

**Culture & Heritage
Board of Commissioners Special Called Meeting
Presentation of Historic Brattonsville Interpretive Plan
October 13, 2015
6:00 pm
Historic Brattonsville**

Approved: 10-26-2015

Person Presiding: Nancy Craig
Members Present: Craig Lentz
Members Absent: Leo Yakutis, James Duncan, Marcia Buike, Dale Dove
Ex Officio Present: Carolyn Mendenhall
Staff Present: Carey Tilley, Barbara Ardrey, Kevin Lynch, Michael Scoggins, Steve Fields,
Anita Feemster, Karen Cox, Windy Cole
Others Present: Pat Veasey, Gene Copeland, Patty Hatch, Key Hatch

Call to Order

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Craig presided over the meeting. Craig noted that a quorum was not present and, therefore, no business would be conducted.

The first item on the agenda was the *Recognition of Transfer of Title of Land from the Friends of Historic Brattonsville*. Craig gave a short summary of the history behind the transfer and Tilley noted that Linda Unz, on behalf of the Friends, has not yet signed the Deed because she has been out of town but that will be forthcoming upon her return.

The next agenda item was a *Presentation of the Historic Brattonsville Interpretive Plan* by Carey Tilley and Kevin Lynch.

The presentation included an overview of the site's significance and the goals of the plan which center on preserving history, creating authentic visitor experiences, and telling a story. The importance of preservation and adherence to National standards were also discussed. The plan will feature three periods of significance presented in five interpretive areas tied together through the themes of people, community, and land. The interpretive areas include:

- The Huck's Defeat Battlefield Trail (Revolutionary War Era)
- 1780 Farm (Revolutionary War Era)
- 1850's Plantation (Antebellum Era)
- 1850's Yeoman Farm (Antebellum Era)
- The Bratton Brick House (Reconstruction Era)

The story of Historic Brattonsville will primarily be told to visitors through Living History complemented by various other methodologies. The plan also includes areas for educational programs and group activities. The presentation concluded with a discussion of costs and phasing including a breakdown of the Phase I components.

Questions were taken at the end of the presentation.

[Note: The HB Interpretive Plan Presentation may be scheduled upon request for anyone who could not attend this meeting.]

Pat Veasey, a member of the planning team, then asked to make a statement. She thanked the Commission for approving this Interpretive Plan and stated that this is long overdue. Ms. Veasey expressed her excitement and noted that this long-range plan gives credence to our mission to preserve and protect these places.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Barbara Ardrey

Submitted by: Nancy Craig, Secretary/Treasurer