

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**March 27, 2014**

**Present:** Carol Moody, Chair  
George Donely  
Scott Lawrence, Member  
Michael Smolek, Member  
Patricia Samford, Member

Grace Mary Brady, Staff  
  
Mary Farrar – 45 minutes late  
Linda Reno, Absent

**Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Recognition of Guests:** William “Bill” Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management and Frankie Tippett.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Scott Lawrence, seconded by Dr. Samford to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Dr. Samford to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes, which passed unanimously. Motion by Mr. Donely, seconded by Dr. Samford to approve the February 27, 2014 minutes, which passed unanimously.

**Staff Report:**

- 83 customer service requests.
- Raiders and Invaders Steering Committee Meeting on March 13, 2014. 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 Laschelle McKay to host a War of 1812 Celebration Weekend in Leonardtown June 7 – 8, 2014. Confirmed 3 presenters, working on Steve Vogel as an additional speaker.
- Worked with Chris Haley, Director for the Study of Slavery in Maryland at the Maryland State Archives to give a presentation on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. 83 citizens turned out for Mr. Haley’s talk.
- Working with Sheriff Cameron, Carol Moody, Linda Reno, Jeff McLane and Mary Ann Thompson on the Sheriff’s History Book – we meet weekly.
- Follow up Interpretive Strategic Meeting at TCC for Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway with the Captain John Smith National Water Trail, Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail.
- MD Big Tree Program – schedule numerous trees to be measured the weekend of March 28, 29 and 30.
- Worked on historic preservation awards in preparation of HPC meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Date with County Commissioners **is May 27<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**
- Also worked with Amy Carter on 1662 St. Francis Xavier Parish 1662 Chapel Project, which will be aired on Channel 95. Have Chris Haley video to do – couple of months.
- Working with Michael McCauley on book entitled **“They Shall Dwell in the Land and Own It”** a story about barracks housing for the African American parishioners for the St. Joseph’s Parish Housing Project – documented from 1946 to present.
- Friday Conference Calls for upcoming Planner’s Retreat on June 13, 2014.
- Attended mandatory training offered by Angela Blondino, County Attorney’s Office on March 6<sup>th</sup>, pertaining to Boards and Commissions.
- Sent copies of all CLG grant applications to Nell Ziehl with the Maryland Historical Trust and Melanie Lytle, Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions – wrote letter to Elizabeth Hughes regarding the current CLG status.

- Continue to work with Dr. Gordon B. Hughes, Linda Reno, Carol Moody on Blackistone Book – up to Chapter 7– Chapter 1 started with the years 1086 to 1615.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Archaeology Committee – no report.
- 2) CLG Status Update – Dr. Samford talked about pass-through grants where office space and use of computers could be used as a match. There was general discussion about asking for grant funding for a GIS project or a probability model. Staff was asked to let members know when CLG grant opportunities became available. Mr. Smolek spoke about guidelines and implementation of grants.
- 3) Report on Chris Haley presentation.  
Everyone was pleased with the large attendance and participation during Mr. Haley’s lecture.

**New Business:**

- 1) St. Francis Xavier Archaeology Dig – Movie Preview  
The HPC members and guests watched the movie featuring the excavations at St. Francis Xavier. A copy of the movie was given to Dr. Samford to hand-deliver to Julia King for her feedback. Staff advised that this feature would be shown on local Channel 95.
- 2) Anne E. Bruder, Maryland State Highway Admin, Sr. Architectural Historian, presentation about SHA’s historic bridge program – Defer to April meeting.
- 3) Annual Historic Preservation Awards – Vote on nominations.
  - (a) Nomination by St. Mary’s County Historical Society for a posthumous Preservation Service Award for Louanne C. Bailey, for all her service to the St. Clement’s Island Museum, St. Clement’s Hundred and the St. Mary’s County Historical Society. Motion by Mike Smolek, seconded by Dr. Samford to present a service award to Wanda Schuhart posthumously. Motion passed unanimously.
  - (b) Nomination by Scott Lawrence and Dr. Patricia Samford of Dr. James Gibb for 7 years of volunteer work on the restoration of the St. Nicholas Cemetery At Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Motion by Mary Farrar, second by George Donely to present Dr. James Gibb with a preservation project award. Motion passed unanimously.
  - (c) Nomination by Rob Gibbs for a project award to Conrad Associates, owners of Long Looked For Come at Last, for working with the HPC in identifying a private cemetery on their property. Motion by Scott Lawrence, seconded by Dr. Samford, to present Mr. Bernard Bryne of Conrad Associates, with a preservation service award. Motion passed unanimously.
  - (d) Nomination by Grace Mary Brady for a project award to Mr. Michael McCauley for his manuscript entitled, “They Shall Dwell in the Land and Own It”. Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Smolek, to present Mr. McCauley with a preservation service award. Motion passed unanimously.
  - (e) Nomination by Linda Reno and St. Mary’s County Historical Society for a posthumous Preservation Service Award for Wanda Schuhart for producing more than 10 publications that helped people from all over the country link to their St. Mary’s County ancestors. Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to present a member of Ms. Schuhart family with a preservation service award. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lawrence to contact a member of Ms. Schuhart’s family.

**Items from the Floor:** Mr. Smolek provided everyone with an update on the Newtowne Manor House reporting that the Atlantic Heritage organization had contacted the Archdiocese to host an architectural field school summer of 2014. Mr. Smolek said that Dr. Julie King had been approached by Atlantic Heritage to help find interns to work on the architectural analysis. Dr. Dennis Pogue (University of Maryland) was contacted by Mr. Smolek about helping to find interns.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

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Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on April 24, 2014