

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2008 at the  
Department of Land Use and Growth Management

**Present:** Hal Willard, Chairman  
Jim Grusholt, Vice-Chairman  
Rob Gibbs, Member  
Mary Hayden, Member  
Ruth Mitchell, Member

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

**Approval of Minutes:** No minutes were available.

**Status of Teri Wilson**

On extended medical leave since the first of August, Ms Wilson was reported to have sounded much improved during a telephone conversation with Mr. Jackman earlier in the week. Her doctor still has not determined when she may return to work. Mr. Jackman will continue to provide staff support during her absence.

**Religious Freedom Byway Corridor Management Plan (CMP)**

Mr. Jackman reported that the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners conducted a public on the draft CMP on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and left the record open for 10 days. The Charles County Board of County Commissioners held its hearing on the CMP on September 24, and adopted it at the same meeting. Staff is now pursuing time on the St. Mary's County Board's agenda of October 7 or 21 to bring the CMP back for decision. The State Highway Administration will then put the final touches on the application to the Federal Highway Administration for national designation of the byway. All materials for the nomination are due to the state in November and the completed application is due to the federal government in December.

The commission then discussed how it might interact more with the planning commission and with the county commissioners on projects such as the CMP.

**Historic Roads Grant**

Phase II is still awaiting close-out: reimbursement to the county from the Maryland Historic Trust is held up until the vendor, A. D. Marble, replaces certain exhibits that did not meet state specifications. Mr. Jackman reported having conversed separately with Tom Reinhart of MHT and with Emma Young of A. D. Marble to learn of progress on the replacement exhibits.

Meanwhile, the county commissioners have declined to pursue phase III of this project. The HPC then discussed how it might work more effectively with the county commissioners in preserving historic resources.

### **Items from the Floor**

Mr. Gibb reported progress on the cemetery inventory project.

Mr. Frank Tippet sat in on this meeting of the HPC, and presented photographs of a structure he had discovered that he thought might be of interest to the HPC. "Pleasant Hill" or "Neal's Lot" contains a small cemetery and a slave quarters dating back to the 1700's. It is located in 7<sup>th</sup> District about a mile west of the Clements intersection off of Colton's Point Road. The HPC expressed interest in documenting the site and investigating whether it may be included in the county's inventory of historic sites. Mr. Gibb would like to inspect the cemetery.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Jeff Jackman      Signed by: Hal Willard on March 13, 2009