

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting held on
August 25, 2011

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair
George Donely, Member
Mary Farrar, Member
Ruth Mitchell, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Rob Gibbs, Absent
Mike Smolek, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: Jason Babcock, Enterprise Newspaper; Father Brian Sanderfoot, St. Francis Xavier Church; Tom Kane, Plymouth, Massachusetts; Frankie Tippet, Mechanicsville.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Mr. Donely to amend the Agenda adding an item under new Business, HPC support letter for War of 1812 mini grant. Motion to accept the Agenda, as amended, passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to approve the June 23, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports: **Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)**
Report for the months of July and August was given.

July, 2011

- Handled 46 customer service requests.
- Reviewed TEC package and entered comments into HTE.
- 375th Anniversary Book meeting with Sheriff Cameron, Cindy Allen, Linda Reno, Maryann Thompson and Intern, Tyler Mattingly. Commemorative coin (passed around) will shortly be available for purchase.
- Spent an entire day at the Maryland State Archives with Cindy Allen, Linda Reno and Tyler Mattingly, finalizing research for 375 Sheriff Book (Commissions).
- War of 1812 – toured Mervell Dean Road and Three Notch Road with National Park Service representative, Suzanne Copping, Carolyn Laray (tourism) and Nancy Easterling (Sotterley). A new map was prepared adding Sotterley and Greenwell State Park as a branch to the proposed National Park Service map. Elected official letters and information sent to Terry Maxwell by July 29th deadline.
- Worked with J. C. Sharp on his book for Southern Maryland Tobacco Barns. Talked to Norton and Nancy Dodge, who agreed to let Mr. Sharp feature the De la Brooke Barn on the front cover of his book.
- David Turner, board member of Maryland Historic Trust, was provided with a tour of St. Mary's City, Cecil's Mill, etc., after luncheon with LUGM director and Carol Moody. Bill and Carol Moody made arrangements for special Tour of the Brick Chapel.
- Met with Dr. Gordon Blackistone Hughes and Mrs. Myra Hughes, owners of River Springs, relative to the War of 1812 and Civil War.

August, 2011

- Handled 52 customer service requests.
- Reviewed TEC package and entered comments into HTE.
- Spent an entire day with Maryland Public Television for follow up shoot on Historic Barns of Maryland feature that will air this winter. Tyler Mattingly (intern) assisted. 7th District to be featured with Wayne and Arlene Guy's tobacco farm and Mount Chance Farm, a/k/a Cullins Trucking.

- 375th Anniversary Sheriff Book meeting with Sheriff Cameron, Cindy Allen, Linda Reno, Maryann Thompson and new Intern, Tyler Mattingly. Linda writing capsule summaries for the various Sheriff's.
- Working with George McWilliams for illustrations for the Sheriff's book. Mr. McWilliams is a famous artist having painted the Mural for St. Clement's Island and other projects.
- War of 1812 – Nat'l Park Svc. sent 3 pages of criteria that needed to be answered before they would add Sotterley and Greenwell State Park. Spent days pulling information together for submittal – sent 8 pages of responses.
- Meetings with Joe Norris, local artist, pertaining to the War of 1812 pamphlet.
- Meetings continue with Dr. Gordon Blackistone Hughes and Mrs. Myra Hughes, owners of River Springs, relative to the War of 1812 and Civil War. Carol Moody, Linda Reno and Tyler Mattingly (intern) evaluating collections and scanning information.
- Finalized CLG report and sent to Cory Kegerise, Maryland Historic Trust.
- Evaluated historic sites for Maryland Historical Trust (Natural Disaster Historic Building Assessment Form). The Trust asked us to advise them of any damage to histories properties.
- Newtowne Archaeology Dig with Scott Lawrence, Jim Gibb, Mary Farrar, Carol Moody, Frankie Tippett.

Ms. Brady polled HPC members to see if they had an interest in participating in the St. Mary's County Fair. Ms. Moody said that she would be out of town during the fair. Mary Farrar and George Donely offered to work the fair on Saturday or Sunday.

Ms. Brady polled HPC members to see if they had an interest in participating in the St. Mary's County Oyster Festival. Carol Moody, Mary Farrar and George Donely offered to work at the oyster festival. Ms. Moody offered to make the arrangements for HPC members to be able to sell the County Book.

Ms. Brady handed out nomination forms for the Endangered Maryland Programs. Mr. Lawrence talked about nominating Newtowne Manor House. Ms. Brady talked about nominating the Dameron House.

Ms. Brady provided HPC members with a Calendar of Events through December, 2011; the War of 1812 Raiders and Invaders Maps; 8 page response to Suzanne Copping and Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects for inclusion of Sotterley and Greenwell State Park in the War of 1812 byway as a branch; CLG Report packet; and color flyers of Dr. Julia King's lecture coming up on October 4th.

Old Business:

1) HPC Lecture Series.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Farrar to support the two lecture series scheduled for this year, which passed unanimously. Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Lawrence to work out the details for the December 6th lecture.

2) Discussion of HPC meeting dates and time – deferred until the September meeting.

New Business:

1) Welcome new members.

Mary Farrar was welcomed as one of the newest board members of the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Brady indicated that Mr. Smolek had a previous engagement and was not able to attend this meeting.

2) Archaeology at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery – Scott Lawrence.

Mr. Lawrence talked about the upcoming three day dig expressing concerns about the pending Hurricane Irene and its possible impact on the dig. He told the group that Jim Gibb, archaeologist, was already in St. Mary's County and that they would be starting at 8 a.m. the next morning. He invited all the members to participate in the search for the 1662 Chapel.

Mr. Lawrence introduced Father Brian Sanderfoot from St. Francis Xavier Church. Father Sanderfoot talked about the upcoming 350th Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Church and some of the festivities that were being planned. Father said that on June 9, 2012, St. Francis Xavier Church would host a formal celebratory dinner, which would be a ticketed event.

- 3) Old St. Joseph's Cemetery – Linda Reno – defer.
- 4) HPC support letter for War of 1812 mini grant.

Ms. Brady talked about the proposed War of 1812 pamphlet/booklet for next year's War of 1812 anniversary. She stated that the Board of Directors for the Bayside History Museum had unanimously voted to support the submission of a mini grant on behalf of St. Mary's County War of 1812 Committee for the printing costs of said publication. Motion by Ms. Mitchell, second by Ms. Farrar to write a letter of support from the Historic Preservation Commission for the mini grant application to the Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements – Ms. Mitchell updated the board members on her work in preparing Margaret Brent Hall to be moved to its new location.. She said that the building was tentatively scheduled to be physically relocated on September 12th.

Adjournment – Motion made by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Donely to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: _____
Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on September 22, 2011