

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 23, 2012

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
George Donely, Member
Mary Farrar, Member
Rob Gibbs, Member
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair
Linda Reno, Member
Michael Smolek, Member
Grace Mary Brady

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4 p.m.

Recognition of Guests:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Agenda as amended to add an update from the Cemetery Subcommittee. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the June 28, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Report: Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)

- Handled 19 customer service requests.
- TEC meeting – 1 submittal required historic review (no affect to historic properties/meet with Bob Bowles).
- Archival work continues at River Springs with Carol Moody, Linda Reno and Tyler Mattingly.
- Several meetings with Sheriff, Cindy Allen, printers on first publication for the 375th Anniversary of Sheriff's in St. Mary's County.
- Attended the temporary Presidential Exhibit featured at St. Clement's Island.
- Set up St. Mary's County Civil War Exhibit with Lincoln Exhibit at Calvert Library.
- Spoke to the Rotary about a "Life in the Day of an Historic Preservation Planner"; made additional presentations to the Library (Civil War) and Mayor & Town Council of North Beach.

Old Business:

- 1) Item added – update from Rob Gibbs on Cemetery Identification Project.

New Business:

- 1) Welcome new HPC member – Linda Reno

Ms. Reno is known to all serving on the current committee and everyone welcomed her on board. Ms. Brady indicated that Ms. Reno's term had been changed by the Board of County Commissioners when the appointment was made to stagger the expiration dates more efficiently. Ms. Reno was given a two year term to prevent 4 members terms from expiring in the same year.

- 2) Future Educational Endeavors (Workshops & Speaker Lecture Series)

Ms. Moody talked about the possibility of future speakers and suggested that perhaps Dr. Julie King would like to talk about the work she would be doing based on the NEH Grant that she just received. Ms. Moody felt that would be a great topic and would check with Dr. King to see what she thought. It was noted that St. Francis Xavier Church was hosting a 350th Anniversary Speaker Series. Featured speaker include Silas Hurry, Pete Himmelheber, Reverend Conley and Dr. Dennis Pogue. Mr. Gibbs recommended that Al

Luckenbach be contacted to give a lecture about Pig Point in Anne Arundel County. A walking tour around downtown Leonardtown was also suggested.

3) Update on upcoming Share your History – Agriculture and Working the Water

Ms. Moody talked about the upcoming Share your History Day that would be held at the College of Southern Maryland in Calvert County this year. This year's theme encompassed the sharing of farming and water-related activities with the Southern Maryland Studies Center and the Calvert County Historical Society. October 20, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

4) Oyster Festival Participation

The Oyster Festival is scheduled for October 20 and 21. The hours on Saturday are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ms. Moody reminded everyone that she would be at the Share Your History event and couldn't help at the Oyster Festival on Saturday. Ms. Brady offered to set up Saturday morning and prepare a sign-up sheet to HPC members to ensure full time coverage and participation.

Items from the Floor

Mr. Lawrence stated that he would like to bring up the idea of an Archaeology Ordinance to protect the cultural resources in St. Mary's County and take it before the Commissioners. Ms. Brady talked briefly about the text amendment process and it was decided to add "Archaeology Ordinance" as an item of new business at the next meeting. Ms. Brady offered to send all members copies of the previous research that had been done before the meeting.

The Historic Preservation Commission asked for an update on the Lexington Park Development District Plan. Ms. Brady said she would make arrangements for Mr. Jackman to meet with the Historic Preservation Commission at one of its meetings.

Announcement

Ms. Farrar announced that she had been able to give her presentation on Colonial Foodways, which had been rescheduled due to storms and loss of electricity.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on September 27, 2012