

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 2:00pm

Present: Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Mr. David McIntosh (Board Member), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. John Caves (City Council Liaison), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Ms. Theresa Hill (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - Mr. Faith has begun posting to the History Commission Facebook page.
 - For the commemorative pins honoring this year's distinguished citizens, Buck Musser will provide design options for the board to review.
 - Once completed on or around July 1, full distinguished citizen bios will be posted on the website, with links from an abbreviated version on the Facebook page at a frequency of one or two per week leading up to the September 14 luncheon.
 - The board will consider donating those copies of the Brunswick Citizen from our collection to the Enoch Pratt library that are missing from their archive to be recorded on microfilm.
- History:
 - We continued to work on the timeline:
 - Mr. McIntosh reviewed the map showing the boundaries of Pains Delight, Merryland Tract and what was originally Hawkins Merry Peep O Day.
 - John Hawkins owned 7,000 acres, including riverfront property along the Potomac.
 - 1780 land acquisition by Leonard Smith; survey of Berlin in 1787.
 - Barleywood along Rt. 180 in Petersville was possibly the first farm within the Merryland Tract.
 - In 1841, L. & I. West obtained permission to build a warehouse on Lock 36.
 - It was determined that Samuel Washington conveyed a deed to C.F. Wenner in 1855 to build his first store on Lock 30.
 - John L. Jordan attempted to build a competitive store, which Wenner contested.
 - Graham, Jordan & Wenner received permission to open the first mill on the C&O Canal on Lock 30 in 1870.
 - Mr. McIntosh will try to find out who built that first warehouse in 1841.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.