

Brunswick History Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 2:00pm

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Business:
 - 11/6 GBAAC Business Expo preparation:
 - The board discussed how to best display the historical timeline mock-up.
 - We'll promote our participation on the History Commission and Smoketown History Facebook pages.
 - Historical Timeline:
 - First Ferry from Loudoun to Berlin: The board agreed to keep it general "that a ferry existed here before the founding of Berlin in 1787."
 - Fire Hall: We'll highlight the fire hall that Sonny Cannon spearheaded in the late 1940s. We need to confirm the date it opened.
 - Add 1821-1834 map that shows lot owners in early Berlin.
 - On the first panel, replace the current regional map showing the river route from Alexandria to Cumberland.
 - Find a prominent early 19th century event of national interest to fill in a contextual void on our timeline.
- History Discussion:
 - Dave shared research he'd written up about "Developments along the Potomac River Leading to the Founding of Berlin as an Inland Port City".

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.