

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the meeting held on
March 25, 2010

Present: Rob Gibbs, Chair
Carol Moody, Vice Chair
Susan Erichsen, Member
Victor Govier, Member
Scott Lawrence, Member
Ruth Mitchell, Member
Hal Willard, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Roll call and confirmation of quorum: Mr. Gibbs called roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Commission requirements read for the record: Commission requirements were read for the record by Mr. Gibbs.

Recognition of Guests: Frank Tippet.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Willard, seconded by Ms. Erichsen to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Erichsen, seconded by Mr. Govier to approve the January 28, 2010 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to approve the February 25, 2010 Minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Worked for 2 weeks+ editing and proofing Ranzetta Book – final revisions sent to printers March 12, 2010.
- Documentation of 4 Bridges for SHA (removal from historic inventory) State-wide project.
- Comprehensive Plan - handed out approved sections pertaining to Historic Preservation Commission to board members.
- Documented 4 sites slated for demolition:
29447 Carrie Lee Lane, Mechanicsville 10-0225
48169 Beachville Road, St. Inigoes 10-0268
24010 Pin Cushion Road, Leonardtown
25826 South Sandgates Road, Mechanicsville
- Reviewed TEC submissions – no historic sites.
- Handled 22 customer service requests.
- March 26th meeting of the St. Mary's County War of 1812 Committee – received response from previous letter sent to John Maounis asking that St. Mary's County be included in the National Star Spangled Banner Trail, Raiders & Invaders Map, documentation of primary source evidence, notified elected officials.
- Attended pre-application meeting – 2 historic sites.
- Historic Preservation Commission – staffed meeting and worked on Preservation Awards choices.
- Attended Maryland Day Celebration at St. Clements Island

Staff also talked about the upcoming Historic Preservation Conference being held in Easton.

Old Business: Staff provided board with a list of nominations for Historic Preservation Commission Awards that had been submitted thus far. Staff noted that the deadline for nominating someone for a Historic Preservation or Service Commission Award is March 31, 2010.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion of Cemetery project: Mr. Gibbs updated the Board on the Cemetery project and indicated that the sub-committee would be meeting later that month. He passed out an excel spread sheet containing some of the existing cemeteries that the sub-committee was documenting.
- 2) Ms. Mitchell picked up one of the new hand-held GPS systems to use with the cemetery committee work. Staff furnished a hard-copy of operating instructions.
- 3) HPC Newsletter – Ms. Erichsen presented the Committee with a ‘draft’ newsletter reflecting the various categories that would enhance future publications (e.g. calendar of events; quick reference links; news articles). Ms. Erichsen agreed to contact the members of the HPC newsletter subcommittee to schedule a meeting.

Items from the floor – Carol Moody talked about the Southern Maryland Studies Center hosting a “Share Your Stuff” Day: 20th Century War and Peace in Southern Maryland on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 10 to 2 p.m. at the La Plata Campus. Mr. Willard talked about the Sand Lot Book and how it described a wedding being held at home plate. Staff reminded board members about the upcoming Barn Summit being held on Friday, April 30, 2010. Mr. Tippett asked staff questions about the SHA bridges that had been documented and talked about other bridges in St. Mary’s County.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment – Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: _____
Robert Gibbs, Chair

Date: April 22, 2010