

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 23, 2014

Present: Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair
George Donely, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Dr. Patricia Samford, Member
Michael Smolek, Member

Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Mary Farrar, Absent
Carol Moody, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: Scott Strickland, Terry Wilson, and Bill Hunt.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Ms. Reno to approve the September 25, 2014 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

- 68 customer service requests.
- 4 demolitions and 2 pre-application meetings.
- 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. This will be the 3rd publication of sites on the Inventory of Historic Sites. Addendum to *I’m Going Down County*, county book.
- 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.
- Worked with Maryland Historical Trust, St. Mary’s College and County for Agreement Between the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County and St. Mary’s College, Maryland scheduled before the County Commissioners on November 18, 2014; prepared green sheet, budget amendments, etc. CLG Archaeology Grant
- Met with the Maryland Historical Trust to submit additional sites to be added to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites.
- Final Meeting for the Interpretive Strategy Advisory Committee at the Tri-County Council for Religious Freedom National Scenic Byway and 3 National Park Service Trails.
- Terry Wilson and I went to Charlotte Hall to work on updating some of the sites.
- Staff HPC meeting, write minutes, reports, etc.
- Measure, evaluate and schedule trees to be measure first weekend in November for the Maryland Big Tree Program.
- Quarterly meeting at Calvert Marine Museum for Southern Maryland Small Museum Association.
- Mrs. Wolfe with the Wicomico Valley Foundation of Southern Maryland, ribbon cutting event to preserve more than 1,600 acres along with Wicomico River.

Old Business:

- 1) CLG Archaeology Grant Update

Ms. Brady reported that a request for an appointment before the County Commissioners on November 18, 2014 had been submitted, along with budget amendments and financial paperwork. Ms. Brady also reported that she and Mr. Hunt had met with Nell Ziehl, Chief, Office of Program Planning and Museum

Programs at the Maryland Historical Trust. Ms. Ziehl subsequently sent a letter approving the new Agreement between the County and the College and a new Attachment C pursuant to the meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Applications for HPC Vacancies – Deferred.
- 2) Scott Strickland Presentation GIS & Archaeology: Applications in Historic Resource Management.

Mr. Strickland had created a power point presentation that took the viewer through the stages of developing the modern GIS and how this mapping helped the Maryland Historical Trust provide an Inventory of data for over 800 sites in St. Mary’s County alone. He talked about vector shapefiles; use of patent records to locate project areas; shared several case studies in Leonardtown; settlement modelling and showed draft of Kernel Density of Sites in Relation to the Shore. He talked about site types, including villages, base camps, hamlets, short-term camps, procurement sites and shell middens. He then showed case studies by using site probability models. Mr. Strickland’s presentation was the main Agenda Item and he answered questions at the end of his presentation.

Items from the Floor: None.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Dr. Samford, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair

Date: Approved on November 20, 2014