

CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
2 February 2010

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

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced that Chairperson Folk was momentarily delayed but will be in attendance shortly.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Sally Cairns to approve the December 2009 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Nancy Simperts. All members present voted in favor of motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: Director Sennstrom read Dr. Seidel's e-mail sent in response to Chairperson Folk's expression of interest in Washington College students assisting the HDC with research on sites potentially eligible to be nominated for historic designation. After discussion, the HDC decided option three, a class project in the Fall semester, would best suit their needs. Audrey Edwards reported that the Cecil Historical Trust partnered with Cecil College on a photography project to document historically significant structures in the Nottingham Lots. Approximately 30 students participated. Discussion ensued on potential areas for research including Colora, Elk Mills, Oakwood, and St. Augustine. Ed Cairns will draft a letter for Director Sennstrom to send to Washington College regarding option #3.

Ed Cairns noted that the article on the HDC in the *Cecil Whig* was excellent. Chairperson Folk reported that she called the *Whig* and thanked them for the article. Chairperson Folk also stated that Bill De Freitas, publisher of the *Cecil Guardian*, is very enthusiastic about an article in the HDC for his newspaper. Mike Dixon has volunteered to e-mail photographs of historic sites to any publication that desires to include them. Chairperson Folk will set a meeting date with Mr. De Freitas. Director Sennstrom announced that he discussed the inclusion of HDC information in the Chamber of Commerce's newsletter with Executive Director Laura Mayse. Ms. Mayse was receptive to the idea and would like to meet to discuss the particulars. Additionally, Director Sennstrom indicated he had drafted a letter to send to the service organizations offering for the HDC to address their organizations. The HDC perused the letter and approved of its contents.

New Business: Chairperson Folk stated that she would like to set the goal of having one application for designation per month. Mike Dixon suggested the village of St. Augustine as an ideal focal point for the HDC's efforts as it is a fairly small concentration of structures with a significant history. Sally Cairns indicated that she would contact Cecile McCaffery to seek her assistance with contacting the other village landowners. Audrey Edwards indicated the potential of some sites near Rising Sun and in Baldfriar. She will approach her contacts in those areas. Chairperson Folk, Nancy Simperts, and Sally Cairns will also reach out to others who may be interested in pursuing nomination for historic

designation. Mike Dixon indicated that the State will be surveying the Rosenwald Schools, which include the maintenance building of the Cecil County Public Schools headquarters on Booth Street.

Adjourn: Chairperson Folk adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6 April 2010, 3:00 p.m., Bainbridge Room, County Administration Building

Respectfully Submitted:

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