

## CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

7 February 2006

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

**Absent:** Dixon, Mike

**Call to Order:** Chairman Ed Cairns called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Nancy Simperts made a motion to approve the 11 October 2005 meeting minutes. Patricia Folk seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve the October 2005 meeting minutes.

**New Business:** Mr. Mike Brunner from Kent County, Maryland appeared to speak to the HDC. Mr. Bruner is restoring a historic dwelling in Kent County and is trying to convince the Board of County Commissioners of Kent County that a Historic District Commission needs to be formed. A portion of the dwelling is circa 1795 and the other is circa 1844. Mr. Brunner would like a letter to the Kent County Commissioners from the HDC encouraging them to adopt an ordinance. Chairman Ed Cairns summarized the history of the efforts to establish the Cecil County HDC. Sally Cairns suggested that Mr. Brunner obtain the State Model Ordinance from the Maryland Historic Trust. Audrey Edwards suggested Mr. Brunner contact Bernie Callan. HDC agreed to send a letter encouraging the Kent County Commissioners to adopt a historic district ordinance and to form a historic district commission. Director Sennstrom presented a letter and photographs from William Ross regarding his property at 40 Joe Meltz Road. Mr. Ross is restoring the property and would like to know if the HDC thinks his property merits designation. HDC perused the letter and photographs. HDC would like to tour the house and would like to send an application for nomination.

Nancy Simperts stated that she has a database that can provide the age of structures in the County. HDC would like to have Ms. Simperts provide the data. Patricia Folk suggested contacting the *Cecil Whig* and the *Rising Sun Herald* to publicize the new HDC brochure. Nancy Simperts will contact the *Whig* and Patricia Folk will contact the *Herald*. Audrey Edwards stated the house on Sylmar Road is for sale.

Chairman Cairns adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP  
Director – Planning, Zoning, Parks & Recreation