

**CITIZENS FOR FAUQUIER COUNTY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Minutes

Piedmont Environmental Council Board Room

November 12 2018

Present: Jim Stone, Ken Alm, Les Cheek, Kevin Ramundo, Jonathon Nuckles, Chris Bonner, Sally Semple, Doug Larson, David Norden, Mary Root, Mary Page, Sue Scheer, Amy Trotto, Mimi Abel Smith, Jim Rich, Dave Mailler, Ginna Wilson, Rick Carr, Yak Lubowsky, Julie Bolthouse, Susan Russell and Guest speaker Karen White. Absent: Harry Atherton, Julie Broaddus, Jessica Swan, Feroline Higginson and Hope Porter.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Mr. Cheek opened the Land Use section of the Board meeting by introducing Karen White, president of the African American Historical Association of Fauquier County (AAHA). She is a descendant of enslaved and free African Americans dating back to the early 1700's. Ms. White is licensed as a practical nurse in Virginia and in Washington D.C. She was nominated as an "Everyday Hero" by Washington's channel 7 for her work in establishing the AAHA. She founded the organization in 1992 and then opened it to the public in 1997. The goal of this institution is to educate the public and schools of the African American experience in the County and to offer myriad resource materials to persons who are interested in local history and in tracing their family roots. The museum offers a timeline of the African American experience in this country from the time the first African arrived on our shores to the present day. Mr. Alm told Ms. White CFFC would like to keep a line of communication open between the two organizations in the hopes we each could benefit from the alliance. He encouraged Board members to go the African American Museum's web site. Ms. White said the organization was presently raising money for a historic marker to be placed at Eva Walker Park honoring Julius Rosenwald who built schools in the County to serve African Americans. On the back of the marker, there will be a map showing where each of the eight schools is or where it once stood. The plan is to have the marker in place in 2019 to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first African Americans.

**LAND USE** – Rick Carr

Planning Commission – A zoning ordinance text amendment to create a zoning map amendment to apply the overlay district to defined properties along Rt.29/15 at its intersection with Rt. 605 and between Rt. 605 and the Prince William County boundary line. Mr. Carr said this was a good start in implementing better landscaping and protecting viewsheds and architecture with the final goal of preserving land use along

this corridor. CFFC feels the project represents an excellent collaborative effort that warrants implementation and is consistent with the objectives and recommendations contained in the New Baltimore Service District Plan. However, because of the proposal's complexity, we recommend delaying action to resolve concerns of the Planning Commission, residents and business owners, and to identify any refinements needed to resolve issues raised. Rt. 29/215 intersection- Ms. Bolthouse announced there will be a meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November about preserving the historic sites in this area. She said VDOT has been very accommodating. Remington Technology Park – Ms. Bolthouse said there is some concern that rather than using gray water for cooling, the data center will start using groundwater.

Board of Supervisors – 1.) Mr. Cheek reported the BOS is working with consultants to develop a plan to provide broadband service in the County with a budget of 20 million dollars. Getting service from poles to households is going to be expensive. The County is still working on it. 2.) Ms. Bolthouse said allowing above ground water and sewer pumping and a storage facility enables small infill development for townhouses and garden apartments. This amendment is designed for situations of failed drainfields and will be beneficial for workforce housing. Ms. Bolthouse announced that on December 1, 2018, PEC will be streaming a briefing on General Assembly issues for 2019 from 8:30 – 12 noon. To view, one needs to sign up on the PEC web site.

Blackthorne Inn – Mr. Ramundo reported the Easton Porter Group (EPG) says they will soon come forward with a new application for this project and that it will be consistent with the 2014 BOS approved application. However, Mr. Ramundo said the preview of the new application shows basically nothing has changed. EPG would like to return to a CFFC Board meeting in the future to go over their new application. Nothing has been submitted to the County so far.

Walker Drive – Ms. Semple said the deadline from the court on the amended complaint is this coming Thursday. The hearing will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Cheek opened the regular session of the CFFC Board meeting at 1:40. The October minutes were approved as written and the November finance report was accepted.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mr. Lubowsky reported changes had been made to the draft of the magazine in accordance with committee members' comments and suggestions.

## **COMMUNICATIONS** – Chris Bonner

Mr. Bonner thanked the Board for their contributions to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary magazine. It is hoped it will be printed soon and be available for distribution at the reception for Georgia Herbert at Hopfield on December 5<sup>th</sup>, as well as to the hospital and doctors' offices. Mr. Bonner thanked Ms. Semple for producing a spreadsheet that lists 70

organizations in the County. The list will be used to set up presentations at each organization about CFFC and to hopefully recruit new members. The magazine will also be handed out during the presentations. Mr. Bonner would like to send out postcards about our organization to key zip codes in the County at a cost of \$2000.00. The finance committee said there was enough money in the budget to cover this.

**Historic Resources** - Mary Root and Susan Russell

Hitt Cabin - In the early fall, CFFC partnered with the Germanna Foundation to contribute funds to do a dendrochronology study on the logs of the Hitt cabin on Tapp's Ford Road to determine the age of the edifice. Ms. Russell reported the results are in and that tests proved that the cabin dates back to the 1700's. This is a valuable asset in the County's historic resources.

Remington Bridge – Ms. Root said VDOT has finally given in and has agreed to rehabilitate the Remington trestle bridge. Ms. Root thanked CFFC for contributing to the Hedgeman-Rappahannock study which created a preliminary information document. This document, housed at the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR), was the impetus for Section 106 review which requires Federal agencies to take into consideration historic content before destroying a structure.

**TRANSPORTATION** – Jim Stone

Mr. Stone told the Board he was no longer a member of the County Transportation Board, therefore, would not be able to report on the committee's actions. Ms. Bolthouse said she attends those meetings and could inform us of actions that would be of interest to us.

**OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Alm suggested someone from our Board should attend Town Council meetings in the future to keep us informed of the goings on at the Town level. Mr. Lubowsky agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Russell  
Secretary

