

CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
4 September 2007

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

Absent: Dixon, Mike; Simperts, Nancy

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

Approval of Minutes: Patricia Folk made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Sally Cairns seconded the motion to approve. All members present in favor of motion to approve. Motion carried.

New Business: Chairman Ed Cairns stated that the Historic District Commission (HDC) is in receipt of a nomination for historic designation from Dr. Harry Lenderman for the Elk Forge Bed & Breakfast. Dr. Lenderman provided a summary of the supporting documentation as to the structure's historical significance. Chairman Ed Cairns stated that the connection to Daniel Lord was justification enough for designation. Mr. Lord, who bought the property in the late 1830's, operated an iron forge which dated to pre-revolutionary times and serviced the Continental Army, a saw mill, grist mill, manor house, five single houses, twenty stone row tenant houses, and six to ten frame row tenant houses. The mills operated until the early twentieth century. The HDC complimented Dr. Lenderman on the thoroughness of his supporting documentation. Patricia Folk queried on whether there are any plans for future additions to the Bed & Breakfast. None are planned. Discussion ensued regarding the oral history of Elk Mills and the need to preserve it before it is lost. Dr. Lenderman stated that he has no intention of resurrecting the saw mill on site.

Motion made by Patricia Folk to recommend that the Elk Forge Bed & Breakfast be designated as a historic structure. Ron Edwards seconded the motion to recommend designation. All members present in favor of motion to recommend designation. Motion carried.

Old Business: Chairman Ed Cairns requested that HDC members be prepared to make their inspection reports at the next meeting which is scheduled to occur in November. Audrey Edwards requested that the nomination form and instructions be sent to Mrs. Shepherd at 9 Love Run Road, Coloma, MD. The Edwards are of the opinion that the structure merits designation. Dr. Lenderman inquired about historic markers. Chairman Ed Cairns stated that they are not required at this time. Discussion ensued regarding a potential article in the *Cecil Whig* regarding the HDC and their activities. Ron Edwards questioned whether the recent work to the Thomas Richards

House regarding new roofing and painting would require a certificate of appropriateness. Chairman Ed Cairns responded that only work requiring a building permit would require the certificate of appropriateness. Patricia Folk suggested creating a one page fact sheet to answer commonly asked questions about the HDC and the designation process and responsibilities. Chairman Ed Cairns will prepare a fact sheet and e-mail to Director Sennstrom for dissemination to the members of the HDC for their critique in advance of the November meeting. Ron Edwards stated that there need not be an October HDC meeting unless an application is received. All members present concurred

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next meeting: 6 November 2007, 3:00 p.m., Planning & Zoning conference room

Respectfully submitted:

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