

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 26, 2018**

Present: Carol Moody, Chair  
Anibal Delgado, Member  
Teresa Wilson, Member  
Eve Love, Member  
Kent Randell, Member  
Sean Wickers, Member  
Ginger Newman-Askew, Member  
Vanessa Price, Staff  
Kathleen Easley, Staff

Absent: None

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

**Roll Call and confirmation of quorum:** Quorum was confirmed.

**Recognition of Guests:** Mr. Bob Bresnahan.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Delgado to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Newman-Askew to approve the June 21, 2018 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

- a) Report from Staff – Discussion of Demolition Permits:
  - a. June 25, 2018: One (1) demolition permit site visit in Hollywood, MD.
  - b. July 13, 2018: One (1) demolition permit site visit in Ridge, MD.

**Old Business:**

- a) Events attended:
  - a. MHT Listening Session: Attended by Ms. Love and Ms. Moody, the MHT meeting was held in Prince Fredrick. No feedback given by staff at MHT.
  - b. Attended by Ms. Love and Ms. Moody, Genealogy and History Day at CSM in Charles County.
  
- b) Newtown Manor House: Project at a standstill. Archdiocese at this time doesn't want the building touched. The three (3) architects will each give the Archdiocese a report on his findings.

**New Business:**

- a) Potential Speakers:
  - a. Reconnect with Ms. Grace Brady for Dr. Eshelman to lecture.

- b. Discussion of working with staff from Dorchester County about rising water issues.
- c. Mike Smolek: Naval History and specifically to NAS PAX River.
- d. Julia King: Discussion on Archeological digs.

Discussion of speakers and compensation; County staff will connect with MD Association of Historic District Commission for guidelines.

- b) MHT Listening Session: Attended by Ms. Love and Ms. Moody, the MHT meeting was held in Prince Fredrick. No feedback given by staff at MHT.
- c) Cemetery Responsibility: Previous member Mr. Robert Gibbs had been given responsibility of researching and compiling a database specific to MHT cemetery project that any cemeteries adjacent to state highways be documented. Completed in Leonardtown. Mr. Anibal Delgado was nominated and accepted to continue on the cemetery documentation.
- d) Mr. Bob Branahan, guest of HPC, discussion of his home aesthetics and inquired about wanting to know more of the history of his home located on M Beitzell Lane, Abell, MD. His home has features of the time as the Abell House. HPC made recommendations with MHT has vendors listed on their website to help keep the original look of the home for window replacements and such.
- e) At-risk inventory properties: Map provided by GIS County Staff, highlighting St. Mary's County Historic Sites in the Floodplain. Discussion by HPC members if owners have been notified. County staff for HPC has not. Property owners located in the new proposed Critical Areas have been notified of the map change. From the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, "These map changes are not due to any changes in Critical Area regulations. Instead they are a recognition that mapping technology has substantially improved since the first Critical Area maps were hand drawn in 1972. Higher resolution imagery and improved methods of defining wetlands now allow for much more accurate mapping of the boundaries." The Maryland's Critical Area Program will hold a public meeting on August 23, 2018 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Meeting Room; the draft maps and related supporting documentation will be presented at a public information meeting, so that citizens and property owners can gain a better understanding of the process and see if their property is affected.

**Announcements:**

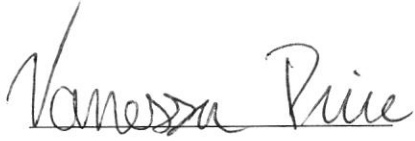
Discussion of the upcoming meeting dates. These dates will be August 23, 2018 and September 27, 2018.

**Items from the Floor:**

Mr. Kent Randell gave his acceptance letter to the board in hand to send to County Administrator's office.

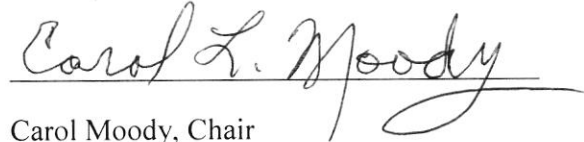
**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Randell to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Vanessa Price

Signed by:

Handwritten signature of Carol L. Moody in cursive script.

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on August 23, 2018