

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 2005 at the Department of Land Use and Growth Management

**Members Present:** Peter Himmelheber, Chairman  
Harold Willard, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Gibbs, Member  
James Grusholt, Member  
Mary Hayden, Member  
Teresa Wilson, LUGM Staff

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August 25, 2005 meeting were approved.

#### **County Fair Presentation**

The Historic Preservation Commission will have a PowerPoint presentation about historic preservation, which will be located in the Cooperative Extension building. Ms. Wilson, with suggestions from Rob Gibbs, has put together a short presentation featuring photos of historic sites with slides containing basic information about the historic preservation program in St. Mary's. On Friday, Ms. Wilson will staff the exhibit. On Saturday Mr. Willard, Mr. Himmelheber, and Ms. Hayden will each volunteer two hours between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

#### **Tobacco Barn Meeting Update**

Ms. Wilson informed the HPC that Representative Steny Hoyer was able to earmark \$250,000 in Save America's Treasures funding for preservation of Southern Maryland Tobacco Barns. The grant has requirements that will exclude most barns from the funding. In order to receive funding, barns have to be on the National Register of Historic Places or be deemed eligible for the National Register. Funds from Save America's Treasures have to be matched. Ms. Wilson did not know at meeting time whether the match has to be cash or if in-kind matches are possible. She said that the other preservation planners in Southern Maryland are planning to continue advocating for funding to help save barns for new agricultural uses. She noted that more meetings are planned and she would keep the HPC informed.

#### **Road Grants Update**

Ms. Wilson informed the HPC that the request for proposals was sent to the Procurement Office several weeks ago, and that she learned that they are just now sending it out. Janice Blackstone, Land Use and Growth Management fiscal secretary, told Ms. Wilson that it might be as long as three months before the bids come back for review. This seems extremely slow, but there is no provision for expediting time sensitive grant materials. At any rate, Ms. Wilson said that as soon as proposals come in she would send or take them to MHT for review. It may be January before we can get underway with this grant, which would leave a very short turnaround in which to accomplish high quality work.

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

Mr. Himmelheber mentioned that he had spoken with HPC member Muffin Padukiewicz who was thinking of resigning because her work commitments sometimes cause her to miss meetings. Mr. Himmelheber said that he encouraged her to stay on the HPC, because her insights and knowledge continue to be a valuable asset. Ms. Padukiewicz agreed to serve out the remaining nine months of her tenure.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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