

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
December 19, 2013

Present:	Carol Moody, Chair	Grace Mary Brady, Staff
	George Donely, Member	
	Mary Farrar, Member	Scott Lawrence, Absent
	Linda Reno, Member	
	Patricia Samford, Member	Michael Smolek, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: William “Bill” Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, and Frankie Tippett.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dr. Samford, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Ms. Reno to approve the November 21, 2013 minutes, which passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

- Handled 108 customer service requests.
- Two demos for the month of December.
- Historic Review required for a Pre-App meeting; site on corner of Three Notch and Hollywood Road
- TEC meeting – one required historic review.
- Raiders and Invaders Steering Committee Meeting on December 19, 2013 Working with Carol Picon, Maria Fleming, Carol Moody, Nancy Easterling, Dan Norris, Jeanne Pirtle, Susan Wolfe, Teri Dimsey, Laschelle McKay, Tracy Harris, Randy Richie, Carolyn Laray and Laschelle McKay to host a War of 1812 Celebration Weekend in Leonardtown June 6 – 8, 2014.
- Finalized speaking arrangements with Chris Haley, Director for the Study of Slavery in Maryland at the Maryland State Archives to give a presentation on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission in February, 2014.
- Working with former Commissioner Mattingly on the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Dept. Carnival Project 1926 to 1950. Firemen’s Heritage Museum
- Worked on a project with Jason Babcock, Enterprise Newspaper, for the John Wesley Chapel and Cemetery. Article will run last week in December asking for assistance from the community in identifying one of the county’s oldest African American Cemeteries. Also ran in Washington Post.
- 2 Meetings with Jeff Edgin (IT/GIS) Calvin Strozier (LUGM/GIS) and Carolyn Laray (DECD) to work on a pilot mapping project for the historic roads of St. Mary’s county. I provided each party with a list of roads and a write up about each historic road and its significance to the county.
- Worked at River Springs on December 23rd with property owners and author of future Blackistone book. Scanned additional photos and documents.
- Working with Laschelle McKay and Kim Popetz negotiating a possible historic district overlay of her home in Leonardtown proper. (process, procedure, tax credits, etc.)

Old Business:

- 1) Archaeology Committee
There was no meeting of the Archaeology sub-committee this month.

2) Newtowne Neck Heritage Committee Report – Carol Moody and Mike Smolek
Ms. Moody reported on the meeting of the Committee. She said that Mr. Smolek gave an excellent detailed presentation on the suggestions of various experts to help restore the manor house. The experts recommended that drainage around the house should be the first priority to alleviate rising damp in the masonry. They also recommended that immediate attention be given to the dormers and chimneys.

The Archdiocese made it very clear to Committee representatives that the Church owned the property and would make any and all decisions on any restoration. The Committee discussed ways to keep moving forward with the project.

New Business:

1) Annual Election of Officers

Ms. Reno handed Commission members copies of the Recommendation for Officers from the Nominating Committee for the following:

Carol Moody for President
Scott Lawrence for Vice-President
Mary Farrar for Secretary

Ms. Moody recused herself from the meeting. Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Dr. Samford that Carol Moody serve as President for another year. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Moody returned to the meeting.

Mr. Lawrence was absent from this meeting. Motion by Dr. Samford, second by Ms. Farrar that Scott Lawrence serve as Vice-President for another year. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Farrar recused herself from the meeting. Motion from Mr. Donely, seconded by Dr. Samford that Mary Farrar serve as Treasurer for another year. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Farrar returned to the meeting.

2) Future Training by MHT – Scheduled for February 11, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Members provided suggestions for Ms. Brady to forward to the Trust for their training on February 11th. Some suggestions included: How the Historic Districts Commission or Maryland Historical Trust could help the Commission; suggestion of projects that the Commission could be working on.

3) Designation of HPC member to attend Open Meetings Act Training.

Dr. Samford agreed to represent the Commission at the Open Meetings Act when it was scheduled by the County.

Items from the Floor: Ms. Moody announced that the next HPC meeting would be on Thursday, January 23, 2014.

Announcement: None

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Ms. Reno to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Grace Mary Brady

Date: Approved on January 23, 2014

Signed by:

Carol Moody, Chair