

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
June 25, 2015

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Pete Himmelheber, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Patricia Samford, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Scott Lawrence, absent
Teresa Wilson, absent

**Teresa Wilson arrived at 4:25

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

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Kent Randell, Mike Smolek, Eve Love, Bill Moody and Vincent Turner.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Dr. Samford, second by Mr. Himmelheber to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2015

Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Ms. Himmelheber to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Report – hard copy:

- 64 customer service requests.
- One demolition request this month.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting (Westbury Manor), HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meetings.
- Submitted Final Grant Report for 2014 Archaeology Grant Project which required electronic report requesting full payment, etc. – several days of work.
- Met with Roz Racanello, Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium (SMHAC) and Liz & Michael Clarke, the consultants hired by SMHAC to work on the Piscataway Indian Heritage Trail plan. The purpose of the meeting is to form a "baseline" plan for sites, stories, resources and potential market for an Indian Tourism experience in this region. The Clarkes are meeting with planners and parks people from 4 of the 5 counties, archaeologists, site managers, stakeholders, and the Piscataway. Large regional project.
- Met with the owners of Nuthall's Folly to document before and after of on-going restoration of historic site. (Photos).
- Site visits to some properties to determine if their trees were eligible for Maryland Big Tree Program. (Getting ready for November measurement of trees)
- Met Mary Spence with His Holiness African American Church in Park Hall and physically measured windows in an effort to help the church find replacement windows. Vincent Turner, Intern, and Bill Hunt, Deputy Director, helped considerably as we had to climb ladders, photograph, etc.
- Participated in the County Administrator, Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, 'on location' program. Pete Himmelheber, local historian; Vincent Turner, intern; Dr. Bridgett and I toured the southern end of St. Mary's County. Great day!
- Sold more than \$1,000 dollars' worth of county books this month.
- Meeting with Jennifer Sparenberg, CFM, Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust, and Bob Kelly, Director of Emergency Services and Technology to talk about a grant available to incorporate cultural resources into the local hazard mitigation plan.

- Met Dr. Bradley Gottfried, President of CSM, to record for WKIK Star Radio Show broadcast. Dr. Gottfried has a radio show called Southern Maryland Perspectives. This month's topics included the county books, Maryland Big Tree Program and the Cemetery Project.

Old Business:

1) St. Francis Xavier Archaeology Update – Scott Lawrence
Defer, Scott was absent.

2) Newtowne Neck Update – public meeting held on June 20, 2015 – Carol Moody
Ms. Moody stated that there were two more meetings left to attend – July and August. At the last meeting there was a lot of discussion about the Russell house, road maintenance and the fact that each composite toilet cost \$26,000 each.

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned for a year end Historic Preservation celebration hosted by Carol and Bill Moody.

Items from the Floor:

Announcements:

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Himmelheber, to adjourn, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on August 27, 2015