

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2015
4:00 p.m.

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

Attendance:

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)
Julie Broaddus (Scott District Representative)

Guests:

Andrew Hopewell, Fauquier County Assistant Chief of Planning
Julie Bolthouse, Piedmont Environmental Council

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner
Maureen Williamson, Staff

Not in attendance:

Hilary Gerhardt (Cedar Run District Representative)
Brandie Schaeffer (Center District Representative)

1. Call to Order

Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. The January 7, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Broaddus seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

3. New Business

- Andrew Hopewell, Assistant Chief of Planning – Revision of Comprehensive Plan
Mr. Hopewell attended the ARB meeting to provide more information about the Comprehensive Plan revision process. He stated that the Planning Commission has started working to update Chapter 1, which mainly provides a future vision for land use in the County, as well as overall Guiding Principles. He went on to say that the format established in Chapter 1 will be repeated in revisions to subsequent chapters, such as Chapter 2, the section that pertains to the protection of cultural and natural resources.

Mr. Hopewell explained that other chapters of the Comprehensive Plan are being revised concurrently. The Planning Commission has initially reviewed the draft version of the Chapter 2 revision (both the cultural resource and natural resource sections) at their meeting on December 3, 2014, but did not make substantive revisions at that time. However, the Planning Commission plans to conduct further review and make further recommendations after the update to Chapter 1 has been completed.

Mr. Hopewell said that a subcommittee of the Transportation Committee is being formed to understand the integrity of Fauquier County historic bridges and create design review guidelines for the construction of new bridges. He noted that it may be appropriate for an ARB member to participate on this subcommittee.

4. Ongoing Business

- Comp Plan Chapter 2 Revision – Comments for Appendices III-VI

Ms. Wheatcraft discussed Appendices III-VI, which were emailed to members prior to this meeting. Ms. Wheatcraft noted that she needs the most review of Appendix VI, *Previously-Implemented Preservation Planning Actions in the County*.

- May 2015 Public Workshop

Ms. Wheatcraft noted that the Town of Warrenton's ARB chose not to participate in the masonry workshop. Ms. Wheatcraft reported that although the Chair seemed interested in partnering with the County ARB for a workshop with a different topic, the other ARB members showed little interest in such an event.

Ms. Wheatcraft suggested that perhaps the masonry workshop is too specific a topic and would not generate any participation from town residents. Ms. Broaddus noted possibly expanding the scope of the workshop to include chimneys and how to preserve historic fireplaces. Ms. Root mentioned contacting Billy Lancaster, a certified chimney sweep, who rebuilds historic chimneys to gauge his interest in participating in the masonry workshop.

The ARB still prefers to hold this workshop as a weekend, one-day afternoon event with: tents set up on the lawn for interactive demonstrations; a short lecture held inside; and a walking tour focusing on some dos and don'ts with masonry repair. A staff member from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) may be willing to conduct the walking tour.

The date was again discussed. Considering that Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Gold Cup, and the Old Town Warrenton Spring Festival are all in May, the last Saturday in April was suggested as a more suitable date. Sundays in May were suggested. Although the May workshop was to coincide with and celebrate National Historic Preservation Month, the ARB is now targeting Saturday, April 25.

5. Announcements

- The Casanova Special Exception telecommunications application postponed. Rescheduled for 3/19/15 Planning Commission meeting.
- VDOT Communication Regarding the Waterloo Bridge Project
 - Ms. Wheatcraft said that due to the influence of PEC's efforts and overwhelming public support, VDOT has recently established a webpage for the Waterloo Bridge project that includes an engineering analysis of rehabilitation. VDOT has agreed that rehabilitation of the bridge is an achievable goal. Ms. Wheatcraft handed out the webpage address.
 - Ms. Bolthouse of Piedmont Environmental Council broke down the financial statistics included in the VDOT report:
 - Replacement of the bridge - 7 million
 - Pedestrian bridge rehabilitation - 3.4 million
 - Vehicular traffic rehabilitation - 4.3 million

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.