

Planning Office

Agenda

7:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 12, 2025 202 A & B

> Development Services Building 5 County Complex Court Prince William, VA 22192

- Pledge of Allegiance 1. 2. Moment of Silence 3. Roll Call 4. Procedural Matters - Approve Request to Participate Remotely Through Electronic Communication Means (If needed) Approval of Agenda 5. 6. Approval of July 8, 2025, Meeting Brief and Resolutions 7. Citizens' Time (3 min/5 min) Chairman's Time (3 min) 8. De Pue 9. Vice-Chairman's Time (3 min) Green 10. Members' Time (3 min each) 11. Staff Time (3 min each) Planning Office Intern Presentation Nelson Libraries Office of Historic Preservation
- 12. Land Development Applications Review (Please provide staff with completed form)

 <u>Tabled Cases</u>

REZ2023-00018, Gardner Property – 5th Submission

Dobbins

REZ2025-00032, Manassas Tech Center

Brown

Revised Cases

SUP2024-00040, Deckscapes of Virginia – 2nd Submission

Pearsall

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New Cases

SUP2025-00033, Dunkin'	Ford
REZ2025-00033, Briza	Kastens
SUP2026-00001, Gainesville Crossing Firestone	Pearsall
REZ2026-00003, Griffin Heights	Ford
REZ2026-00002, Stadler Place	Brown
REZ2026-00004, 7017 Old Carolina Road	Dobbins
REZ2026-00001, Fawn Court	Brickley
REZ2025-00020, JBI Properties	Dobbins
PFR2025-00013, NOVEC Freedom I-66 Electrical Substation	Burgess

13. Committee Reports

Budget Committee	Porta
Publications Committee	Burgess
Cemeteries Committee	Brown
Historic Roadways Committee	Pearsall
County Registered Historic Sites Committee	De Pue
Legislative Committee	Brickley
Events Committee	Brace
Historic Communities	Porter

- 14. Old Business
- 15. New Business
- 16. Announcements
- 17. Adjournment

NOTES:

Meeting Brief and Resolutions

July 2025



Planning Office

BRIEF

Development Services Building Conference Room 202 A & B

July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting

In Attendance

Chairman De Pue, Commissioners Brace, Brickley, Burgess, Davis, Dobbins, Dodge, Green, Kastens, Pearsall, Peterson, Porter

Justin Patton – Staff Liaison; Toni Brzyski - Commission Secretary; Eric Griffitts – Heritage Resources Specialist; Emma Dietrich – Cemetery Preservation Coordinator; Rob Orrison & Lauren Maloy - Office of Historic Preservation; Tony Alston – Assistant Planning Director (Countywide

Planning); Calista Nelson - Intern

7:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call Quorum present

RES 25-031 Approve the agenda for its July 8, 2025, meeting as presented -

APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Green, Burgess; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from Vote None;

Absent from meeting Brown, Ford, Portal

RES 25-032 **Approve the June 10, 2025, Meeting Brief and Resolutions as**

<u>presented</u> - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Brace, Dodge; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from Vote None;

Absent from meeting Brown, Ford, Porta]

<u>Citizens' Time</u> Two members of the Turn the Mill Around Campaign spoke expressing

concern about effects on Beverley/Chapman's Mill due to the planned expansion of the Broad Run Bridge and suggesting Commission members

visit the Turn the Mill Around website.

<u>Chairman's Time</u> Chairman De Pue talked about attending a meeting at Brentsville

regarding the current situation and future use of the Williams-Dawe House and passed around a copy of the Community Engagement

Questionnaire: The Historic Williams-Dawe House a survey being used to

collect input on suggestions regarding the future of the building.

Rob Orrison, Office of Historic Preservation, indicated the survey would

be provided electronically to members.

Vice-Chairman's Time - No report.

Member's Time

Kim Brace passed around a number of articles.

Curtis Porter noted the 32nd Manassas African American Heritage Festival of Prince William County is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Metz Middle School.

David Peterson reported on attending the Open House at Annaburg Manor.

Marion Dobbins commented on Kathy Kulick's resignation and asked about the election process. Chairman De Pue said the Legislative Committee would address the election process later in the meeting.

David Brickley noted The Society of the Cincinnati House in Washington, D.C. is worth the visit.

Marion Dobbins noted The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD is worth the visit.

Staff Time Planning Office

Justin Patton congratulated Marion Dobbins on her Juneteenth television appearance. Justin reported that as of July 1, 2025, the Planning Office has renamed its three divisions as follows:

Community Development is now Community Planning & Revitalization Current Planning is now Land Use Review Long-Range Planning is now Countywide Planning Justin also introduced Tony Alston, Assistant Planning Director - Countywide Planning and noted that Keasha Hall, Assistant Planning Director- Community Planning & Revitalization has rejoined the Planning Office.

Emma Dietrich reported that the second revision to the Cemetery Database is almost ready, and she continues regular activities such as site visits and site reviews.

Eric Griffitts provided the following:

The possible boundary expansion for Thoroughfare went to the State Review Board on June 12^{th.} No decision has been received. Staff is working on establishing the historic overlay district.

He, Justin, and Calista along with members of the Office of Historic Preservation participated at the well-attended County sponsored Juneteenth event at which a substantial number of historical marker guides were distributed.

Tony Alston, Assistant Planning Director - Countywide Planning, talked about himself and his experience. He commented on what a great team he has and that he's happy to be here at Prince William County.

Calista Nelson, Historical Commission Intern, reported she's done a lot of research including at RELIC, she's narrowing the scope on Ned the Distiller House, and she'd be happy to hear from Commission members.

Staff Time Libraries

Chairman De Pue reported RELIC is undergoing some reorganization and plans to have a representative at Historical Commission meetings when the reorganization is complete.

Staff Time Office of Historic Preservation (OHP)

Lauren Maloy noted the last of the Walking Tours of Historic Prince William Towns is scheduled for this Friday, July 18th in Haymarket. Lauren also noted that Morgan Peterson, Intern, has done a lot of work.

Review of Pending Development Applications

RES 25-033 Land Development Recommendations - APPROVED - MOTION

CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion De Pue, Kastens; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Abstain-Green; Absent from Vote None; Absent

from meeting Brown, Ford, Portal

RES 25-034 Land Development Recommendations - APPROVED - MOTION

CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Green, Burgess; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Abstain-Pearsall; Absent from Vote None;

Absent from meeting Brown, Ford, Porta]

RES 25-035 Land Development Recommendations - APPROVED - MOTION

CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion Brace, Dodge; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from Vote None; Absent from meeting Brown, Ford,

Portal

Committee Reports

<u>Budget</u> No report.

<u>Publications</u> Commissioner Burgess distributed the following report:

1. Old Woodbine Baptist Church Marker:

A representative from the Woodbine Baptist Church (off Dumfries Road in the Coles District) attended the March 2025 meeting to request a historical marker for the original church which is observing its 150th anniversary this coming Sunday. John De Pue submitted draft text on behalf of the church which we edited. Our edited text was approved by the church representatives and was included in the May 2025 agenda

packet for Commission review. Further action on this marker is on hold until issues with the church's SUP application can be resolved.

2. Washington-Reid School Marker:

Text and funding for a marker at the Washington-Reid Elementary School on Dumfries Road (Route 234), a stop on the county's African American History Trail, was approved in March 2024. The marker has been delivered and awaits installation, which must be coordinated with the School Board.

3. The Courageous Four Duplicate Marker:

In September 2024 the commission approved funding (not to exceed \$4,000.) for a duplicate "The Courageous Four" marker requested for the Mary G. Porter Traditional School. Given the backlog at Sewah Studios, the new marker could not be delivered in time for the school's 20th anniversary in May 2025. However, a photo reproduction of the original marker was made available for the anniversary.

4. Approved Proffered Markers Awaiting Fabrication/ Delivery/ Installation:

It is not known at this time if any of the below proffered markers have actually been ordered.

- Prelude to First Manassas (Orchard Bridge/Blackburns Ford) Approved August 2022
- Woodbridge School (Riverside Station) Text approved January 2023
- Old Dominion Speedway Site Text approved June 2025

5. Hoadly Marker:

Text for this marker was approved in August 2020, and it was to be funded by the late Bill Olson whose death derailed the project. Proffered funds may become available to move forward but no new information has been received to date regarding this marker.

6. Early Land Patents Marker:

A replacement "Early Land Patents" marker was delivered in 2024. The old site in the Route 1 corridor is currently being developed and a new site has yet to be found.

7. Prince William County Historical Commission Brochure:

We noted at the June 2024 meeting that this brochure needs to be updated given that the number of county properties on the National Register, Virginia Landmarks Registry, and County Registered Historic Sites has grown. Amended text to include a list of currently available commission publications has yet to be completed.

8. Historical Marker Guide Update:

Copies of the 6th edition (2017) Marker Guide are still available, but the supply is getting low. The website version was updated to include the 2017 marker additions but still follows the 5th edition (2013) themed format which can be awkward to navigate. The marker guide needs to be

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amended with 12 new markers and 4 revised markers. Several others are in the works (see above). Another website update will require the support of the county mapping department and website manager. John McCleary has indicated his support. In the interim, Parks & Recreation have developed a new "Recmapper" App that can be amended to include historical markers. All we need to do is feed them the raw data. Using QR codes is also under consideration.

RES 25-036

Brief discussion to provide funding for the Hoadly Historical Marker.

Agree to allocate funds not to exceed \$500 in support of the Hoadly

Historical Marker whose text was previously approved in August

2020 - APPROVED - MOTION CARRIED [VOTING RECORD: Motion

Kastens, Dodge; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays-None; Absent from Vote

None; Absent from meeting Brown, Ford, Porta]

Cemeteries

No report.

Historic Roadways

No report.

County Registered Historic Sites

Commissioner De Pue noted this committee is in need of more members and asked commissioners to please consider participating.

Legislative

Prince William County Historical Commission Question on 2025 Election of Officers - Commissioner Brickley provided the following: 6/10/25: At the Commission meeting of 6/10/25 Commissioner Blaine Pearsall raised the question as to the proper election of Commissioner Yolanda Green to the office of Vice Chairperson. The Chair, John De Pue, directed that the matter be referred to the Commission's Legislative Committee, which is chaired by David Brickley, with Ernie Porta as a member.

6/10/25: Discussion with Blaine Pearsall. At the conclusion of the regular meeting David and Blaine met at which time Blaine presented his concerns. His concern was that the election was not held fairly. The Nominations Committee had asked for persons interested in running for the position of Chair. Prior to the election on May 13, 2025, two members had expressed an interest in running for the position: Yolanda Green and Eric Brown. As reflected in the approved May 13, 2025, Historical Commission minutes "Nominating Committee Chair (Venessa) Ford provided the slate of officers. John De Pue for Chairman and Yolanda Green and Eric Brown for Vice-Chairman. The Members agreed that the elections would be by voice vote. Members Green and Brown provided comments."

"Elect Yolanda Green Vice-Chairman of the Historical Commission for calendar year 2025. [VOTING RECORD: Green – 11; Brown – 3; Ayes for Green – Brace, Burgess, Davis, De Pue, Dodge, Ford, Green, Kastens, Peterson, Porta, Porter; Ayes for Brown – Brown, Kulick, Pearsall; Nays-None; Absent from Vote None; Abstain None: Absent from meeting Brickley, Dobbins]

"Confirm John De Pue elected as Chairman and Yolanda Green elected as Vice-Chairman of the Historical Commission for calendar year 2025."
"Nominating Committee Chair Ford thanked members and noted that the Committee's job is complete."

In my discussion with Blaine, I noted that the Commission follows Roberts Rules of Order and Blaine agreed that the rules were followed. His concern was that he had been led to believe that Yolanda Green had indicated that she had decided not to run for Vice-Chairman and that based upon that perception, Eric Brown did not present a "campaign speech" to the membership.

6/11/2025: Discussion with Commissioner Vanessa Ford. Vanessa served as chair of the Nominating Committee. She confirmed that the Nominating Committee followed the Commission Bylaws. At the April Commission meeting she read the Bylaws to the Commission members. Two members stated they were running for Vice Chair; Eric Brown and Yolanda Green. There were no other nominees. At the night of the election, she again presented the slate of officers which were Yolanda Green and Eric Brown for Vice Chair. No other nominees from the floor were presented. She then asked each if they would like to make a statement in support of their candidacy. Eric made a short statement followed by Yolanda. There was no further discussion and the votes were taken. Yolanda was elected with 11 votes and Eric received 3 votes. With the election of the Chair and Vice Chair, the work of the Nominating Committee was concluded without objection. Vanessa was confident that the Bylaws were followed.

6/11/2025: Discussion with Dr. Eric Brown. Eric stated that he believed that Commissioner Ford, as chair of the Nominating Committee, performed completely as required. He confirmed that at the May meeting she went over the nominating procedures and stated prior to any votes or discussion that there were two nominees for Vice Chair: Eric Brown and Yolanda Green. He was asked to give his nominating speech first which he did with a short speech, followed by a lengthier speech by Yolanda. The vote was held, and Yolanda was elected Vice Chair by a vote of 11 to 3. It appeared in our conversation that the matter had more to do with a perception on Eric's part based on his understanding of prior telephone conversations with Yolanda on April 8, 2025, and John De Pue on May 5, 2025. According to Eric, in discussions with John and Yolanda he was asked that if he were elected Vice Chair could he attend the meetings in a

timely manner, and could he resolve the matter of caring for his father which had impacted his attendance at meetings. He stated in an email to both John and Yolanda dated May 14, 2025, "You both inquired about my ability to be on time & homecare for my father. I made arrangements to adjust my job hours from 0600-1600 to 0500-1500 on every 2nd Tuesday to ensure me being on time and then nurse care for my father was changed from 1100-1600 to 1300-1800 on every 2nd Tuesday." He said that he replied in the affirmative, and in doing so may well have believed that those discussions indicated that he would be Vice Chair with the withdrawal of Yolanda. However, Eric confirmed that at no time did either John De Pue or Yolanda Green state that he would be the only nominee, and that Yolanda would not present herself as a candidate. With this belief, but before any election, Eric notified his County Supervisor that he was going to be the new Vice Chair.

6/12/2025: Discussion with Yolanda Green. Yolanda stated that in approximately March, 2025 she had a conversation with Eric telling him that she was considering not running for Vice Chair but had concerns as to Eric's ability to effectively be Vice Chair and his need to show that he could do the job. He told her that he was changing his work hours and making arrangements for caring for his father. She was not satisfied with those answers as it did not include any discussion as to what he would do as Vice Chair and needed some confirmation that he was ready for the position.

Yolanda stated that despite those concerns she still had not made up her mind on whether to withdraw or stand for election until the actual night of the election. Eric went first in speaking why he should be elected Vice Chair, but she stated that she was disappointed in that he only stated that he would be on time for meetings and had made arrangements to have care for his ill father, but that at no time did he state what his plans would be as Vice Chair for the betterment of the Commission. At that point she decided to stay in the contest and made comments as to her vision for the commission. She said that she was surprised that she won by a vote of 11 to 3.

6/13/2025: Discussion with John De Pue. At the April Historical Commission meeting the nominations for Vice Chair were closed and there were two nominations: Yolanda Green and Eric Brown. On May 5 John talked to Eric expressing his concern about Eric being unable to attend meetings. Eric said that he had resolved his work schedule to make the meetings in a timely fashion. Eric did not mention that he had resolved the matter of his care for his invalid father. John did not tell Eric that Yolanda was dropping out. He confirmed that the actual election of Vice Chair was proper and that both candidates were given an opportunity to speak. He did note that Eric told the commission that he

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could make the meetings but did not go into his ideas and vision for the coming year.

No other members were interviewed.

CONCLUSION. There is obviously a clash of visions and views among a number of members of the Historical Commission which has continued for some time. This may go back to the intense Digital Gateway votes which divided the Commission members, or a debate between "East vs. West", or just a personality clash between committee members. However, with that being said:

- 1. There is no question that the Nominations Chair conducted the election fairly and according to our Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order with the Commission and each candidate being clearly told that there were two nominees for Vice Chair: Eric Brown and Yolanda Green.
- 2. Although Yolanda in conversations indicated to Eric that she was considering withdrawing her name for election as Vice Chair, she never specifically stated that she was withdrawing her name. This appears to be a misunderstanding on Eric's part, and the heart of the issue at hand.
- 3. The Nominations Chair specifically told all before the meeting and immediately before the election that both Yolanda Green and Eric Brown were the nominees. Both Eric and Yolanda were aware that there were two candidates for Vice Chair.

Going back to the founding of our Nation and before up to our current national situation, there have always been disagreements on election results. What should be concerning to the Commission is that this simple election matter has become, in essence, a proxy war among members of the Commission. That has to change.

Events

No report.

Historic

No report.

Old Business

Communities

Commissioner Peterson provided a detailed presentation on the proposed expansion of Broad Run Bridge near Beverley Mill and its possible impact on the Mill.

New Business

Commissioner Dobbins talked about providing draft text to the Publications Committee for a historical marker.

Announcements

None

Adjournment

9:50 p.m.

July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 25-031

MOTION:

SECOND:

GREEN

BURGESS

RE:	APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JULY 8, 2025, MEETING AS PRESENTED
ACTION:	APPROVED
agenda for its	WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission considered the July 8, 2025, meeting; and
	WHEREAS, the Historical Commission provided no changes;
Historical Cor presented.	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County nmission does hereby approve the agenda for its July 8, 2025, meeting as
Votes: Ayes: by acci Nays: None Absent from Absent from MOTION CAF	Vote: None Meeting: Brown, Ford, Porta
ATTES	T:
	Secretary to the Commission

July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting Res. No. 25-032

MOTION:

SECOND:

BRACE

DODGE

RE:	APPROVAL OF JUNE 10, 2025, MEETING BRIEF AND RESOLUTIONS AS PRESENTED
ACTION:	APPROVED
June 10, 2025	WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission considered its , meeting brief and resolutions; and
	WHEREAS, the Historical Commission provided no corrections;
Historical Cor resolutions as	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County nmission does hereby approve its June 10, 2025, meeting brief and s presented.
Votes: Ayes: by accl Nays: None Absent from Absent Grom	Vote: None Meeting: Brown, Ford, Porta
ATTES	
	Secretary to the Commission

MOTION: DE PUE July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

SECOND: KASTENS Res. No. 25-033

RE: LAND DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTION: APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission seeks to identify, preserve and protect historic sites and structures in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission's review of pending land development applications assists in determining the necessity for cultural resource surveys and other research and evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that the identification, preservation and protection of historic sites and structures throughout Prince William County is well served by this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby recommend to the Prince William County Planning Commission the action(s) noted for the following properties:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Stinger Substation	No Further Work

Votes:

Ayes: by acclamation

Nays: None Abstain: Green

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: Brown, Ford, Porta

MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:		
	Secretary to the Commission	

MOTION:

GREEN

July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

SECOND:

BURGESS

Res. No. 25-034

RE:

LAND DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTION:

APPROVED

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission seeks to identify, preserve and protect historic sites and structures in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission's review of pending land development applications assists in determining the necessity for cultural resource surveys and other research and evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that the identification, preservation and protection of historic sites and structures throughout Prince William County is well served by this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby recommend to the Prince William County Planning Commission the action(s) noted for the following properties:

Case Number	<u>Name</u>	Recommendation
SUP2025-00013	Reuter Quarry – 2 nd Submission	No Further Work

Votes:

Ayes: by acclamation

Navs: None

Abstain: Pearsall

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Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: Brown, Ford, Porta

MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:		
	Secretary to the Commission	

MOTION: BRACE July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting Res. No. 25-035

LAND DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

ACTION: APPROVED

DODGE

SECOND:

RE:

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission seeks to identify, preserve and protect historic sites and structures in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission's review of pending land development applications assists in determining the necessity for cultural resource surveys and other research and evaluations; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Historical Commission believes that the identification, preservation and protection of historic sites and structures throughout Prince William County is well served by this action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Prince William County Historical Commission does hereby recommend to the Prince William County Planning Commission the action(s) noted for the following properties:

Case Number	<u>Name</u>	Recommendation
REZ2023-00018	Gardner Property – 5 th Submission	Table
SUP2025-00029	Wells Fargo Drive through ATM	Historical Marker on property memorializing start of historic Davis Ford Road at this location.
REZ2025-00026	Project Well	Phase I study of northwest corridor and, if warranted, Phase II evaluation and Phase III data recovery study. Artifacts to be donated to and curated with the County.
REZ2025-00029	Bradwyn	Phase II evaluation and, if warranted, a Phase III study. Artifacts to be donated to and curated with the County.

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Case Number	<u>Name</u>	Recommendation
		Investigate existence of a slave cemetery due to likelihood of slave quarters on the property.
		Consider the use of human remain detection dogs for the investigation of slave burials.
REZ2025-00013	Linden Lake Rezoning - 2 nd Submission	Phase II evaluation and Phase III data recovery study. Artifacts to be donated to and curated with the County. Commit to onsite interpretation if appropriate.
SUP2025-00031	Chick-Fil-A Virginia Gateway	No Further Work
REZ2025-00030	Potomac Lofts	No Further Work
REZ2025-00031	Quantico Memorial Chapel	No Further Work
SUP2025-00032	Alex Di Taranto Firearm Sales	No Further Work
REZ2025-00032	Manassas Tech Center	Table

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Ayes: by acclamation

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: Brown, Ford, Porta

MOTION CARRIED

ATTEST:		
	Secretary to the Commission	

July 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

MOTION:

KASTENS

SECOND:	DODGE	Res. No. 25-036
RE:		TO EXCEED \$500 IN SUPPORT OF THE HOSE TEXT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
ACTION:	APPROVED	
Commission historical and	WHEREAS , the Board of County Su to advise and assist in efforts to ider d cultural resources and the history o	itify, preserve, protect and promote
		ty Historical Commission believes that the ntification, preservation, protection and /;
	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE mmission does hereby agree to alloo y Historical Marker whose text was p	ate funds not to exceed \$500 in support
Votes: Ayes: by acc Nays: None Absent from Absent from MOTION CAI	Note : None Meeting: Brown, Ford, Porta	
ATTES	ST:	
Secretary to the Commission		