

Minutes
Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission
Charles Town Visitors Center, Charles Town, WV
March 18, 2015

Members Present: Martin Burke, Carmen Creamer, Curt Mason, Sara Lambert. Guests: Bill Theriault, Tom Ingersoll, Peter Fricke

Beeler's Mill: Tom Ingersoll proposed the JCHLC nominate Beeler's Mill Wheel as a County Historic Landmark under Criteria C. He presented his research into the Mill's history and the significance of the wheel as a historic resource.

CC commented that if the neighbors might agree to co-apply as part of a multi-complex National Register nomination, the larger original Mill property boundary area and structures could all be included in a site designation.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 18, 2014 meetings were distributed. Acceptance was moved by Curt Mason, seconded by Carmen Creamer, and passed.

Martin Burke announced that County Commissioner liaison Eric Bell is unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Carmen Creamer presented the treasurer's report, with updated handouts distributed.

Hotel/Motel tax receipts show \$1890 for two months of deposits. Reduced income possibly due to winter tourism slow down.

Peter Burr expenses (\$400) were significant for the last two months.

Approval of the treasurer's report was moved by Curt Mason, seconded by Martin Burke, and passed.

MB updated the Commission on the latest FY2016 County Budget. The JCHLC budget based on 2.96% of the Hotel/Motel Tax remains constant from last fiscal year. MB is requesting matching grant funding for Snow Hill roof replacement be allocated from the County Capital Development Fund.

MB has no AmeriCorp update at this time. The funding for a JCHLC AmeriCorp volunteer is apportioned in the FY2016 JCHLC budget.

WV GeoExplorer Project: Bill Theriault reported on his current progress. BT met with Harpers Ferry Park to request monetary assistance for scanning. BT held a scanning workshop last week. Workshop not heavily attended but will look into themed workshops next to generate greater interest. BT will be meeting with the JC Museum to continue to build a collaborative relationship. He will bring the JCHLC presentation to help demonstrate the work that has been done in conjunction with Middleway Conservancy and Historic Shepherdstown. Bill will be providing GeoExplorer workshops in Morgantown in March, for Masters and PhD students in

the WVU Public History program, and for the IT and GIS departments.

Shepherdstown Battlefield Update:

- A. Van Evera tracts: On track for April close.
- B. Park Day: clean up March 28th 9:30 am at Shepherdstown Battlefield.
- C. Merkhams Tract: MB is asking various parties if they are interested in holding the title. Declined by JC Farmland Protection, Land Trust of Eastern Panhandle, SBPA. He will be asking DNR Department of Forestry and PVAS.

JC Comprehensive Plan and JCHLC Long Range Plan:

Tabled until April meeting.

Commissioners' Reports:

- A. SL presented a rough draft of a space plan illustrating a potential commercial re-use of Snow Hill - for JCHLC to review and comment.
- B. Website is live on County server. MB asks Commissioners to try it out and make suggestions for additions and revisions.
- C. CM is preparing the SHPO grant request for Snow Hill repairs, due March 31.
- D. MB and Eric Jenkins will be voted in by the County Commission for re-appointment to a 3-year term on JCHLC in the April County Commission meeting.
- E. Smithfield Crossing Battlefield – JCHLC is working with the JC Farmland Protection and Land Trust for the Eastern Panhandle to present three public workshops to landowners within the three Civil War Battlefields in June.
- F. CM will attend the March 19 County Commission meeting to address the Commissioners and voice JCHLC position on the Old Standard Quarry zoning map amendment vote.

G. Middleway BAD Buildings

Peter Fricke provided a brief update that the BAD Buildings program is back working again. They are contacting property owners and offering help to write grants to SHPO for needed repairs.

MB moved that the meeting be adjourned, which was seconded by SL and passed at 9:19.