

Town of Richlands
Section House Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2025

Attendance: Lynna Mitchell (chair), Greg Horn, Rod Cury, Eleanor Armes, Donna Altizer, Sandra Culler, Zadin Lawson, Gaynelle Thompson

I. Call to order

The meeting convened at 5:05pm.

II. Minutes

The minutes of the 2/20/25 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. Financial report

--Donna submitted receipts for her expenses related to the Jefferson event. These will be reimbursed from our account with the town; Rod reported that he has arranged for the town to pay for Kurt Smith's and Clint Neal's invoices from the Jefferson event.

IV. Jeffersons "Looking Forward, Looking Back" event recap

--Lynna thanked everyone for their hard work making this event a success. Board members remarked on the many compliments they received from attendees.

--Lynna also requested suggestions for improvements for future events. Zadin suggested we could use disposable wine glasses since returning the glass ones to the caterer is somewhat inconvenient. Lynna offered to return the glasses to Clint Neal, who will be catering an event at her workplace next week.

V. Hanging baskets and flower boxes

--Rod will soon be taking the outside flower boxes to Kim Campbell for planting; he will also be arranging for Kim to prepare our hanging baskets for this year and invited board members to call him if they would like to be a part of the trip to Kim's greenhouse. Lynna suggested we consider getting a mix of flowers for the baskets and boxes this year, much like the ones the town of Bluefield is using.

VI. Mt. Vernon event

--Rod announced that Peter Mulkey from CVMC has a contact with Mt. Vernon who could come to the house to present a program on George Washington. He will be in touch with the contact to work on details for the event, which could possibly be scheduled for Monday, September 9. Zadin suggested that appetizers could be served from Mt. Vernon's restaurant menu.

VII. Section House painting

--Lynna announced that the town has signed a contract with a regional vendor for the painting of the Section House exterior. The agreed-upon price is good through July 2025, so we presume the house will be painted in July.

VIII. Future event possibilities

--Lynna opened discussion for possible future events the board could consider including:

--The Richlands High School prom (May 17)

--A program by Matthew Monk, curator at the Maryland mansion of the Dupont family, possibly on the Duponts and/or their connection to Cedar Bluff's Goodwin Mills; Rod agreed to contact Matthew about possible dates, while Donna proposed a connected coloring contest for local students.

--The Town of Richlands' 2025 Christmas tree lighting; the town has requested the lighting be held at the Section House; the board discussed including refreshments and Christmas-themed storytelling, possibly with a Victorian theme.

--Eleanor proposed considering demonstration programs, perhaps demos of dances, recipes, and/or railroad-related content.

Next meeting date—Monday, April 14 at 5:00pm at the Section House

Adjournment—5:40pm

Minutes prepared by Greg Horn
March 28, 2025