

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
May 28, 2015

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Pete Himmelheber, Member
Scott Lawrence, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Patricia Samford, Member
Teresa Wilson, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

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, Scott Strickland, contract archaeologist for CLG grant, Kent Randell and Dr. Rebecca Bridgett.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Reno to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2015

Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Ms. Himmelheber to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

- 31 customer service requests.
- No demolition requests this month.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meetings.
- Working on Grant Report for 2014 Archaeology Grant Project and required electronic report requesting partial payment, etc. (minimum of 2 days' work)
- Meetings with Bill Hunt regarding current archaeology grant and final report due on CLG educational grant – review of budget items.
- Attended Boards and Commissions training on May 6, 2015 – training provided by Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, George Sparling and Diane Gleisner.
- Edited *Blackstones of Maryland* book 3 times – photo shopped Washington seal and some other pictures - met with Jesse at Printing Press. Picked up published books on May 8 and mailed to numerous entities (St. Mary's College, Maryland Genealogy Society, Maryland State Archives, St. Clement's Island, St. Mary's County Historical Society, local libraries, etc.) Book for sale in office, Keeping It Local and Historical Society.
- Historic Road project work with intern, Vincent Turner, to add a new layer to County web site featuring Historic Roads in St. Mary's County. On the basis of historical research we photographed road sites that still retained historic integrity.
- Annual Historic Awards with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County – trophies, Resolutions, arrangements for attendance, HPC and Vincent Turner, Intern.
- Gave presentation with 3 others to Calvert County Historical Society Annual Dinner (Amusement Parks) – attended the St. Mary's County Historical Society dinner (Tobacco).
- Met with Jennifer Tickle, PhD, Professor of Psychology – she and her husband just purchased Nuthall's Folly.
- Working with Peter Kurtz, Maryland Historical Trust, to update and correct National Register for De la Brook Barn nomination and Greenwell State Park Barn nomination.

- Letter to Calvert County Commissioners to support Multiple Property National Register Nomination, Piscataway Landscapes.
- Met with Jennifer Sparenberg, CFM, Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust, and spoke with Bob Kelly for GIS maps for county hazard mitigation plan. Sue Veith produced map layers for MHT.

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator for St. Mary's County, entered the meeting during the staff report. Ms. Brady introduced Dr. Bridgett to the attendees. She then talked about her "on location" project of spending a day with a county employee. Ms. Brady is the first County employee to participate and as a part of this project she, Vincent Turner (our history intern) and Mr. Himmelheber will take Dr. Bridgett to visit some historic sites in the County. Mr. Himmelheber had developed several proposed sites to visit and asked her to meet with him to indicate her preferences.

Old Business:

- 1) CLG Archaeology Grant Update

Mr. Stickland presented the report that he prepared for the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to each Commission member and guests. He reviewed the project to date and said that he was in the process of writing the final report.

New Business:

- 1) Recommendation to Commissioners of St. Mary's County for individuals to fill vacancies on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Brady reported that four (4) applications had been received for three (3) vacancies.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Himmelheber to recommend Rob Gibbs to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for one of the vacant positions on the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Himmelheber to recommend Eve Love to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for one of the vacant positions on the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Samford, second by Mr. Lawrence to recommend Kent Randell to the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for one of the vacant positions on the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1) Election of Officers.

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Himmelheber to elect Linda Reno as the new Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Samford to elect Teresa Wilson as the new Vice-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Review of CLG Annual Report – Date Change

Ms. Brady provided a history of the due date for CLG Annual Reports in the past. She asked the Commission to formally accept the report she had prepared as the Commission has lost 5 members during this one-year report period and that there would be 3 new appointments in July. Ms. Brady said that Ms. Ziehl would be changing the date when CLG Annual Reports would be due to coincide with the National Park Service and would advise local CLG's of the change in date (fall of 2015). She said that it would be easier to approve this report and then write a Supplemental Report to cover the time period from July 1, 2015 to the new date to be provided by Ms. Ziehl at the Maryland Historical Trust. Ms. Wilson noted a type in the CLG report. Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Lawrence to adopt the CLG Report as corrected. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Newtowne Neck Update – Letter from Mary Owens

Ms. Moody talked about the meetings that she has been attending on behalf of the Commission and the letter received from Mary Owens addressing various scenarios of proposed usage at the Park. She reported: The Newtowne Neck master planning processed has progressed to three choices, each with more or less development features. In all the plans, the park offices and face-to-the-public will be at the former Russell Farm. In all the plans, the present kayak launch will be closed in favor of a launch on each side of the peninsula in the vicinity of the Russell Farm. The primary wading/swimming beach will be at the far end of the park on the Potomac River. Paved roads would be minimal; the amount of parking spaces varies by plan. A transient pier for no more than 8 boats on the Breton Bay side is proposed in all the plans. Some infill tree planting will be done, but the amount varies by plan. In one plan, the road past St. Francis Xavier Church would be moved away from the church, but this is a \$1-2 million option. The parish has proposed yet another plan with almost no development at all. There will an open house at the Russell Farm on Saturday, June 20th, from 10-1 to look at the plans, talk to the rangers, and use the survey to register your thoughts.

4) Request from Dr. King for letter of support for multi-county project about under-represented communities.

Ms. Brady handed out copies of a request from Dr. Julia King for a letter of support to the National Park Service for a CLG grant to be managed by Calvert County. Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Reno to send a letter of support to the Calvert County Commissioners. Motion passed unanimously.

Items from the Floor:

Announcements:

Mr. Hunt talked about the Workshop on Design Review held Tuesday, May 26, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Himmelheber, to adjourn, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on June 25, 2015