

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**February 28, 2013**

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

**Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4 p.m. The Archaeology Sub-Committee met prior to the regularly scheduled meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**Recognition of Guests:** William "Bill" Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Bob Bowles (Land Use and Growth Management) and Frankie Tippett.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the January 24, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 76 customer service requests.
- No Demos for the month of February, 1 pending for March.
- TEC meeting – no submittals required historic review.
- Continue to sell **Goin' Down County Books for the County.**
- Worked with Dr. Gordon Hughes at River Springs.
- Attended Mattapanoy Road lecture presented by Pete Himmelheber on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Historic St. Mary's City.
- Attended Civil War on the Patuxent River lecture presented by Don Shommette on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Calvert Library.
- Worked with LVFD on grant proposal to MHT for historic carousel currently housed in one of the Fire Department Carnival Buildings. Wrote letters of support.
- Measured and evaluated some trees in the 7<sup>th</sup> district in anticipation of visit from Maryland Big Tree Program Representatives in March.
- Wrote letters of support for Dr. and Mrs. Boyd's grant application to replace cedar roof on Ocean Hall.
- Worked with Michael Clayton and the Boyd's to facilitate the moving and restoration of meat house currently located at Ocean Hall.

Ms. Brady gave a power point presentation on the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) process. Ms. Brady and Mr. Bob Bowles ( head of the development division) answered questions presented by commission members and guests.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Archaeology Text Amendment Sub-Committee Report – Scott Lawrence

Members of the Archaeology Sub-Committee met at 3:30 p.m. Present were Scott Lawrence, Mike Smolek and Mary Farrar. (Carol Moody, Grace Mary Brady and Bill Hunt were also present).

Mr. Lawrence talked about the cost of a Phase I archaeology survey and said that it averaged \$500 to \$1,500 per acre with lots of variables to consider (e.g. wooded, over grown with briars, season of year, etc.)

Mr. Smolek added that he felt the cost would be greater. He stated that his job utilized consultants and the average price per acre was approximately \$25,000 with lots of variables to consider (50' interval test pits instead of 65' – sometimes more than 17 shovel test pits per acre).

Mr. Smolek had also spoken with Mr. Charlie Hall, the State Terrestrial Archaeologist, who thought that a sensitivity model was a better approach toward an archaeology amendment than a predictive model.

Mr. Smolek recommended using 5,000 square feet as a thresh-hold as any disturbance of soil during the permit process as any soil disturbance in excess of 5,000 square feet required Sediment Erosion Control measures.

Mr. Lawrence suggested using critical areas as possible criteria for review as he felt that would define and preserve more sites than anything else.

The group also thought that an approach to different models (e.g. pre-historic; early-historic – colonial; later – 19<sup>th</sup> century and GIS potential) might help clarify the purpose of the archaeology text amendment.

The cost of general environmental consultants was discussed. Sub-committee meeting was finished with each member tasked with obtaining additional information.

## 2) New School Naming Committee Update – Report from Carol Moody

Mr. Tippet had attended the school naming committee meeting the night before and indicated that Superintendent Martirano had indicated that he would be naming the new school after Walter Duke.

Ms. Moody reflected disappointment that the school naming committee had reduced the 51+ names submitted for the proposed new school site to three: Walter Duke, Newtowne and McIntosh Run. Everyone felt that it was very unfortunate that the name submitted by the Historic Preservation Commission did not even make the final cut, noting that Woodbury School actually existed on that site.

Ms. Reno was unable to attend the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting due to a death in the family, but she had asked staff to share her response to the Letter to the Editor asking that the new school be named after Joshua Barney. Ms. Brady shared the letter with Committee members, who again expressed disappointment that Woodbury had not been considered.

## 3) Historic Preservation Awards for May, 2013

Ms. Brady handed out the Press Release that had been submitted to the newspaper to promote the Commissions annual preservation awards. There was general conversation about the awards with members talking about the various individuals whose name and/or projects they intended on submitting before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### **New Business:**

#### 1) Ceremony and Reception at St. Francis Xavier – Scott Lawrence.

Ms. Lawrence talked about a 10 day event to be hosted by the Archaeological Society of Maryland (ASM) from June 14 to June 24. Mr. Lawrence indicated that there would be a field session in search of the 1662 Chapel site and asked for volunteers to help plan for the ceremony and reception. Since this is an ASM sponsored (and paid for) event, people wishing to volunteer to excavate may pay a small fee for participation directly to ASM.

**Items from the Floor:** Ms. Moody asked if there had been any headway for future speakers. Mr. Smolek said that he had spoken with Dr. Julie King, who would be willing to give a presentation. Ms. Brady said that she had spoken with Don Shomette, who gave an excellent presentation of the Civil War on the Patuxent earlier that month. Ms. Brady was asked to work with both speakers and try to have a

presentation for the month of April and May. Ms. Brady reminded everyone that after the speakers are paid for their services that there would not be sufficient funds left in Preservation Maryland had a conference this year. Everyone was fine with that.

**Announcement:** 1) Maryland Day to be held at St. Clément's Island on Monday, March 25 at 11 a.m. with Dr. Julie King as guest speaker.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Smolek to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

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Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on March 28, 2013