

Culture & Heritage  
Special Called Board of Commissioners Meeting  
May 28, 2013  
6:00 pm  
Historic Brattonsville

Approved 6-24-13

Person Presiding: Chair, David Plexico  
Members Present: David Duncan, Dennis Getter, Jonell Hagner  
Members Called In: Rick Lee  
Members Absent: Hester Benitez, Ragin Craig  
Ex-Officio Present: Pat Veasey  
Staff Present: Carey Tilley, Barbara Ardrey, Shawn Beckwith, Frank Couch, Anita Feemster, Karen Cox, Dontavius Williams, Wanda Fowler, Jason Luker, Michael Scoggins  
Other: Carolyn Mendenhall, Bobby Walker, Wade Fairey, Nancy Craig

The meeting was called to order by CHC Chair, David Plexico, at 6:00 pm.

**Old Business**

- Tilley advised that although work is still being done on the Rainey House Project, there was nothing new to report at this time. He is waiting to hear back on the Palmetto Trust proposal. More complete information will be available by the next meeting but if something develops before that meeting that requires action, Tilley will notify the Commission.

**New Business**

- Brick House Presentation and Approval of Treatment Option
  - Tilley advised that the main reason for this called meeting was to choose a treatment plan for taking care of the Brick House. The Secretary of Interior offers four different treatments within his standards. The Commission needs to commit to one of those treatments so that can guide future efforts and the staff does have a very specific recommendation. Tilley read over the Mother Mission Statement for CHM and the specific Mission Statement for Historic Brattonsville.
  - Tilley then introduced Shawn Beckwith, the Preservation Coordinator/Restoration Specialist for the CHM. He gave a power point presentation on the staff's research and findings; explanation of the different treatment options along with the pros and cons; and staff's recommendation.
  - Historian Michael Scoggins reviewed Historical Timeline for the Brick House.
  - Jason Luker, Education Manager, talked on new program possibilities for school groups at the Brick House.
  - ***Recommendation of Staff – Restore Brick House to the 1850-1885 time period.***
  - Tilley gave a short summary. The two categories for historic use of the house are 1) as a public structure from the time it was built up until 1885 and 2) as a private residence from 1885 on. Staff feels the public story where structure was at the center of the community is a more compelling story to tell and therefore Restoration would be better than Preservation, which covers from 1885 forward. The Restoration option will probably be more expensive than Preservation. (Tilley had earlier stated that Rehabilitation was not a viable option because it would be moving backward in space, cost more money, and lose interpretive potential.) Interpretive potential is very strong with Restoration since the timeframe covers the Antebellum, Civil War and Reconstruction periods. Reconstruction Era story has National Significance.

- Tilley asked that the meeting adjourn to the Brick House for a tour by staff.

The meeting reconvened in the AV Room.

The price of different options was discussed. Restoration more expensive than Preservation; Rehabilitation would be the most expensive option. A national significant story would be much more fundable with grants and more interesting and attractive for visitors. Discussion followed regarding various funding possibilities.

**David Duncan made a motion to follow the recommendation for Restoration of the Brick House; Getter seconded; no discussion; all in favor and the motion carried unanimously.**

- Hagner noted need for Commissioners to notify Karen Brogdon, Clerk to Council, as soon as possible regarding their intention as to whether or not they would be willing to serve another term on the Commission. Brogdon needs to start process to fill any vacancies.
- Bobby Walker advised that the Hospitality Tax Committee recommended to approve funding for the Brick House and the Battlefield projects – approval needed by County Council who will meet on June 3; also, H-Tax Committee needs a five-year plan from the CHC to get in pipeline for more H-Tax funding.

**David Plexico moved to adjourn to Executive Session for contractual matter; Getter seconded; all voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Executive Session**

- Contractual Matter

#### **Reconvened to Open Session**

(Lee off line.)

**Dennis Getter moved that concerning the Brick House, we accept the bid from Centennial Preservation Group and we deal with a total amount for that bid of \$280,000.00; Plexico seconded; no discussion; a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Dennis Getter moved that concerning the MYCO roof replacement, we accept the bid from Interstate Roofing Company in the amount of \$414,671.00 plus a \$10,000.00 contingency, both numbers being subject to finding the additional money needed in our current budget; Plexico seconded; no discussion; a vote was taken with Getter, Plexico, and Duncan voting in favor and Hagner opposed; the motion carried three to one.**

**David Duncan moved to adjourn; Getter seconded; no discussion, all voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Prepared by: Barbara Ardrey**

**Submitted by: Dennis Getter, Secretary/Treasurer**