

**FAUQUIER COUNTY
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014
4:00 p.m.

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

Attendance:

Hilary Gerhardt (Cedar Run District Representative)
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)
Chris Phillips (Lee District Representative)
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)

Staff:

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner
Maureen Williamson, Administrative Staff

Guests:

David Holtzman, Piedmont Environmental Council
Maggie MacQuilliam, Piedmont Environmental Council

ARB members not in attendance:

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)
Julie Broaddus (Scott District Representative)
Center District Representative – position vacant

Mr. LaMonica called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

The January 8, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Gerhardt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

New Business

- The ARB discussed recent activity related to the January closing of the Waterloo Bridge. As Ms. Wheatcraft senses that the bridge will not be an on-going agenda item for the Transportation Committee, the Board agreed to take action in a two-fold manner.
 1. To stay informed by discovering key community leaders' views on bridge preservation.
 2. To individually communicate their support of the preservation, rehabilitation, and reuse of the bridge to their respective Supervisor and other key influential community leaders.
- The ARB discussed actions to be taken to discover key community leader's thoughts about the bridge closure and to keep the bridge preservation message in high profile amongst key community leaders. Actions include the following:
 - Mr. Lee recommended that the BOS receive the bridge recommendation report, prepared by ARB, Chair, Ms. Mary Root, which the Transportation Committee received in hard copy at their January 29, 2014 and December 11, 2013 meetings.
 - Mr. Lee recommended that Ms. Wheatcraft request an appointment with Mr. Paul McCulla, Fauquier County Administrator, as a follow-up to the bridge discussion with VDOT which occurred after the January 29, 2014 Transportation Committee meeting.

The message should be that the ARB is concerned about the preservation of the bridge and feels the County's cultural heritage is in jeopardy.

- Several Board members suggested contacting, Mr. Frank Bossio, County Administrator for Culpeper County, to discuss the bridge closure from the Culpeper County perspective.
- Mr. Phillips noted taking advantage of the advocacy strength of Piedmont Environmental Council's (PEC) Culpeper County office, as a part of their mission is to preserve Culpeper's rural character.
- Mr. Phillips suggested contacting Unicorn Winery (whose location is 489 Old Bridge Rd., Amissville) to discuss the impact the bridge closure may have on their business.
- Mr. Lee recommended that the ARB members speak at citizen's time at an upcoming BOS Meeting.

On-going Business

- Ms. Wheatcraft distributed working draft documents pertaining to the revision of Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Ms. Wheatcraft discussed her vision for developing five overarching goals with policies and actions providing specifics on how to achieve the goals.
 - The Board proposed a goal centered on National Register nomination. It was suggested that a list of previously registered historic properties and districts be incorporated into the Plan, as well as a list of all potentially eligible historic and rural historic districts be added. Mr. Lee questioned if all have been identified. The Board suggested the wording of this goal: To encourage and support the nomination and listing of rural historic districts as an important part of the larger fabric of land use. The Board discussed previously identified historic districts, including Springs Valley, Carter's Run, Dickson Valley, Mount Holly/March Run, and Midland. Ms. Wheatcraft stated that the Midland Historic District survey and National Register nomination was prepared about three years ago but was stalled. The nomination has yet to move forward to the State Review Board. Mr. Lee suggested that the Midland Historic District be resurrected and sent to DHR for review.
 - Mrs. Gerhardt, as representative of the Cedar Run District, volunteered to research the Midland Historic District to determine the concerns that stopped it, as the concerns may have now been resolved. The Midland Historic District is in Mrs. Gerhardt's Cedar Run District.
 - Mr. Lee will contact Planning Commission Member, Dell Ennis, who represents the Cedar Run District, to inform him of the Midland Historic District and to ask if he would possibly relay the information to Supervisor Lee Sherbeyn, who represents the Cedar Run District.
 - The Board suggested holding a separate meeting to discuss historic districts. They acknowledged that the climate may not be conducive to local historic overlay zoning.
 - Another goal suggestion included the promotion of cultural tourism and economic development initiatives to promote the preservation of our heritage resources.
- Ms. Wheatcraft distributed full listings of public responses made to the first five questions of the *Public Cultural Resource Questionnaire*.

General announcements were made.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.