

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
Minutes of the meeting held on  
April 28, 2011

**Present:** Carol Moody, Chair  
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair  
George Donely, Member  
Robert Gibbs, Member  
Ruth Mitchell, Member  
Hal Willard, Member  
Grace Mary Brady, Staff  
Susan Erichsen, Absent

**Call to Order:** A cemetery sub-committee meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.  
An Archaeology Ordinance sub-committee was called to order at 3:45 p.m.  
The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4 p.m.

**Recognition of Guests:** Pete Himmelheber, Lillian Himmelheber, Ray Wise, Warren Walker and Jeff Jackman.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Willard, second by Mr. Lawrence to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Willard to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports: Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)**

- Meril Erichsen, intern from William and Mary College, worked on updating the tax map, parcel and addresses for the Inventory of Historic Sites.
- Carol Moody and I met with LUGM Director, Derick Berlage, to discuss historic preservation challenges.
- Handled 3 Demo's
- Handled 27 customer service requests.
- Reviewed TEC comments – no historic homes. Planners from the Calvert County P & Z office participated in our TEC meeting.
- Attended Fundraising/Grant training workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Sheriff Book – 375 Anniversary – meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Cemetery documentation with Sheriff Cameron, Scott Lawrence, Carol Moody to document private cemeteries known to exist by the Sheriff.
- War of 1812 – took final version of SO MD joint tourism map and brochure to the public hearing held at King's Landing Camp in Huntingtown on April 21<sup>st</sup>; presented the by-way map and national water trail map at the public hearing on behalf of the SMC War of 1812 Committee.
- Attended War of 1812 unveiling of exhibits at JPPM, which included St. Mary's County sites with intern, Meril Erichsen, George and Susan Erichsen (Susan is member of War of 1812 Committee) and Linda Reno (member of War of 1812 Committee).
- Cremona Farms – re-measured Osage Orange Tree for MD Big Tree Program and documented additional trees for MD Big Tree Program.
- Attended So. MD Small Museum Association quarterly meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Went to Ruth Mitchell's presentation on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century sites in SMC held at Leonardtown Library on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Spent a lot of time working on the awards ceremony for HPC Annual Awards presentation.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Cemetery sub-committee update by Rob Gibbs

Work continues by members of the cemetery sub-committee. Several private cemeteries have been added to the data base this past month with another private cemetery to be added the next day.

2) Archaeology Ordinance sub-committee update by Ruth Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell reported that the group had decided to explore a possible affiliation or St. Mary's County chapter under ASM (Archaeology of Southern Maryland). Ms. Mitchell said that a meeting was scheduled for May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the College of Southern Maryland.

3) Preservation Conference on May 19 and 20 in Annapolis.

Ms. Brady talked about the upcoming Conference and confirmed attendance by Mr. Donely, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Moody and herself.

**New Business:**

1) Meeting of Cemetery sub-committee at 3:30 p.m.

The cemetery sub-committee called its meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. There was a brief discussion about several new private cemeteries that had been added to the data base. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

2) Meeting of Archaeology Ordinance sub-committee at 3:45 p.m.

The group talked about the upcoming presentation by Jim Gibb, archaeologist at the College of Southern Maryland. Members expressed interest in seeing how many citizens would show up for this exploratory citizen's archaeology group. The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

3) Presentation from Pete Himmelheber on a private cemetery he and Mr. Walker had discovered (name and location withheld to protect archaeology site). Each HPC member complimented Mr. Himmelheber on his discovery and work on cemeteries. Everyone thanked him for taking the time to make a presentation at an HPC meeting.

4) Vote on Annual Preservation Award Nominations.

It was decided to group the awards into categories. The voting was as follows:

**Service Awards**

Three individuals were selected to receive historic preservation service awards.

1) So. MD Regional Library, nominated by Victoria Falcon, *Changing Landscapes in Southern Maryland Book*. Motion made by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lawrence, which passed unanimously.

2) Grace Mary Brady, Kirk Ranzetta and Phil Shire, nominated by Dr. Regina Faden, *I'm Goin Down County, An Architectural Journey through St. Mary's County book*. Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, second Mr. Mr. Willard, which passed unanimously.

3) John Richard Knott, Sr., nominated by Carol Moody for display pertaining to the life of Arthur Fenner Lee "Buck" Briscoe 1900 to 1988. Motion made by Mr. Willard, second by Mr. Lawrence, which passed unanimously.

**Project Awards**

Five entities were selected to receive historic preservation project awards.

1) Sotterley Plantation, nominated by Nancy Easterling, for restoration work to the visitor's center. Motion made by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Donely, which passed unanimously.

- 2) St. Mary's County Historical Society, nominated by Susan Wolfe, for restoration of the interior of Tudor Hall. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs, second by Mr. Willard, which passed unanimously.
- 3) Scott Lawrence, nominated by Linda Reno, for completion of the restoration of St. Nicholas Cemetery at PAX. Motion made by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Gibbs, which passed unanimously.
- 4) Chris and Kathy Bailey, nominated by Grace Mary Brady, for restoration of the exterior of historic home and cottage. Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Gibbs, which passed unanimously.
- 5) St. Peter Claver Catholic Church and McKenna Hall Museum, nominated by Unified Committee for African American Contributions, for creation of a permanent exhibit promoting African American history of the Church. Motion made by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lawrence, which passed unanimously.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Two individuals were selected to receive lifetime achievement awards acknowledging their time and the treasure trove of information they had compiled on behalf of St. Mary's citizens.

- 1) Dr. Roy Guyther, nominated by St. Mary's County Historical Society, for lifetime promotion of history of St. Mary's County. Motion made by Ms. Mitchell, second by Mr. Willard, which passed unanimously.
- 2) Dr. and Mrs. Jamie Boyd, nominated by Kathy Bailey, for a lifetime dedicated to the archaeological research, restoration, book on Ocean Hall. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs, second by Mr. Lawrence, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Brady reminded everyone that the Awards ceremony was scheduled for Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m.

**Announcements** – None

**Adjournment** – Motion made by Mr. Donely, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Moody, Chair

Date: May 26, 2011