

**CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**6 March 2007**

**Present:** Cairns, Ed & Sally; Edwards, Ron & Audrey; Folk, Patricia; Simperts, Nancy; Sennstrom, Eric

**Absent:** Dixon, Mike

**Call to order:** Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Nancy Simperts made a motion to approve the January 2007 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Sally Cairns. All members voted in favor to approve the minutes. Motion was carried.

**Old Business:** Director Sennstrom reported that the Board of County Commissioners approved the nomination of the Reynolds house as a historic structure. Nancy Simperts suggested sending notice of the designation to others in Colora to generate interest in nominating their properties. Discussion ensued regarding other potential nominees, methods to encourage nominations, and how to contact property owners. HDC members will notify residents of the Commissioners' action and follow-up with attending a civic association meeting.

**New Business:** Audrey Edwards stated that Ron and she would like to attend the Preservation Maryland Conference. Discussion ensued on the fees and how many other members could possibly attend. Audrey Edwards stated that the St. Patrick's church in Pilot Town has requested a nomination form from the HDC. Patricia Folk mentioned that the Elkton Presbyterian Church is adding an addition that does not fit the existing appearance. Ms. Folk also suggested a mass mailing to potential historic nominees. Discussion ensued regarding previous mass mailings and the anemic responses. HDC discussed the local property tax credit for renovation work to designated properties. Chairman Ed Cairns discussed the Gilpin Falls Covered Bridge and various methods for relocation and potential sites on which to place the structure. Discussion ensued on what comments the HDC should make to the Board of County Commissioners in regard to the bridge. Chairman Ed Cairns suggested moving the bridge to the "Pink House" site. He also suggested preserving it would be better than allowing it to collapse into the creek. Patricia Folk suggested that a letter from the HDC to the Commissioners proposing this scenario be sent. Ron Edwards stated that a house mover could potentially move the bridge without any structural damage. Nancy Simperts will contact a house mover that she knows to obtain more information on what would be required to relocate the bridge. Ron Edwards stated that the HDC should address the County Commissioners on this subject only after more facts

are known so that the HDC can speak with some certainty as to the condition of the structure and the viability of the options discussed today. He would be willing to address the Board. Patricia Folk suggested and the HDC agreed that they should brief the Board of County Commissioners on their activities in an informational meeting. Director Sennstrom will schedule a mutually acceptable time for a meeting.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

**Next Meeting** Tuesday, 1 May 2007

Respectfully Submitted:

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Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP  
Director – Planning & Zoning