation – Saturday, May 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m., AAHA, 4243 Loudoun Avenue, The Plains.

6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.