

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 25, 2015

Present: Linda Reno, Chair
Rob Gibbs
Eve Love
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Pete Himmelheber, Absent
Kent Randell, Absent
Patricia Samford, Absent
Teresa Wilson, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management; Jan Sparenberg, CFM (Coastal Floodplain Manager, Maryland Historical Trust, Hazard Mitigation Officer; Sue Veith, Kelly Palmer, Carrie Ann Polk, Yvonne Chaillet (Land Use and Growth Management).

Approval of Agenda:

There was not a quorum – therefore, no business was conducted.

Approval of Minutes:

The June 25, 2015 Minutes could not be approved as there was not a quorum present.

Reports

1) Staff Report

- 28 customer service requests.
- Two demolition requests this month.
- Two tower site inspections – in the works.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting (Westbury Manor), HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meetings.
- Submitted follow up financial receipts requested by Maryland Historical Trust for Final Grant Report for 2014 Archaeology Grant Project.
- Still working with Mary Spence, His Holiness African American Church in Park Hall looking for replacement windows.
- Meeting with Jennifer Sparenberg, CFM, Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust, LUGM staff and HPC members to talk about a grant available to incorporate cultural resources into the local hazard mitigation plan.
- Calvin Carter, PA Director for Redeemer Broadcasting, radio interview – Carol Moody to speak on behalf of HPC and work at Newtowne Neck. I spoke about Religious Freedom Byway, Cemetery Project and Big Tree Program. Maryland: WXMD California 89.7 FM
- A tornado touched down in areas of Northern St. Mary's County. Heather Barrett, Admin. Of Research & Survey with MHT, requested that I review sites noted on touch down maps supplied by the Trust and report any damage. I didn't note any structure damage, just downed trees and soil destabilization due to flooding waters.
- Cremona tour with Vincent Turner and Mrs. Dodge. Received a request from Dr. Liza Gijanto for elected official's letter of support for archaeology work at Cremona. Commissioners of St. Mary's County signed a letter on July 21, 2015, supporting her grant application. Letter delivered to Dr. Gijanto and Mrs. Dodge.
- Site visit to document specimen trees damaged across the rail trail and SMECO power lines. Immaculate Conception Parish on Old Village Road (Three Notch Trail).
- Meeting with Bill Hunt on a weekly basis to work on St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance re-write Chapter 42: Historic Landmarks and Districts Overlay (H).

Old Business:

- 1) None

New Business:

- 1) Meeting with Jennifer Sparenberg, CFM, Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust, to talk about a grant available to incorporate cultural resources into the local hazard mitigation plan.

Ms. Sparenberg provided members present and guests with an overview on the Commission on Archaeology, Historic Resources and Coastal Erosion, Emergency Management.

Ms. Brady handed out maps prepared by Ms. Veith depicting cultural resources that were known. Ms. Veith talked about having a HAZUS run that would include structures. The rest of the group talked about site surveys for cultural resources that had not been identified; storm surge and view sheds.

Ms. Brady said that she would schedule some time with Mr. Kelly to talk about the grant application, which was due September 30, 2015.

Some general discussion and questions ensued. No business was conducted.

Items from the Floor:

Announcements:

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 5 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on August 27, 2015