

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting held on
January 26, 2012

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

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

Recognition of Guests: George Matisick, Jacquelynn Kirby and Frankie Tippett

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the December 15, 2011 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Report: Historic Preservation (Grace Mary Brady, Historic Preservation Planner II)

- Handled 78 customer service requests.
- One demolition request.
- TEC meeting – no submittals required historic review.
- 375 Anniversary Sheriff Book work continues with Linda Reno, Tyler Mattingly, Cindy Allen and myself. Received 10 draft illustrations from George McWilliams.
- Met with Mrs. Chappalear at All Saint's Rectory in Mechanicsville to discuss preservation of historic home.
- Attended the Changing Landscapes presentation at the Library on January 10th.
- Met with Mr. Louis Thomas to review process for African American grant process and easement. SM-600 Thomas Log House
- Met Kyle Rambo, Patuxent River Naval Air Weapons Center and Maryland Big Tree Program representatives. Documented trees on base and documented new STATE Champion, Southern Red Oak, 414 point tree, privately owned.
- Museum meeting at Maxwell Hall, Benedict on January 27th. War of 1812 Representatives from National Park Service (Suzanne Copping).
- War of 1812 meeting with Carolyn Laray to answer latest National Water Trail questions.
- Proclamation for Sheriff – 375 years of Sheriffs in St. Mary's County.
- Showed 2 minute Tease to LUGM and HPC for the upcoming Maryland Historic Barns feature produced by MPT.
- Talked about the television show, Larry the Cable Guy, and how the show featured a resident of Golden Beach, who was a nationally recognized taxidermist.

Old Business:

1) Ralph Eshelman and the War of 1812.
Ms. Brady drafted a flyer for the upcoming event. Mr. Smolek asked if she could include a more local photo to promote this event. Ms. Brady said she would come up with something else and e-mail it to everyone.

2) Newtowne Neck – discussion and vote on letter.

Ms. Brady displayed the proposed letters on a screen so that members could see and make changes simultaneously. Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, to approved the two-page letter to Secretary John Griffin, Department of Natural Resources as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Brady explained the Consent Letter procedure used by the Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Mitchell polled the board members asking for additional time to come up with stronger wording for the Board of County Commissioner Consent Letter. The board reached consensus that the proposed consent letter should be brief and to the point, recognizing that the Commissioners would change it based on their decision to support or not support various options.

New Business:

1) 2012 Annual Historic Preservation Awards

Ms. Brady distributed copies of the Nomination Form to members and visiting guests. There was some general discussion about previous awards. No action was taken.

2) Advocacy Day in Annapolis January 31, 2012.

Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Farrar stated that they would attend.

3) Invitation to Charles County newly formed Historic Preservation Commission Open House on February 11th. No one was able to attend this event.

Items from the floor: Ms. Brady showed everyone Dr. Roy Guyther’s newly published book entitled “Reminisces”.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: _____

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on February 23, 2012