

**CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**5 May 2009**

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

**Absent:** Cairns, Sally; Dixon, Mike; Folk, Patricia

**Call to Order:** Acting Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. He explained he was substituting for Ms. Folk due to an incapacitation involving her husband.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Nancy Simperts to approve the February meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Audrey Edwards. All members present voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:** Nancy Simperts suggested the HDC meet on a quarterly basis or as needed if applications for nomination are received. Ms. Simperts also reported that she is scheduling a meeting with several property owners in Elk Mills who are interested in nominating their properties for historic designation. The meeting will most likely occur in early June. Ed Cairns reported that he has volunteered to assist landowners in completing their applications. Nancy Simperts stated that the *Cecil Whig* may be interested in doing a story on historic preservation in the County. Audrey Edwards indicated that she has provided the application for nomination to two interested parties owning structures in Calvert and near Rising Sun. The Calvert structure was erected circa 1740 and the one near Rising Sun was erected circa 1719. Discussion ensued regarding the potentiality of applications and on the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' curatorship program. Ed Cairns stated that the HDC fact sheet was satisfactory and included all pertinent information. Director Sennstrom will distribute copies to the HDC members. Ed Cairns asked if the HDC had any additional comments. Ron Edwards queried as to the County's Comprehensive Plan process. Ed Cairns stated that he is a member of the Citizen Oversight Committee and could provide HDC representation if desired. Discussion ensued on raising awareness of HDC activities. Audrey Edwards reported that the Preservation Maryland Conference will be held at the end of May in Baltimore.

**Adjournment:** Ed Cairns adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** 7 July 2009, 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Director – Planning & Zoning