

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 27, 2016

Present: Linda Reno, Chair
Rob Gibbs, Member
Pete Himmelheber, Member
Eve Love, Member
Kent Randell, Member
Sean Wickers, Member
Teresa Wilson, Absent

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management; David Weiskoph, Office of County Attorney; Angela Blondino, Office of County Attorney.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Love, seconded by Mr. Himmelheber to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Love to approve the September 22, 2016 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery Committee Update – Rob Gibbs – combined with New Business for Private Cemetery Legislation.
2. Report on Dr. Miller’s Lecture - Rob Gibbs.
Mr. Gibbs reported that 48 people attended Dr. Miller’s lecture: Buried in Lead: The Story of Three Lead Coffins Discovered at St. Mary’ City.

New Business:

1. Private Cemetery Legislation

Mr. Weiskoph and Ms. Blondino from the County Attorney’s Office talked about the Md CRIMINAL LAW Code Ann. §§ 10-401 (Definitions); §§ 10-402 (Removing human remains without authority); and §§ 10-404 (Cemetery – Destroying funerary objects; indecent conduct).

Questions ensued concerning legislation that would afford burial sites and associated funerary objects located on private property the same protections as church or commercially owner cemeteries. Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Randell to write a letter to the County Attorney asking that legislation be introduced to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County and the local state legislative body. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Future Training

Ms. Brady asked Commission members if they would like her to contact Lisa Craig, City of Annapolis, and ask her to provide training: *Weather It Together: A Community-Based Approach to Sea Level Rise Adaption Planning*. The commission agreed to that request and suggested that the other training requirements from the State Historic District Commission also be scheduled during the winter months. Ms. Brady said she would schedule the requested training.

Items from the Floor:

Mr. Himmelheber apologized to the Commission for missing the last two meetings.

Mr. Randell talked about a couple of new projects at St. Mary's College that he was really excited about, related to adding projects to the Enoch part Free Library's Digital Maryland website and collection. These include pictures of graveyards of St. Mary's County as well as the records of Trinity Episcopal Church. During Spring of 2017, he will have an intern who had already worked for the Pratt Library and will be assisting these two projects.

Announcements:

The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the Department of Land Use and Growth Management at 4 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Randell, seconded by Mr. Himmelheber to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on November 17, 2016