

CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
8 November 2006

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

Absent: Dixon, Mike; Folk, Patricia

Call to order: Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Nancy Simperts to approve 29 August 2006 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Audrey Edwards. Chairman Ed Cairns alerted the HDC to a typo on page two. All members were in favor of motion. Minutes approved.

Old Business: Chairman Ed Cairns reported that the Rehert Center nomination was approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

New Business: Chairman Ed Cairns presented his draft press release. The purpose of the release is to attract nominees and to allay fears and suspicions. Discussion ensued regarding the draft press release. Suggestions were made to post the release on the County's website, in the newspaper and in the real estate magazine. Ron Edwards indicated that the word "permit" should be removed from the document. Discussions ensued regarding new wording that would promote positives and overcome negatives. Ron Edwards asked how the Commissioners-elect stood on the matter of historic preservation. Chairman Ed Cairns will re-work press release and distribute to all members of HDC for their feedback. Audrey Edwards mentioned that the barn on the Sprout property needs to be moved within thirty (30) days, but a need exists for a new location and funds to move the structure. Mrs. Edwards also mentioned that the Cedar Farm on Calvert Road is a potential candidate for designation as well as the Mercer-Brown house on England Creamery Road. The Mercer-Brown house was erected circa 1729. Chairman Ed Cairns reported that he has received two (2) items of correspondence. One is from Alice Arbuckle in regard to moving the covered bridge from its present location to the site of the Pink House and the other is from Jim Mullin regarding the historic potential of the Worsell Manor property. Chairman Ed Cairns reported that he has received two mailings recently. One is the "Phoenix" newsletter and the other is a Maryland Heritage Area authority publication concerning the importance of historic preservation in relation to tourism. Audrey Edwards reported that she and Ron attended the historic conference in Washington D.C.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 2 January 2007, 3:00 p.m. – Planning & Zoning Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted: _____

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Director – Planning & Zoning