

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
January 24, 2013

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the November 15, 2012 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 21 customer service requests.
- 1 Demo
- 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.
- Worked with April Havens at the Piney Point Light House President's Exhibit on January 16th and took down the Presidential Exhibit.
- Maryland Big Tree Program, lining up additional trees in preparation for visit from Big Tree Program experts.
- 2013 Preservation Maryland Awards Program held in Annapolis on January 31st.
- Working with Mr. Michael Clayton to provide a possible home for the Meat House located at Ocean Hall. Dr. and Mrs. Boyd applying for a grant to replace the cedar roof on Ocean Hall – Historic Preservation Commission will write a letter of support.
- Working on the Carousel project for the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and the Historic Preservation Commission will write a letter of support for its grant application.

Old Business:

- 1) Cemetery Report – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs handed out copies of the Cemetery Data Base and explained the project to date. He talked about making copies available at the local library, St. Mary's County Historical Society and the Department of Land Use and Growth Management.

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

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

Mr. Lawrence provided a back ground summary of the intent of the Archaeology Sub-Committee for the benefit of Mr. Hunt. Discussion followed with thoughts given to being able to provide a predictive model and maps of existing sites through Mr. Smolek. Assignments were given for the next meeting:

Rob Gibbs to consolidate archaeology briefing paper into bullets to provide talking points.
Scott Lawrence to research and prepare a cost model of the various phases of Archaeology.
Mike Smolek to talk to Maryland Historic Trust about archaeology site locations in St. Mary's County.

3) Lost Towns Project Public Presentation held on December 5, 2012

Ms. Brady reported that the presentation had been aired on local Channel 95. Great feedback had been received from Dr. Luckenbach's presentation. There were 61 attendees.

4) Newtowne Neck Update

Ms. Brady asked if there was any follow up to the response letter she had forwarded to members of the Historic Preservation Commission. She also noted that she had taken Mr. Hunt to Newtowne Neck for a site visit prior to the meeting.

5) New School Naming Committee Update – Report from Carol Moody

Ms. Moody reported that more than 50 possible names had been suggested to the School Board. She also reported that the only other citizens at this meeting were Bill Moody and Frankie Tippet.

New Business:

1) Welcome Deputy Director, LUGM, Bill Hunt, AICP

Mr. Hunt shared his experience and background with Committee members and answered a number of questions. Members of the Historic Preservation Commission thanked Mr. Hunt for taking the time to attend their meeting and for the interest he expressed in historic preservation.

2) Historic Preservation Awards for May, 2013

Ms. Brady distributed nomination forms to the members and talked about getting a date from the Board of County Commissioners in May, sooner rather than later. Several suggestions for awards were bantered about and a tremendous amount of enthusiasm was expressed for the upcoming awards ceremony.

3) Recommendations for future lectures or presentations.

Ms. Moody thought that Dr. Boyd would be a great speaker and possibly could give a lecture featuring his book. Mr. Smolek recommended Dr. King give a talk about the archaeology work she was currently focused on finding Thomas Gerrd's colonial home. It was also suggested that a talk about St. Mary's County Railroad would be interesting.

Items from the Floor: None.

Announcement: In addition to the three announcements posted on the Agenda, Mr. Gibbs talked about a Civil War Round Table that was going to be held in Washington, D. C. area. The cost was \$50 and each attendee would have an opportunity to tour selected Civil War Sites in Washington, D. C.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Reno, seconded by Ms. Farrar to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on February 28, 2013