

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2015
4:00 p.m.

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

Attendance:

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)
Julie Broaddus (Scott District Representative)

Not in Attendance:

Hilary Gerhardt (Cedar Run District Representative)
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)
Lee District Representative (position open)

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner
Maureen Williamson, Staff

Guest:

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1. Call to Order.

At 4:04 p.m., with a quorum not present, Ms. Root started the public meeting with a viewing of a clip from the film *Meet Me at the Bottom: The Struggle to Reclaim Richmond's African American Burial Ground*. (Ongoing Business item #1)

With a quorum present, Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:21 p.m.

2. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 1, 2015

The July 1, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Gerrish seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

3. Ongoing Business

- Archaeology Workshop Events – October 2015
There was a general discussion concerning possible archaeology workshop events. During the discussion, it was decided that two separate events will be planned for Archeology Month 2015.

Event #1 – The Film Event

- The ARB discussed a public cemetery education event that would involve the showing of a film entitled *Meet Me at the Bottom: The Struggle to Reclaim Richmond's African American Burial Ground*. Ms. Wheatcraft suggested that the film could be the starting point for a discussion on reclaiming accidentally discovered forgotten cemeteries in the County, such

as the slave cemetery noted in an 1861 Fauquier County deed, close to Rock Hill Mill Road.

- The ARB discussed event dates and decided upon Friday, October 9th with a time frame of 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- The Board discussed serving light refreshments. Ms. Broaddus mentioned knowing of a local popcorn vendor in Middleburg and would provide Ms. Wheatcraft with contact information.
- Advertise/market the upcoming Event #2, The Panel Event, at the film event.

Event #2 – The Panel Event

- The ARB discussed a second event which would focus on the desire to create a new cemetery ordinance for Fauquier County. It was discussed that two adjoining counties, Prince William and Stafford currently have cemetery ordinances. Representatives from both counties, possibly the Chair of the Stafford Cemetery Committee and the staff archaeologist from Prince William County could be panelists with the hope of having them speak about how they developed and initiated their ordinances, as well as how the ordinances are working now. Citizens, elected and appointed officials, local and regional organizations would be invited.

The ARB discussed a mid-morning time frame on Wednesday, October 21st. Ms. Wheatcraft was given the task of contacting the possible panel participants to inquire about availability on this date and Ms. Karen White with the Afro American Historical Association about partnering for the public film presentation.

4. New Business

- Mr. LaMonica shared recently acquired historic style/pattern books with the ARB.
- Ms. Gerrish asked the other ARB members for information concerning the Mosby House in Warrenton.
- ARB Plan for FY 2016
A general discussion was had about the Architectural Review Board (ARB) hosting a larger public archaeology event in 2016. The ARB discussed having a study completed that would tell us more about the probable prehistoric sites in the County, specifically the Mannahoack village Taxsnitania. Ms. Wheatcraft discussed the possibility of having a reconnaissance study or predictive model conducted by a professional archaeologist that would calculate the locations of prehistoric occupation within the County using current topography, soil type, and other variables. She said the reconnaissance study could be translated into a “layer” in GIS and used for planning purposes. Ms. Wheatcraft talked about contacting Mike Barker, Virginia State Archeologist, about this type of survey work.

The ARB also discussed a possible future event where citizens could bring their own prehistoric artifact for an archeologist to determine its original function.

5. Announcements

- The State Corporation Commission (SCC) will conduct an August 10th public hearing in Warrenton on a proposed power line through Fauquier County (Route A 2/3 and Route A 2/3 staff). The hearing will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Warrenton Community Center.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.

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