

## **Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 2:00pm

**Present:** Dr. Wayne Allgaier (Chairman), Mr. Peter Wenner (Secretary), Ms. Jackie Ebersole (Board Member), Mr. Bruce Funk (Board Member), Mr. John Faith (Board Member), Mr. Tim Wilson (Board Member), Mr. Ariel Gonzalez (Guest), Ms. Marsha Sutfin (Guest)

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
  - Railroad Days:
    - Tim confirms permission to stage History Commission exhibit outside the train station.
  - Additional storage space:
    - Ok to use, but since not climate-controlled, best to store non-archival items
  - Donations:
    - Jim Dixon contributed a thumb drive containing the history of the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Department.
    - Dave McIntosh has contributed a thumb drive containing the maps he has created and shared with the board
    - Marsha Sutfin reviewed several items from her aunt Teeny Phillips' collection, including 5 scrapbooks of "Fabulous '40s" reunion photos, a 1940 Brunswick High School yearbook, and assorted photos of historic houses and businesses around town.
- History Discussion:
  - Timeline additions (following dates to be verified):
    - First ferries from Loudoun to Berlin area:
      - 1731: Rev. Cooper reports of Pennington Ferry questioned.
      - 1778: Commonwealth of Virginia gave permission for ferry via the Earl of Tankerville, per Bruce. "The German Crossing" by Weatherly corroborates.
      - 1798: Waltman Ferry originated, according to the Lovettsville Historical Society. Emmanuel Waltman later passed to son Jacob (father of Joseph, a land speculator in Berlin).
      - 1822: Jacob Waltman provided German Crossing. This helped make Berlin important as Lovettsville residents looked to settle on Maryland side. The Knoxville Ford already enabled people to come over via horseback.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.