

CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
7 August 2007

Present: Cairns, Ed & Sally; Dixon, Mike; Edwards, Ron & Audrey; Simpers, Nancy; Sennstrom, Eric; Simmers, Earl (guest)

Absent: Folk, Patricia

Call to Order: Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Nancy Simpers made a motion to approve the 5 June 2007 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mike Dixon. All members voted in favor of motion to approve. Motion carried.

New Business: Chairman Ed Cairns announced the receipt of an application to nominate the Gilpin Falls Covered Bridge as a local historic site. Earl Simmers appeared in support of the application to nominate for historic designation. The HDC perused the documentation provided by Mr. Simmers as to the bridge's historic and architectural significance. The HDC noted that William C. Manlove, President of the Board of County Commissioners, the owners of the property, has affixed his signature. Discussion ensued regarding the application. Nancy Simpers inquired as to grant opportunities for restoration. Chairman Ed Cairns stated that local designation is the first step in the process leading to national historic designation which can lead to funding opportunities. Earl Simmers provided a brochure regarding the bridge for the HDC to examine. Discussion followed on a 1978 nomination for national designation that was never completed.

Motion made by Nancy Simpers to recommend that the Gilpin Falls Covered Bridge be nominated as a historic site due to its historical and architectural significance. Motion was seconded by Ron Edwards. All members voted in favor of motion to recommend historic designation. Motion carried.

Harry Lenderman of Elk Forge Bed & Breakfast appeared to present his application to nominate Elk Forge as a historic site. Director Sennstrom announced that the application will be scheduled for public hearings on 4 September with the HDC, 17 September with the Planning Commission, and 18 September with the Board of County Commissioners.

Old Business: Chairman Ed Cairns requested that Director Sennstrom send written notification to Pat Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections, that Mr. Conway inform the HDC of the receipt of demolition permits for any structure in excess of 100 years of age. Audrey Edwards reported that

Ron and she have visited two properties that have sent in cards expressing an interest in historic designation. The Edwards are of the opinion that the Cat Nap Inn does not merit further consideration. The property at 9 Love Run Road does merit designation. Chairman Ed Cairns presented a brochure produced by the Rising Sun historic organization. Chairman Ed Cairns reminded the HDC of the visits that are needed to previously designated properties. Discussion ensued regarding methods of visiting sites. Director Sennstrom reported that the Board of County Commissioners designated the St. Patrick's Chapel as a historic site. The HDC discussed regulations concerning when a certificate of appropriateness is required and what types of external coverings are considered worthy of cladding historic structures. Mike Dixon reported that the Town of Elkton has recently activated its Historic District Commission and historic preservation regulations.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 4 September 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the Planning & Zoning conference room.

Respectfully submitted:

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Director – Planning & Zoning