

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2006 at the Department of Land Use and Growth Management

**Members Present:** Peter Himmelheber, Chairman  
Hal Willard, Vice-Chairman  
Rob Gibbs, Member  
James Grusholt, Member  
Margaret McCoy Padukiewicz, Member  
Teresa Wilson, LUGM Staff

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting were approved as corrected.

#### **Update on the Annual Preservation Awards**

Mr. Willard, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Grusholt, and Ms. Wilson attended the Board of County Commissioners' meeting on May 23 at which the awards were presented. They noted that most of the recipients were able to be at the ceremony. The service awards were presented to: Donny Hammett, Mike Bush, and Dave Kelsey for stewardship of the historic tobacco barns on Greenwell State Park; John K. Parlett for leadership of the Transfer of Development Rights Committee, and the Community Affairs Committee and the Trustees of the St. Mary's County Library for reissue of *One Hundred Years of Black Cooking in St. Mary's County*. The project award was presented to the parishioners of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church represented by Reverend Paula Richardson, Karen Everett, Grants Committee, Tom Moore restoration contractor, Don Schramm, Senior Warden, and John McKendrew, Junior Warden.

#### **Report on State Preservation and Revitalization Conference May 18-19**

Ms Wilson and Mr. Willard attended the conference which was in Annapolis this year. Mr. Willard attended sessions on restoration of historic windows, preserving and organizing historic documents and records, and challenges of installing HVAC in historic buildings. Ms. Wilson attended sessions on "green" preservation, historic window repair, and African American archaeology—finding the location of structures no longer standing using oral histories and archaeological techniques.

#### **Discussion of Cemetery Project**

Mr. Himmelheber and the membership agreed that the next step in the project should be the creation of a database of county cemeteries. Mr. Gibbs agreed to meet with Ms. Wilson to create an Access Database that can link to HTE or from which HTE can receive information. Mr. Gibbs stated fields can be created tailored to the information we wish to record, for example, Tax Map, Block, Parcel, geographic coordinates etc.

#### **Report on the CLG Historic Roads Grant and the State Highway Byways Grant**

Ms. Wilson informed the HPC that the contractor for the CLG Historic Roads Survey has now completed the first draft of the context document and the survey work on the roads. She will send copies of the context to the members. She also noted that she is working with Laura Sutton, a colleague in the planning office to produce a driving brochure of the seven roads surveyed that will include color photos, a map, and driving directions.

Ms. Wilson reported that the Maryland State Highway Department will be sending a Memorandum of Understanding for the Religious Freedom Scenic Byway. The grant will be used to develop a corridor management plan. She noted that she would keep the HPC informed as the project gets underway.

#### **Items from the Floor**

Mr. Himmelheber requested that the June 22 meeting be moved to June 29. The members had no objections and the meeting date was changed.

Ms. Wilson told the HPC that she had received a scholarship to study at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest Field School from May 28 to June 11.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_