

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 26, 2013

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

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4 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. Gibbs to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Ms. Reno to approve the May 23, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 63 customer service requests.
- No demo's during the month of June.
- TEC meeting – none required historic review.
- Worked with Dr. Gordon Hughes, Linda Reno, and Carol Moody at River Springs. Scanned 6,808 items this past year, Carol Moody has archived items, copies were made for the St. Mary's County Historical Society, Dr. Hughes, County Government and Mick Blackistone (author of up-coming book).
- Worked with Amy Carter to tape presentation given by Dr. Julia King on June 19th. Made arrangement with Dr. King to interview ASM participants for television rebroadcast on Thursday, June 20, 2013.
- Wrote Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report.
- Wrote Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report.
- Raiders and Invaders Steering Committee Meeting on June 20, 2013 Working with Carol Picon, Maria Fleming, Carol Moody, Nancy Easterling, Dan Norris, Jeanne Pirtle, Susan Wolfe, Teri Dimsey, Laschelle McKay, Tracy Harris, Randy Richie, Carolyn Laray and Rebecca Lira to host a War of 1812 Celebration Weekend in Leonardtown June 6 – 8, 2014.
- Working with Maryland Big Tree representatives to schedule a two day tree measuring event in October of 2013.

Carol Moody offered to host the Maryland Big Tree representatives at her home for their fall visit so that they could spend 2 days measuring trees in St. Mary's County.

Old Business:

- 1) Report on Annual Preservation Awards.

Everyone talked about the positive feedback they had received from people who had received awards and members of the public who enjoyed watching the presentation.

- 2) Report on Dr. Julia King's presentation.

Ms. Brady indicated that 48 people attended Dr. King's presentation and that it would take approximately one month for Amy Carter to combine the footage taken at the St. Francis Archaeology Dig and the presentation to produce the show for local broadcasting.

3) Cemetery Sub-Committee Report – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs talked about the Slack Water series and hoped that they would consider dedicating their next publication to the Cemetery project in St. Mary's County. He provided Committee members with an update and talked about the new binders that he had put together indicating that they were available at the St. Mary's County Historical Society and the local libraries.

4) St. Francis Xavier ASM Archaeology Field School – report from Scott Lawrence.

Mr. Lawrence was absent from the meeting so Ms. Farrar, Michael Smolek and Grace Brady updated staff on what they had observed the days they were on site. Ms. Brady acknowledged Amy Carter's work and that of Dr. King in interviewing ASM participants at the field school.

New Business:

1) Appointment of new HPC member – Dr. Patricia Samford

Commission members were thrilled with the appointment of its new member.

2) Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report

Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Ms. Reno to approve the Annual Report as written by staff. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Historic Preservation Commission Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report

Motion by Ms. Reno, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the Certified Local Government Annual Report as written by staff. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Thank you remarks for Rob Gibbs – 8 years of service

Everyone thanked Rob for his tireless efforts and accomplishment in working on the Cemetery Project and asked him to continue working on the project as an interested citizen.

Items from the Floor: Mr. Smolek shared his observations about the Newtowne Manor House with Committee members and said what a tremendous loss it would be to that parish and St. Mary's County when Father Brian Sanderfoot was transferred to Washington, D. C. There was a lot of discussion with hopes that letters to Cardinal Wuerl would stop the transfer. Staff would write a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission to Cardinal Wuerl.

Announcement: St. Francis Xavier was going to have a farewell party for Father Brian Sanderfoot on Sunday, July 7, 2013.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Smolek to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on July 25, 2013