

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

Minutes of the meeting held on June 25, 2009 at the  
Department of Land Use and Growth Management

**Present:** Rob Gibbs, Chair  
Ruth Mitchell, Member  
Hal Willard, Member  
Victor Govier, Excused  
Mary Hayden, Vice-Chair  
Susan Erichsen, Absent  
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Gibbs called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present. Commission requirements were read for the record.

**Guests:** Carol Moody and Scott Lawrence

**Agenda:** Motion by Ruth Mitchell, second by Mary Hayden to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Hal Willard, second by Ruth Mitchell to approve the minutes of May 21, 2009 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Graveyard project** – no report.

**Religious Freedom Byway** – Staff reported that Beth Groth (Historic Planner for Charles County) met with the Charles County Human Resource department – the one year contract position for a corridor management position was ready to be advertised.

**Inclusion of professionals from local historic sites** – No report.

**Staff Reports:**

1. Demolition Requests: There had been 1 demolition request the previous month. (a) a 1950 home located at 42185 Patuxent Drive, Mechanicsville, Maryland. The Committee members reviewed the photos and permit request staff provided.
2. Technical Evaluation Committee: There were 3 historic sites covered at the June 11<sup>th</sup> TEC meeting: (a) 1930 structure, 38360 Bayview Road in Colton's Point, owned by BOCC, no impact to home; (b) 1951 structure, 22460 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, brick exterior was not altered – interior changes made to accommodate accounting business; (c) 1890 structure, 38480 Sugar Hole Road, Avenue – no proposed changes to structure – just a minor site plan.
4. I'm Goin Down County: Mr. Ranzetta sent capsule summaries for the proposed book – copies were provided by staff for HPC to review. Several members wanted time to read and submit comments. Staff agreed to send any proposed changes to Mr. Ranzetta.
5. Story Core project (based out of New York) – 30 oral histories – 10 individuals selected from each county. Staff reported that she had talked with Vicky Falcon, public relations consultant for Story Core. Vicky indicated that a student had been hired for the summer to transcribe the oral histories.
6. St. Mary's County Historical Society Ball Game Fundraiser: Staff reported that she had attended the Blue Crabs Ball Game. Hal Willard and his son also attended. Both reported that it was a great event and lots of fun was had by all. Of particular interest was the history of baseball delivered by former Delegate

Ernie Bell and former Senator J. Frank Raley. It made the bus ride to and from the game as much fun as the game itself.

7. Parlett Farm: Staff reported that the next meeting of the John Parlette Family Farm Museum was scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>

8. Historic Preservation Awards 2009 Committee report. Defer to staff report.

**Old Business:**

1. Review of Commission's history and role – deferred to July, 2009
2. 375 Celebration – General discussion among members about the events at Historic St. Mary's City.
3. Annual Preservation Conference held in May – staff reported that requests for reimbursement had been submitted.

**New Business:**

1. Comp Plan – input from HPC – changes to the Comp Plan were discussed. Motion by Hal Willard, seconded by Mary Hayden, to authorize Robert Gibbs to appear on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission at the July 13<sup>th</sup> public hearing.
2. Acknowledgement of Mary Hayden's 6 years of service. Robert Gibbs presented Mary Hayden with a plaque commemorating her 6 years of service to the Commission. Each member indicated how much they would miss her contributions to the Committee and wished her well.
3. Announcement and Introduction of new members – Carol Moody and Scott Lawrence were introduced to the Commission members. Staff indicated that Ms. Moody and Mr. Lawrence would be official members of the Historic Preservation Commission effective July 1, 2009.
4. Historic Preservation Awards Nomination - staff gave each member a packet containing 7 nominations for consideration of a historic preservation award. She noted that the deadline for nominations was still not up and noted that if any additional nominations were received that she would mail them to the members so that there would be ample time for review before the July meeting. The awardees would be selected at the July meeting
5. SHA/Project SM 352A11 – MD 5 – MD 243 to MD 245. – Discussion among members as to what alternative to select for this road project. Motion by Mary Hayden, seconded by Robert Gibbs, to select alternative number 2, with no impacts to the Gough Farm and Buena Vista, but a minimal taking that would not adversely impact the other three historic properties. Staff to prepare a letter to the State Highway Administration.
6. Quorum issues for July and August meetings. Mr. Govier indicated that he would not be available for the July meeting, but could attend in August. Other members indicated that they were available for July and August meetings.

**Items from the floor** None.

**Announcements** – None

**Adjournment** - Motion by Ruth Mitchell, seconded by Mary Hayden, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Gibbs, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_