

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**July 24, 2014**

**Present:** Carol Moody, Chair  
George Donely  
Mary Farrar, Member  
Scott Lawrence, Member  
Linda Reno, Member  
Patricia Samford, Member  
Michael Smolek, Member  
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

**Call to Order:** The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Recognition of Guests:** Dave Weiskopf, Deputy County Attorney; William “Bill” Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Christie Bright, DNR; Dr. Julia King, Ruth Mitchell, Silas Hurry, Dr. Henry Miller, Rob Gibbs, Pete Himmelheber, Bill Moody, Susan Wolfe, Frankie Tippett and 43 guests in the audience.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Reno to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Dr. Samford to approve the June 26, 2014 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

**Staff Report:**

- 128 customer service requests.
- 3 demolitions.
- Working with Sheriff Cameron, Carol Moody, Linda Reno, Jeff McLane and Mary Ann Thompson on the Sheriff’s History Book – work bi-weekly.
- Working with Michael McCauley on book entitled “**Justice Rolls Down**” a story about barracks housing for the African American parishioners for the St. Joseph’s Parish Housing Project – documented from 1946 to present.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meeting.
- Continue work and research on Blackistone Book with Linda Reno, Carol Moody and Dr. Gordon Blackistone Hughes.
- Historic Preservation Commission training from Maryland Historical District Commission on July 12.
- Prepared and submitted more than 20 pages of budget detail in order to request reimbursement from the MAHDC for the CLG Educational Grant - \$1,500 with a grant of \$750.
- Wrote the Annual CLG Report and submitted it to Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Assoc. Historic District Commission on July 25th (42 pages submitted).
- War of 1812 Meeting to promote Landing of the British in Benedict on Labor Day Weekend for Charles County – all weekend event like Raiders and Invaders.
- Research and preparation for the procurement process meeting in August for the CLG Archaeology Grant.
- Research and preparation for CLG Archaeology Grant so that an Appointment before the County Commissioners can be submitted as soon as the Grant Agreement is received from the Maryland Historical Trust.

**Old Business:**

- 1) CLG Archaeology Grant Update

Ms. Brady passed out copies of the e-mail received from Nell Ziehl on June 16, 2014 announcing the approval of \$12,853 to support an Archaeology project entitled Assessing Known Archaeological Resources in St. Mary's County. Staff was informed that the Grant Agreement would be sent July 31, 2014.

2) Official St. Mary's County Poem – scheduled before the BOCC on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Brady passed out copies of the information provided by Ms. Reno talking about Maria Briscoe Croker, the request for appointment before the County Commissioners and a copy of the resolution. Carol Moody, Linda Reno and Grace Mary Brady agreed to attend the Commissioner's meeting.

**New Business:**

1) **By-Law Changes** – County Attorney's Office – update and replace references to Article 66B. Dr. Samford had a question about one of the functions contained in the by-laws. Mr. Weiskopf said that the functions in the By-Laws came directly out of state statute. Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Mr. Lawrence to adopt the revised and updated By-Laws of the Historic Preservation Commission of St. Mary's County, which passed unanimously.

2) CLG Annual Report

Motion by Ms. Farrar, second by Mr. Donely to accept the CLG Annual Report, which passed unanimously.

3) Discussion of Commission Member Credentials

Dr. Samford asked board members for consensus in asking a gentleman she heard about from St. Mary's City if he would be interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission. Ms. Moody said that she knew this person and would ask them if they had an interest in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Staff informed the group that Ms. Farrar was moving out-of-state and that her last meeting would be August, 2014. Staff also informed the group that Mr. Donely's term would expire December, 2014.

4) Presentation by Michael Smolek and Ruth Mitchell on Newtowne Neck – **started at 4 p.m.**

Ruth Mitchell and Michael Smolek gave an excellent presentation on Newtowne Neck, past, present and future. There were 43 visitors in the audience. The presentation lasted for an hour and time was allocated for questions at the end.

**Items from the Floor:** Mr. Lawrence talked about the archaeology dig held on July 18 and 19 at Summerseat citing erosion as one of the biggest issues. In some instances they had to dig a shovel test pit more than 2' down because of the erosion.

**Announcements:** Mike Smolek announced that the Atlantic Heritage was at the Newtowne Manor House until August 8<sup>th</sup> measuring and drawing floor plans, including the basement.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Ms. Reno to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

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Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on September 25, 2014