

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 26, 2014

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
George Donely
Mary Farrar, Member
Scott Lawrence, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Mike Smolek, Member

Grace Mary Brady, Staff

Patricia Samford, Via Telephone

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

Recognition of Guests: Sheriff Tim Cameron, Sgt. Richard McCoy, William "Bill" Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Dr. Julia King and Frankie Tippett.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Smolek to approve the May 22, 2014 minutes, which passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

- 400+ (Raiders and Invaders providing information) + 32 regular customer service requests.
- 3 demolitions.
- Raiders and Invaders Event on weekend of June 6, 7 and 8. Hauling War of 1812 mannequins, chairs, exhibits.....all kinds of last minute things to be done. Featured 3 guest speakers, Steve Vogel, Dr. Ralph Eshelman and Linda Reno.
- Working with Sheriff Cameron, Carol Moody, Linda Reno, Jeff McLane and Mary Ann Thompson on the Sheriff's History Book – work bi-weekly.
- Working with Michael McCauley on book entitled "**Justice Rolls Down**" a story about Barracks housing for the African American parishioners for the St. Joseph's Parish Housing Project – documented from 1946 to present.
- Worked and attended the Planner's Retreat on June 13, 2014 – all day.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meeting.
- Continue work and research on Blackistone Book with Linda Reno, Carol Moody and Dr. Gordon Blackistone Hughes.
- Continue to sell "***I am Goin Down County Book, written by Ranzetta*** – 4 sold this month.
- Working with Kirsti Uunila in Calvert County to share training from Maryland Historical District Commission. Training scheduled for HPC on Saturday, July 12 in Calvert County.
- Revised the CLG Grant application for an Archaeology Sensitivity Model Grant Application two times per request of Dr. Samford and Maryland Historical Trust.
Additional meetings with Bill Hunt, Dr. Patricia Samford, Dr. Julia King and Carol Moody were required. The grant was submitted electronically on June 3, 2014.
Received an e-mail from Nell Ziehl on June 16, 2014 that we had received a grant award of up to \$12,853 from the CLG program for a project Assessing Known Archaeological Resources in St. Mary's County. Grant Agreement to follow.

Old Business:

1) Raiders and Invaders Update – Carol Moody

Ms. Moody talked about the wonderful turn out at Tudor Hall on Friday night and Saturday during the day. She spoke about all the visitors who toured the Old Jail and thanked Mr. Hunt for his time and energy both days. She also thanked Ms. Samford for participating in the textile area. She asked Ms. Brady to comment on the speaker series and Ms. Brady said that each lecture was very well attended, standing room only and that the authors sold books for hours. She thanked Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Smolek for their help at Tudor Hall.

2) Maryland Association of Historic District Commission Training

Ms. Moody talked about the up-coming training event to be held in Calvert County on Saturday, July 12, 2014. She indicated that it took quite a bit of effort to register through event-brite. Mr. Smolek said that he would attend the training. Mr. Donely and Ms. Farrar said they would let Ms. Brady know if they could attend.

New Business:

1) Process for Handling Human Remains – Sheriff Timothy Cameron and CID Detective

Dr. Samford and Mr. Lawrence had expressed concern at the last Historic Preservation Commission meeting about human remains from St. Mary's County going to the Coroner's office in Baltimore without the benefit of archaeology review. They believed that a significant amount of human remains were being sent to Baltimore and wondered if they were then brought back to St. Mary's County to be reinterred, etc.

Sheriff Cameron introduced Sgt. McCoy, who is the Supervisor of CID, to the members of the Commission. Sgt. McCoy talked about the process used by law enforcement in dealing with human remains, both new and/or historic. He said that citizens would call the Sheriff's office when they found a bone of any kind and many times the bones found belonged to animals. He talked about how law enforcement handles this type of inquiry in great detail. When asked how many human remains went to Baltimore on a yearly basis, Sgt. McCoy said he could remember one case in the past 5 years. Sheriff Cameron offered to notify members of the Historic Preservation Commission if non-criminal and/or historic remains were discovered.

In addition to the hand-outs from the previous meeting that dealt with Crimes relating to human remains; Dr. King provided a copy of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Policy Statement regarding treatment of burial sites, human remains and funerary objects to the Sheriff, Sgt. McCoy and Commission members and guests.

2) CLG Archaeology Grant Request

Ms. Brady handed out copies of the e-mail communication from Nell Ziehl, which indicated that the grant agreement would be forth-coming by the end of July.

Dr. King talked about the credentials for individuals who would be involved in this project; Master's degree in an appropriate field, GIS background and ability to complete the short time-line of this particular grant, which includes a final report to the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Hunt and Ms. Brady talked about being pro-active and contacting the procurement department ahead of time to find out what needed to be done to advertise and award this grant.

3) Official St. Mary's County Poem

Ms. Brady supplied Historic Preservation Commission members with a copy of the e-mail sent by Linda Reno to the Board of County Commissioners about a poem written by Maria Briscoe Croker, who was the

State's first Poet Laureate of Maryland in 1959. Ms. Croker wrote a poem entitled **IN OLD SAINT MARY'S**.

Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Donely to ask the Board of County Commissioners to officially adopt **IN OLD SAINT MARY'S** as the official poem of St. Mary's County. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Samford talked about the War of 1812 event held at Jefferson Patterson Park that weekend (June 21 and June 22), indicating that more than 5,000 participated in all the activities.

Announcements: Mr. Lawrence said that the Friends of Summerseat were sponsoring an archaeology dig on July 18 and July 19.

Mr. Smolek talked about the last meeting he attended at Newtowne Neck with Ruth Mitchell and Carol Moody. He said that everyone asked for low impact development for the park; and that a sailing center was being requested; and talked about the trees that had been planted on the shore line.

Ms. Brady talked about the maritime grant information that had just been sent by Ms. Racanello.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Reno to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on July 24, 2014