

**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Minutes – May 19, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town/County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia on 19 May 2021 at 4:00pm.

Present: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Robin York (Vice Chair), Katherine Berger, Page Carter, Terri Catlett (BOS Liaison), Bob Stieg
Absent: Billy Thompson, Doug Kruhm (PC Liaison)
Staff: Jeremy Camp, (Sr Planner/Zoning Administrator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Maral Kalbian (County Architectural Historian)
Other: No one

Call to Order: The meeting opened at 4:15pm by Chair Arnett followed by a motion being made, and seconded, by Vice Chair York. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda: Chair Arnett opened a motion to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Catlett asked for a correction in the minutes from the spelling of “gutting” to “guttering” on Page 2, Line 3.

Commissioner Catlett asked for clarification from Ms. Kalbian regarding a conversation between the owners of a Boyce, VA property and herself - whether or not the owners were interested in the preserving their historic building. Ms. Kalbian said the conclusion is that while they were interested, it was too late to preserve it as demolition had already begun. Additional wording for the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes to be corrected to, “The owners were not able to preserve the building at this time.”

Commissioner Carter made the motion to approve the March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes as corrected. Vice Chair York seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Executive Committee: Chairman Arnett reported there were no applications that required Executive Committee action. Chair Arnett commented that she had multiple conversations with Mr. Scott Seeberger regarding his proposal to establish a historic overlay district to preserve the stonewalls in the Bear’s Den Rural Historic District. She said Mr. Seeberger was upset since he did not realize a decision was to be made about the matter at the Board of Supervisors work session. After consulting with Mr. Camp, Ms. Kalbian, and Mr. Stidham, Chair Arnett said she conveyed to Mr. Seeberger that a historic overlay is a “nonstarter” for a variety of reasons due to obstacles such as staff time, historic precedence, and the involvement of creating design guidelines. She also covered that it is a rural historic district and the committee’s approach has always been one to encourage and incentivize residents to preserve historic resources through federal and state historic tax rehabilitation credits and educating residents about the historic resources rather than a regulatory approach. She said she promised him that she would explore signage to acknowledge the entrances to the historic district but also throughout the county. As VDOT controls the major roads, she said she was not sure if this is even possible or practical and asked Mr. Camp to research this information. Commissioner Stieg said he thinks signage is a good idea to advertise the historic districts. Ms. Kalbian suggested that perhaps a historic highway marker (administered through DHR) might be more appropriate as was done for the Greenway and Long Marsh Run Rural Historic Districts and the Boyce Historic District. She said perhaps they be erected for Chapel, Millwood Commercial, and Bear’s Den Rural Historic Districts. Chair Arnett asked Mr. Camp to research the options on historic district signage for the next meeting in July.

Chair Arnett started research on what is available in terms of educational materials that we could distribute to property owners who are interested in restoring their stonewalls.

Staff Reports:

BZA Update: Mr. Camp updated the Commission on the appeal of the property owner at 140 White Post Road. He said in the Board of Zone Appeals on April 19, 2021, it was decided to uphold the decision of the former Zoning Administrator, Ryan Fincham, and deny the appeal. He said the next step would be for the Clarke County Planning Department to send a notice informing the property owner that his 30 days to appeal to the circuit court has expired and that they have so many days to come into compliance. Chairman Arnett asked if it was possible to include the other items that do not comply with the certificate of appropriateness. Mr. Camp said he would review the meeting minutes and make references to the additional items in the letter.

Battle of Berryville Project Update: Mr. Camp noted that the Battle of Berryville Project continues to be in the research phase but that he should have more information in the next meeting in July. He stated that the consultants will start coming onsite in June/July as long as they are still on schedule.

Town of Boyce: Mr. Camp said he wishes to start communicating with the new part-time Code Enforcement Officer in the Town of Boyce and has a meeting scheduled next week to discuss some of the demolition issues. Mr. Camp said he wants it understood that the HPC is a resource. Chair Arnett said informational letters should be sent by HPC to property owners with resource details and options in place of demolition. Ms. Kalbian noted that the county has lost about four buildings that might have been able to be restored. Commissioner Stieg requested to see an updated document with dates of demolition and lost buildings.

Architectural Historian Activity: Ms. Kalbian said she received a call from Mr. Gilpin who was curious about a house in White Post, which led to a conversation about the Thomas Laws statue they are trying to erect in Winchester. Mr. Gilpin asked what Clarke County plans to do regarding their monuments. Ms. Kalbian responded that the Confederate Monument Committee and the Board of Supervisors would be addressing the entire monument project.

Ms. Kalbian did a site visit at Dr. Osbourne's house and met with the owners and their lawyer. Ms. Kalbian noted that it is in good condition. She explained the Rehabilitation Tax Credits to the owners and what is allowed under the program. During their meeting, Ms. Kalbian said she suggested that the owners "mothball" the building to preserve it while they decide what they are going to do with it.

In addition to working on awards, Ms. Kalbian said she received a call from Ms. Pam Kelly, who is on the Marvin Chapel Board of Trustees. She said Marvin Chapel is a historic, late-19th-century church off Wickliffe Road. Ms. Kalbian said they are looking for types of funding to help repair their failing, original slate roof and would like to go to a metal roof. Ms. Kalbian said she suggested repairing the roof if possible and to consider manufactured slate material. She emailed them roof repair information and how to repair slate. Additionally, Ms. Kalbian suggested Ms. Kelly speak with Larry Hardesty or Chairman Arnett, who are on the Stone's Chapel Board, and recently replaced the historic roof.

CLG/Other Grant Projects: Ms. Kalbian explained that she and Ms. Teetor completed the CLG application to finish the book, do the layout, and print one-hundred copies in black-and-white. She said the grant received last year was considered null and void; money was not paid out by the county or by VDHR. Ms. Kalbian said she was not paid for work from the last grant and that it was moved forward one year.

Ms. Kalbian reported there has yet to be any new news on the other grant project regarding the civil rights grant for the church on Josephine, but we may hear back in the fall.

Ms. Kalbian said her writing is coming along.

Old Business:

Criteria for Demolition – Draft Code Amendment (Attachment): Chair Arnett thanked Mr. Camp for formatting the draft code amendment. The amendment is a recommendation to the Planning Commission (PC) regarding the criteria for demolishing a building in the historic overlay district. Assuming everyone on the Commission approves the amendment, the HPC will present it to the PC. Chairman Arnett inquired about their availability and Mr. Camp noted they are occupied with a zoning ordinance project but they might be able to review it once the project is complete in the fall. Ms. Kalbian asked Mr. Camp if we have heard from a property owner in White Post who wanted to tear down part of the property. She said this inquiry precipitated the amendment discussion in the first place. Mr. Camp responded that he had not heard from nor received applications from the owner. Chair Arnett asked the Commission if there were any further discussion on what was proposed. Commissioner Carter moved to accept language as written to move forward to a work session. Commissioner Stieg seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

New Business:

Annual Preservation Awards (Attachments): Ms. Kalbian drafted the news release for the four awards discussed at the last meeting for a July luncheon. Mr. Camp announced that Mr. Stidham approved the luncheon for up to two recipients per award. Chair Arnett would like to include the Commissioners and the BOS Chairman, as in previous years. Ms. Kalbian suggested that the 2020 recipients be included as no ceremony took place last year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Mr. Camp said he would check the budget and let HPC know if it is possible to include the 2020 recipients. Mr. Camp will coordinate the event with Camino Real in Berryville and make reservations for their second floor meeting room at noon on July 21.

Historic District Signage - This topic was previously discussed and noted above.

Annual Report to Board of Supervisors and/or Planning Commission: Chair Arnett noted that the HPC has not presented an annual report in a while and wanted to know if there is a requirement to do so annually for the PC or if it was just a requirement for the BOS. Mr. Camp noted that the Planning Department provides a monthly report consisting of applications to the PC. Chair Arnett noted that a presentation was given to the BOS that recapped the HPC's activity and highlighted successes. She said would like to do this for the PC and will work on the presentation to share a draft in July in hopes to present in September. Commissioner Catlett noted the PC is working hard on the zoning ordinance project, trying to engage with the community, have public hearings, and make the document more user-friendly. Although nothing has changed, it is being re-written. Mr. Camp added that it now has a guidance manual and is in plain language.

Millwood Comprehensive Plan and Village Plan: Chair Arnett said she would like to give HPC the opportunity to weigh-in and provide feedback on the plans and Mr. Camp said he could share the information. The HPC had brought up conservation districts for the villages but were asked to wait until the village plans were complete. Commissioner Stieg wanted to know if the HPC should write to the PC and request to review the plans. Chair Arnett will include these details in her presentation to the PC.

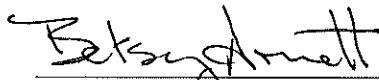
Millwood Community Association: Commissioner Carter gave an update on the little building construction in Millwood. They received quotes on repainting, repatching the roof, and putting in ventilation in the attic space. They are working on a contract with the church for phase one which is essentially "mothballing" – how to preserve a historic building. Ms. Kalbian asked if any thought had been given to establishing a 501c (3) fund within the community to help people preserve their historic properties and buildings.

Commissioner Stieg asked if a Civil Rights grant is possible to restore the Baptist Church. Ms. Kalbian responded that it is possible to do so if a case can be made for its significance during the Civil Rights era. Commissioner Stieg asked about getting an African American grant to fund the research on the church in

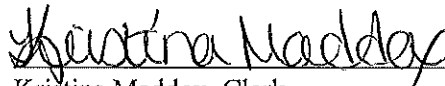
Millwood to determine if there is, in fact, any African American history in which they could get a Civil Right grant to fund the repair projects. Ms. Kalbian said she was able to apply for grant for a different church by obtaining oral history by talking to various residents of Josephine Street.

Commissioner Carter is also concerned about the traffic at the 3-way intersection in Millwood and wondered if the HPC could write an appeal to the BOS and voice concern over this issue as it is located within a historic district. Commissioner Catlett remembers talking to VDOT about it in the past but does not recall the reasoning behind no change. Ms. Kalbian suggests talking to VDOT again noting the threat to these historic resources. Commissioner Stieg suggested that the people visiting the historic resources are at risk due to the dangerous driving conditions and that VDOT may be more receptive to make a change given that information. Commissioner Carter wants to go to a BOS meeting when the VDOT representative attends to discuss traffic calming in Millwood and in Boyce. Ms. Kalbian suggested that Chair Arnett include the Millwood traffic complaints in her presentation to the PC.

Adjournment: On motion by Chair Arnett, seconded by Commissioner Stieg, the meeting adjourned and passed unanimously at 5:23pm. The next meeting is July 21, 2021 at 11:00am at Camino Real in Berryville.



Betsy Arnett, Chair



Kristina Maddox, Clerk

**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Notes – November 10, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town/County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, Berryville, Virginia on November 10, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Present: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Robin York (Vice Chair), Bob Stieg
Absent: Katherine Berger, Terri Catlett (BOS Liaison), Billy Thompson, Doug Kruhm (PC Liaison), Page Carter
Staff: Jeremy Camp, (Sr Planner/Zoning Administrator), Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer), Maral Kalbian (County Architectural Historian)
Other: None

The Historic Preservation Commission Business Meeting was not held as a quorum was not established.

Call to Order: Chair Arnett called the meeting to order at 4:11pm.

Approval of the Agenda

N/A

Approval of Meeting Minutes

N/A

Public Comments

N/A

Report of the Executive Committee

Chair Arnett said there was nothing to report as no Executive Committee applications have been submitted.

Staff Reports

Board of Zoning Appeals Update: Mr. Camp said the next step is an arraignment meeting in December where the judge will review the case and make a decision as to whether or not it will go to trial. Mr. Camp said that while there are various arguments made in the appeal, the one they are relying on is the fact that the building inspector inspected the project and approved the footers. The appeal claims that the inspector never identified that the garage was not in the right location. Mr. Camp said that the inspector was only there to inspect the footers for compliance with the building code. He was not tasked to inspect the location, nor was he qualified to do so. Upon inquiry from Chair Arnett, Mr. Camp agreed to find out who Mr. Legge's new attorney is and provide the details to Chair Arnett.

Battle of Berryville: Mr. Camp said that that despite the great citizen turnout, there were some audio complications during the consultant presentation. He said some citizens expressed concern with the prospect of their property rights being taken. Mr. Camp said there was a meeting with the consultants afterwards to go over the concerns the citizens had such as the lack of information provided on the research project itself. Now that the archives are open, the consultants said there isn't anything directly related to the battle, but they were told that there is a reference to a wagon caravan that was attacked that is believed to be connected to the battle. The consultants were going to look more into this. Mr. Camp said the consultants agreed to come back and provide an in-person presentation of the final report. He said the consultants would finish the final report in December or early January and said they felt there was enough battlefield integrity left. He said the consultants did not go onto many properties but they were able to

deduce from the records and aerial photography to see what embankments remained. He continued that there are only two properties where there's significant integrity left which is Mr. Byrd's property and the cornfield next to it. There was a discussion regarding the original federal map revisions from proposed boundaries done by the consultants including the changes in Shenandoah Crossing, and the additions of the west side of the park, Rosemont, and Clermont.

Historic Consultant's Report

Ms. Kalbian reported that letters have gone out from the Town of Berryville to five property owners on Josephine Street, whose houses have been deemed derelict by the Town. Ms. Kalbian met with Councilwoman Diane Harrison and discussed possible solutions to this crisis. She informed Ms. Harrison that two of the homes under consideration are the earliest log houses to survive in the community. The others are also historic. Kalbian said there were several meetings years ago regarding a community development block grant and that engineers were consulted to get a better scope of the project. She said the understanding was that it was going to be free money but at one of the final meetings, it was explained that it was essentially a loan with 0% interest in hopes of getting a grant to cover the loan. This new information, that was provided to the community at the last minute, did not sit well with the property owners, who declined to move forward. A few years ago there was a discussion with some property owners about attempting to apply for a Civil Rights Grant from the NPS to address some of the most historic buildings in the community, including Zion Annex. Allison Teetor and Maral Kalbian attended as did Bob Stieg. It was explained to the community that any buildings that received funds would have to be put under a preservation easement. Additionally, there was to be a lot of effort involved, including getting estimates for the work in order to apply for the grant. It was decided to instead start on a small scale and Kalbian and Teetor applied for a \$250,000 grant to stabilize the original church (Zion Annex) across from Mt Zion. The county has been turned down on this grant twice. Ms. Kalbian recalled how it has been suggested to the Town that they consider having some sort of conservation district in place along Josephine Street that would simply address demolitions and new construction. This would ensure that new buildings would be visually compatible with the historic ones in massing, setback, and profile, thereby protecting the historic integrity of the community.

Ms. Kalbian heard the Civil War Trails is going to put in two new markers – one for the Battle of Berryville and they are still looking for ideas on the second. She said when reading an old diary, it explained what had happened when African American troops came through Berryville and camped at the Episcopal church. Commissioner Stieg said he thought the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation was committed to doing a civil war trail sign for Thomas Laws at the Josephine Museum where he's buried.

Ms. Kalbian has been in touch with the new owners of Carter Hall and provided them information regarding rehabilitation tax credits. She sent them links to the DHR website and told them about the tax incentives the county provides for rehabilitations. She said they were waiting to see what the County will allow them to do. Mr. Camp responded he had just issued a Zoning Determination response, which notified them they are grandfathered for a specific use - a non-profit organization. He said if they want to bring in something similar to a nonprofit, they are able to do so but they will need to get the approvals as a new use rather than relying on the grandfathered status.

Ms. Kalbian noted there will be a preliminary hearing regarding the monument lawsuit in January. The public defender says he has a client who allegedly tried to shoot at a sheriff's deputy in front of Nalls Market and is asking for a change of venue or to take the monument down as he doesn't feel his client will get a fair trial.

Ms. Kalbian mentioned that an article came out in the White House History Quarterly about JFK's butler, George Thomas, who grew up in Clarke County. She said she knew the person editing the article and she had asked Ms. Kalbian to review it but she isn't certain whether or not her changes were accepted.

Ms. Kalbian attended a book signing at the Tuleyries for Sandy Wilson, the former owner. She said Ms. Wilson hired a friend to write a book about the Tuleyries and said the event was well attended by about 50 people and was very nice. She said there was another book signing at Locke Store where it is now available for purchase.

An email was received by Ms. Kalbian from DHR (Department of Historic Resources) wanting to do a highway marker on John Underwood. Ms. Kalbian sent them the entire entry of what is in the catalog about his house.

Ms. Kalbian said she the book is coming along.

CLG/other Grant Projects

Chair Arnett said the 2022 CLG application will be due in May. Commissioner Chair mentioned a potential project to identify as many enslaved people cemeteries in Clarke County as possible. Mr. Camp suggested that the Commission have an Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the potential grant applications and to come up with a list that they will present to the Commission in January. Chair Arnett asked Mr. Camp to send an email to the Commission asking for recommendations and suggestions for applications and projects.

Old Business

Battle of Berryville – Commissioner Stieg commented that we will have produced a PIF (Preliminary Information Form) and a study report but wanted to know if the next step is to write a nomination. Ms. Kalbian's responded that it was a valid next step if the choice is to move forward with it. Chair Arnett said that it would take a lot of reaching out to people and addressing their concerns. There was a discussion surrounding the County's GIS map online which is by parcel and shows various layers including the district boundaries, historic buildings, etc. Chair Arnett commented that the focus in the next consultant meeting should be on expanding the understanding of the battle and that we are evaluating the possibility of creating a historic district. There was a discussion to plan a series of meetings, mailings, and posters to address people's concerns and answer questions potentially with the help of DHR. It was agreed there are two things that need to happen – 1) DHR needs to weigh in on the PIF and if it is even eligible and, 2) we need to build community support before we move forward.

Annual Report - Chair Arnett gave an annual report to the Planning Commission, which was very well received. She asked if the Commission if she should share the presentation with the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Camp and Commissioner Stieg agreed that it would be a good idea.

Demolition Criteria Ordinance – Chair Arnett said the demolition criteria was approved and forwarded to the Planning Commission. Mr. Camp confirmed that it is in the work plan but that it may not be reviewed until the first part of 2022. Chair Arnett asked if Mr. Camp could provide an update of when the Planning Commission might take it up as a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance at the next HPC meeting.

New Business

Historic Markers/Signage: Ms. Kalbian found out from DHR that the Historic Highway Markers were not eligible for a CLG grant.

Discussion of 2022 Preservation Awards - Chair Arnett suggested asking Cathy Kuehner to do a news release in January inviting the public to nominate properties for the Historic Preservation Awards with a deadline of March. Even though the awards have not been done this way previously, Chair Arnett believes that it might boost morale. After a brief discussion on whether or not this needs to be approved by the Commission, it was decided that it does not and that we can move forward. Mr. Camp is going to draft a release, ask Chair Arnett to review, and ask Cathy Kuehner to do the release in January with a nomination deadline in February. The nominations will then be discussed at the March HPC meeting.

Commissioner Comments

2022 Meeting Dates – Chair Arnett announced the 2022 HPC Meeting Dates as follows:

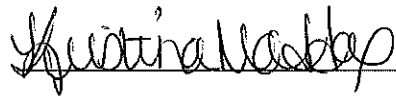
- January 19th
- March 16th
- May 18th (Preservation Awards)
- July 20th
- September 21st
- November 16th

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 4:00pm at the Town/County Government Center at 101 Chalmers Court in Berryville, VA.



Betsy Arnett, Chair



Kristina Maddox, Clerk

**Clarke County
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
Meeting Minutes – November 30, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held at the Town/County Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court in Berryville, VA on November 30, 2022 at 4:00PM.

Present: Betsy Arnett (Chair), Page Carter (Vice Chair), Terri Catlett (BOS Liaison), Robin York, Billy Thompson, Adeela Al-Khalili, Bob Glover (Planning Commission Liaison)
Absent: Katherine Berger, Kristina Maddox (Office Manager / Zoning Officer)
Staff: Jeremy Camp (Sr Planner / Zoning Administrator), Maral Kalbian (County Architectural Historian)
Other: None

Call to Order: Chair Arnett called The Historic Preservation Commission to order at 4:00PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Chair Arnett entertained the motion to approve the HPC agenda for November 30, 2022. Mr. York moved to approve the motion, seconded by Ms. Carter.

Approval of Minutes for July 18, July 20, September 21, and September 27, 2022:

July 18, 2022 - Chair Arnett requested that the minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting be changed to meeting notes as there wasn't a quorum and did not need to be voted on. It was noted this meeting was a special meeting and public hearing.

July 20, 2022 - Mr. York moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented by staff, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

September 21, 2022 - Mr. York moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented by staff, seconded by Ms. Al-Khalili.

September 27, 2022 - Mr. York moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented by staff, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Public Comments

None

Report of the Executive Committee:

None

Staff Reports

BZA Update: Mr. Camp noted he has yet to receive any new applications. He also commented that the White Post case deadline is quickly approaching in January. He said if compliance after the deadline is not upheld, it may return to court for the judge to rule on.

Battle of Berryville Project Update (grant closed): Mr. Camp said the task of filing the final fiscal report is complete. He said unless there are questions about any of the reports, the project is officially complete.

Correspondence from citizens: Mr. Camp said a citizen emailed him about an old Buckmarsh burial ground site that is currently owned by the Byrd family. The citizen would like to obtain financial or other assistance for the research to identify where the old building is. Ms. Kalbian commented that her understanding is that

the cemetery is under the road and that some of the graves have been moved. There is a small cemetery that is on private property. She suggested the citizen call Don and Mary Royston, who have completed a cemetery survey of Clarke County, for further information.

The Commission discussed Ms. Kalbian's use of time and how citizen requests should be handled going forward. Ms. Kalbian said she could put together a list of resources for citizens should they wish to further investigate and do research on their own.

Other: None.

Historic Consultant's Report

CLG Book Grant Update: Ms. Kalbian announced that the book is complete, Cathy Kuehner and two other people are reviewing it for edits, and that the publisher is going to print 100 black and white copies. There was a brief discussion on the phases of the book to include an outline, a survey, and the final draft and where the funds were located in the general fund versus the grant. When asked by Ms. Al-Khalili who the target audience is for the book, Ms. Kalbian responded the citizens of Clarke County.

Mr. Camp briefly noted the Historic Resource Plan handout for everyone to review and provide feedback on by the next HPC meeting as it is coming up on the Planning Commission's work schedule.

CLG/Other Grant Applications

Discussion of possible grant applications for 2023: Chair Arnett asked the Commission to be thinking of grant ideas for the upcoming January meeting. Examples given include a survey of African American cemeteries in the county, fish weir research, boundary line adjustments within White Post and Millwood, Blandy Farm research, or to update the National Register nominations to include African American structures.

Ms. Kalbian suggested a grant to update the Historic District Guidelines, better train the HPC in them, and provide resources to citizens with a user-friendly illustrated guide. She said she thought it was critical to update and develop the guidelines to clarify the submission requirements for a certificate of appropriateness and to standardize the process overall. Additionally, Mr. Camp recommended offering a digital element for citizens.

Mr. Thompson suggested sending an informational postcard or letter for public awareness to each resident within those boundaries.

Old Business

Annual Report: The last time Chair Arnett provided an annual report for the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors was in the summer. She plans to do this again in 2023 but would prefer to present in the spring rather than later in the year.

Historic Markers: Mr. Camp said Mr. Seeberger would like to reapply their Bear's Den historical marker application to Department of Historical Resources (DHR) or pursue another program with private funds. The Commission discussed that if they prefer to get a historical marker with private funds, the HPC asks that it have a light green background to differentiate them from the beige Loudoun County signs. Additionally, Ms. Kalbian authorized the verbiage that she originally created for DHR to be used by Mr. Seeberger for the historic sign.

The Commission spoke about what a potential future sign program within Clarke County would look like. One potential benefit is that the markers could be placed in areas that make more sense rather than in the VDOT right-of-way.

New Business

Preliminary Discussion of 2023 Preservation Awards: Chair Arnett asked the Commission to be thinking about the awards in May, which will be further discussed at the next meeting in January. She suggested that the 25th award ceremony include all of the past award winners.

Historic District Guidelines: previously discussed

Commissioner Comments


Mr. York asked about the certificate of appropriateness (COA) for the livery stable building next to the gas station in White Post. He said that the COA for the gas station included the livery stable building but was curious to know if it should be resubmitted. Chair Arnett suggested Mr. Camp review the language of the COA and determine if it is sufficient. Mr. Thompson asked if the demolition by neglect criteria would apply as the building has a dirt floor and rotted pilings and that he prefers to rebuild it completely on the same footprint. Ms. Al-Khalili asked what the plans are for the building to which Mr. Thompson replied that the consensus of their board is to make it look exactly the same but with open doors in the back and concrete floors. He said their hope is that the community can use it as a pavilion with picnic tables but said parking may be a problem. He added their board is meeting after the New Year with contractors to discuss the potential project.

Ms. Carter mentioned the courthouse layout and asked if the copper beech tree could be saved. Ms. Al-Khalili and others also agreed that the tree should be saved if at all possible. Ms. Catlett said the Board of Supervisors met earlier in the month but have yet to vote on a decision. She said the point of the layout is to make better use of the space and to be more functional.

Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the Historic Preservation Commission adjourned unanimously at 5:19PM.


Betsy Arnett, Chair


Kristina Maddox, Clerk