

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Warren Green Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

Attendance:

Jack LaMonica, Vice Chair (Marshall District Representative)

John Toler (Scott District Representative)

Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)

Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)

Members Absent:

Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)

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 September 4, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion carried 5 – 0.
3. Ongoing Business
Ms. Root noted obtaining a copy of the *Virginia Cavalier* Magazine from 1968. This is the publication in which she originally found the image of the Francis Fauquier book plate, which is currently the ARB's logo or insignia. At the September ARB meeting, there was a request for Ms. Wheatcraft to rescan the book plate image for its use on Annual County Preservation Award Program documents and forms, as well as the award. Ms. Wheatcraft said she would rescan it to make it a clearer, higher resolution image.

Ms. Wheatcraft shared that Millie Latack, the Town of Warrenton's Preservation Planner, is considering reinstating the Town's preservation awards program. Ms. Gerrish said that her historic home in Warrenton was recognized for preservation practices twice by the Town with an award in the form of a certificate. The ARB discussed and decided that projects within the Town may also be considered for the County's award program. However, Ms. Wheatcraft said that, on the County's nomination form, it may be a good idea to include a note to clarify that there are two separate preservation awards programs. Similarly, she noted that nominations would also be accepted from the Town of Remington and The Plains.

Ms. Wheatcraft mentioned that the Community Development Department produces a quarterly newsletter and the 4th quarter edition, which will be issued in November, will be a good source to help get the word out about the preservation award program. She said that a press release will be written with the hope that *Fauquier Now* and the *Fauquier Times* would publish an article. Ms. Wheatcraft reminded the ARB that the Community Development

Department has a Facebook page and a notice regarding the award program could be posted there. Ms. Gerrish said she notices news stories on the County's website home page and noted that this would be another source of advertising for the program.

Ms. Wheatcraft said that she is working on making the award program nomination form fillable, which will allow for applicants to type information online.

4. New Business

- Ms. Wheatcraft expressed her disappointment in not having planned some sort of public presentation for Virginia Archeology Month, which is in October. She said that there is still time to plan an educational program and introduced a topic centered on the discovery of a surgical limb pit at Manassas National Battlefield Park. To help explain the NPS project, Ms. Wheatcraft showed the ARB two online articles: *Civil War Battlefield 'Limb Pit' Reveals Work of Combat Surgeons* and *Surgeon's Burial Pit Discovered*, which tell of the discovery of a pit in which the Civil War remains including eleven amputated limbs and two full skeletal figures were found accidentally by utility workers in 2014. National Park Service Superintendent, Brandon Bies, who is introduced in the video, excavated the site of the limb pit and provided commentary on the findings. Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB she has contacted Mr. Bies to inquire as to his availability to speak sometime in October in Fauquier County about the discovery. She told the ARB that she hopes to hear from him soon. Ms. Wheatcraft said she would keep the ARB informed should she hear from Mr. Bies. Ms. Gerrish added that even if Mr. Bies is available in November, the program could still take place then in celebration of Archaeology Month.

5. Announcements

- **October 2019 Virginia Archaeology Month**
Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) theme for 2019 Virginia Archaeology Month is marine archaeology. The *Betsy*, a ship the British scuttled during the siege of Yorktown, is showcased on this year's poster.
- Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that Ms. Latack, the Preservation Planner for the Town of Warrenton, contacted her for assistance with an Archaeology Month activity focused on the Warrenton Cemetery. The activity, two walking tours, will emphasize the history of the cemetery and how it was established. She added that important iconography in the cemetery would also be pointed out. The chosen date is Saturday, October 19 with tours offered at 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. The event will be free to the public.

Ms. Root reminded Ms. Wheatcraft that the ARB had created a funerary iconography guide for determining the meanings of grave marker symbols for a cemetery workshop the ARB sponsored in April 2013.

- **POSTPONED:** October 19, 2019 – Preservation Virginia Mini-Conference – African American Cemeteries, Loudoun County
Ms. Wheatcraft informed the ARB that Preservation Virginia has postponed the October 19, 2019 mini-conference with plans to reschedule the event sometime in the spring of 2020.

Mr. LaMonica reported that he contacted Old Bust Head Brewery to inquire about the use of their meeting room for the December ARB meeting. He told the ARB that he learned there is a \$35 fee to rent the meeting room and another \$35 per hour charge. He said therefore, if the ARB would opt to use the meeting room, it would be \$70 for the first hour and a total of \$105 if the ARB used the room for a second hour. Mr. LaMonica confirmed that a meeting room discount was not offered and he offered to pay the fee for the use of the room this year. There was some discussion about taking up a collection for the fee.

The idea of meeting at one of the long tables for patrons rather than use the meeting room was suggested. Ms. Gerrish liked the idea and suggested that the December meeting start at 5:00 p.m. The ARB agreed.

A representative from the Leadership Fauquier Program attended the ARB meeting. Ms. Wheatcraft introduced herself and described the roles and responsibilities of the ARB, whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. She also told the visitor of the ARB's affiliation with the Community Development Department. The ARB members introduced themselves.

6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2019.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.