

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
May 22, 2014

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
George Donely
Mary Farrar, Member
Scott Lawrence, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Patricia Samford, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Michael Smolek, 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, and Frankie Tippett.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Reno to approve the April 24, 2014 minutes, which passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

- 103 customer service requests.
- 7 demolitions in one month.
- Raiders and Invaders Steering Committee Meeting on May 15, 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. Dr. Ralph Eshelman, Linda Reno and Steve Vogel are confirmed speakers. Hauling War of 1812 mannequins, chairs, exhibits.....all kinds of last minute things to be done.
- Working with Sheriff Cameron, Carol Moody, Linda Reno, Jeff McLane and Mary Ann Thompson on the Sheriff’s History Book – work bi-weekly.
- Wrote proclamations, prepared BOCC appointment request, notified award recipients, Trophy’s By Design verbiage, etc., for May 27th. Date with County Commissioners **is May 27th between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m.**
- Finished corrections on 1662 St. Francis Xavier Parish 1662 Chapel Project, which will be aired on Channel 95.
- 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.
- Met Sarah Taylor Rogers, Patricia Haddon, in Town of North Beach to work out details for the upcoming Planner’s Retreat on June 13, 2014.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meeting.
- Met with citizens who want to help locate the owners of John Wesley Chapel so the cemetery can be restored.
- Received an Award from the Calvert County Commissioners for founding and developing the Bayside History Museum.
- Working on two CLG grants; prepared Green Sheets – 1 hearing on April 29th and the other on May 6th. Attended public budget hearing with HPC in preparation of Grant Application Process. Attended budget hearing in Thursday, May 1, 2014.
- Continue to sell “***I am Goin Down County Book, written by Ranzetta*** – 12 sold this month.

- Working with Kirsti Uunila in Calvert County to share training from Maryland Historical District Commission.
- Spent a week working with BOCC, Finance, Bill Hunt, Carol Moody, Dr. Patricia Samford, Dr. Julia King on CLG Archaeology Sensitivity Model Grant Application. Prepared BOCC appointment sheet for May 6th.
Submitted the final CLG grant application on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Old Business:

- 1) Historic Preservation Awards scheduled for May 27, 2014

Ms. Moody showed members of the Historic Preservation Commission the various awards that had been selected for each individual recipient.

- 2) Archaeology Update – May 19th meeting

Ms. Farrar spoke about the St. Mary's County Archaeology Society meeting held on May 19th. She said the newly formed chapter would be sending our membership requests. HPC members who were present at this first meeting were Scott Lawrence, Dr. Patricia Samford, Carol Moody, Mary Farrar and Frankie Tippett (frequent guest of HPC).

New Business:

- 1) Vacancies on Historic Preservation Commission – review of new application – Vote on replacement for Mary Farrar – vote on re-appointment of Linda Reno.

Ms. Farrar indicated that she had changed her mind and would like to remain on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Dr. Samford to re-appoint Mary Farrar to a second term on the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to re-appoint Linda Reno to a second term on the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions Training

The Calvert County Historic Preservation Commission offered to share its training with other jurisdictions so a poll was taken during the meeting to check on St. Mary's County members availability. Dr. Samford, Scott Lawrence and Carol Moody were all available on July 12 and August 2. Linda Reno was available on August 2 and August 9. Other Historic members did not respond. Training was scheduled for Saturday, July 12 in Calvert County.

- 3) Process for Handling Human Remains

Mr. Lawrence and Dr. Samford expressed concern that bodies were being shipped from St. Mary's County to Baltimore without the benefit of the area being surveyed by an archaeologist. Ms. Moody informed the Committee that she had called the State's Attorney several times in hopes of having him speak to the group. She had not been able to speak with him so members of the group suggested that she write a formal letter asking him or a representative to attend a meeting. Ms. Brady provided Historic Preservation Commission members with copies of LAND USE DIVISION 1. SINGLE-JURISDICTION PLANNING AND ZONING. TITLE 5. SUBDIVISION. SUBTITLE 1. POWERS (which addresses Burial sites – 2 pages) and also copies of CRIMINAL LAW TITLE 10. CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC HEALTH, CONDUCT, AND SENSIBILITIES. SUBTITLE 4. CRIMES RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS Md CRIMINAL LAW Code Ann & 10-401 (2014) (6 pages). Ms. Brady also suggested that Sheriff Cameron be asked to attend a meeting to explain the process of what happens when human remains are discovered.

Items from the Floor: Ms. Moody requested an opportunity to update the Committee on various proposals for Newtowne Neck State Park.

Ms. Moody indicated that 15 people showed up for a meeting about Newtowne Neck. Ms. Moody received a copy of a Biological Survey which indicated that toads were not an endangered species. This survey also talked about sea-rise, soil, maps, overlays, critical area buffers and the possibility that funds would be

available to restore stream beds which had been altered due to farming. There was some general conversation about munitions. Ms. Moody said that another meeting would be held in July, 2014.

Announcements: None

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 June 26, 2014