

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes of the meeting held on June 29, 2006 at the Department of Land Use and Growth Management

**Members Present:** Peter Himmelheber, Chairman  
Hal Willard, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Gibbs, Member  
James Grusholt, Member  
Mary Hayden, Member  
Margaret McCoy Padukiewicz, Member  
Jack Williamson, Member  
Teresa Wilson, LUGM Staff

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the May 25, 2006 were approved as written.

#### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Gibbs nominated Hal Willard for the office of Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Grusholt. Mr. Willard was unanimously elected as the new Chairman. Mr. Gibbs nominated Mr. Grusholt for the office of Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Willard. Mr. Grusholt was unanimously elected as the new Vice-Chairman.

#### **Vacancies on the HPC**

The HPC members reviewed applications for the upcoming vacancies on the Commission and directed Ms. Wilson to send a memo with their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

#### **Cemetery Database**

Mr. Gibbs reported that he had constructed a cemetery database in Excel based on the Janet Tice book *Burials from Tombstones, Grave Markers, and Church Registries of St. Mary's County, Maryland 1634 to 1994*. At present there are three fields: name, location and election district.

Mr. Gibbs noted that the family cemeteries are Protestant because Catholics had to be buried in ground consecrated by the Church. He also noted that the majority of these family cemeteries are located in the First District though others are scattered throughout the county. A discussion ensued about what additional fields should be added to the database. The members agreed that the Tax Map, Block, and Parcel, the X and Y coordinates, and references to any books or deeds that mention the cemeteries should be added as fields. The members agreed to continue working on completing the information in the database.

#### **Update on Grants**

CLG Grant for Survey of Historic Roads: Ms. Wilson reported that the contractor History Matters, LLC had completed the survey work and will be sending the final version of the survey report and the seven Maryland Inventory of Historic Property forms including maps and photographs. Ms. Wilson will forward the Survey Report to the HPC.

Maryland Highway Administration Scenic Byways Grant: On May 23, 2006 St. Mary's and Charles Counties received notice that they have received the grant. After consulting with the Finance Department, Ms. Wilson learned that a letter of commitment from Charles County will be needed along with a grant announcement letter that names St. Mary's as the lead county.

When the letters are received, she will submit the packet to the Finance and the Legal Departments. Because there was a major change in the way the grant will be administered, the Board of County Commissioners will sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

#### **Farewell to Members Leaving the HPC:**

Ms. Wilson thanked Mr. Himmelheber, Ms. Padukiewicz, and Mr. Williamson for their service to the Historic Preservation

Commission and presented them with plaques noting their outstanding service to the Commission. Mr. Himmelheber thanked his fellow departing members for their assistance over the past years, which included high points such as the adoption of the design guidelines and low points such as the destruction of Resurrection Manor.

**Items from the Floor**

Mr. Himmelheber stated that he had been to England where he visited the Isle of Wight and saw the plaques commemorating the departure of Lord Calvert's ships for Maryland. He said that development is encroaching even there. An English friend is monitoring the plaques and will keep St. Mary's City informed about their status.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signed by:** \_\_\_\_\_