

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting held on
March 22, 2012

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

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

Recognition of Guests: Frankie Tippett and Jonathan Beasley.

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 Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the February 23, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 42 customer service requests.
- Three demolition requests.
- TEC meeting – 3 submittals required historic review.
- So. MD War of 1812 Meeting on April 1st in Calvert.
- 375 Anniversary Sheriff Book work continues with Linda Reno, Tyler Mattingly, Cindy Allen and I. Spent a day at Maryland State Archives verifying Sheriff Commissions.
- African American Grant Training at Library with Mr. Thomas to stabilize and restore SM – 600 (African American Slave Home/Mechanicsville). Training was provided by the MD Historic Trust and AA Commission.
- River Springs with Linda Reno, Tyler Mattingly, Dr. Hughes and Myra Hughes, archiving Blackistone photos and records.
- Met with group at home of Jonathan Beasley....War of 1812 & Civil War.
- Spoke to DAR at SMC Historical Society. Took handouts for Dr. Eshelman War of 1812 Presentation; Rural Roads, historic preservation.
- Met Mark Muir, Forester at River Springs. 6+ acres will be planted in trees.
- Prepared Board of County Commissioners appointment sheet for Carol Moody to ask Commissioner to execute the CLG Educational Set Aside Subgrant Program application for the MD Historic Trust.
- Tele Conference for continuing educational credit (Ethical Responsibility to Social Equity) and (Technology in Community Building Applications: Implementation of Social Media, Computer Programming & Virtual Reality Platforms in Community planning Initiatives).
- Maryland Day at Historic St. Mary's City; Carol Moody received the Cross Bottony Award; presented her with Proclamation from Senate.
- Archaeology Dig with Scott Lawrence at St. Francis Xavier.
- Meeting with Dr. Miles (Dendrochronology from Oxford University and the McCormick-Goodhart family).

Old Business:

1) HPC Lecture Series - Ralph Eshelman and the War of 1812

Flyers for the lecture were available and members were asked to promote Dr. Eshelman's upcoming presentation.

2) Newtowne Neck – discussion

There was general discussion about the proposed State Park. Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Smolek offered to write a letter on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission to the National Park Service.

3) 2012 Annual Historic Preservation Awards

Ms. Brady reminded everyone that March 31st was the deadline to submit a nomination for the Historic Preservation Commission Annual Awards.

New Business:

1) CLG Educational Requirements

Ms. Brady talked about the CLG Educational requirements and submitted a time table of events that the HPC and/or its members had participated in since July 1, 2011. Ms. Brady also gave everyone a description of the CLG Professional Requirements:

To participate fully in the program, at least two members of a five-member commission shall be drawn from the preservation-related professionals defined by the National Park Service. These professions currently include Archeology, Architectural History, Conservation, Cultural Anthropology, Curation, Engineering, Folklore, Historic Architecture, Historic Landscape Architecture, Historic Preservation Planning, Historic Preservation, and History. Additional professions may be added to this list in the future by the National Park Service.

2) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act: How It Works From a Former Council Member's Point of View; Dr. Julie King.

Dr. King agreed to provide training to members and interested parties at the April 26th meeting.

3) St. Francis Xavier Archaeology Report by Scott Lawrence.

Mr. Lawrence talked about plans for the upcoming dig at Newtowne Neck. He asked for volunteers to cover the dates of March 30, 31 and April 1. He emphasized that the primary goals of these digs was to find the foot print of the original Chapel.

Items from the floor: Ms. Brady talked about the Scotland Post office and on-going efforts to save and rehabilitate it.

Announcements: Ruth Mitchell talked about April being Archaeology Month. Dr. Timothy B. Riordan, Silas Hurry and Ruth were presenting: *From the Trenches to the Shelves – Archaeology at Historic St. Mary's City* on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the HSMC Visitor Center.

Carol Moody talked about a lecture being sponsored by the Southern Maryland Study Center on May 5, 2012 featuring Sara Cofield.

Scott Lawrence talked about ground penetrating radar being used to locate the burial trenches for the Confederate Soldiers buried at Point Lookout.

George Donely talked about a preservation group he is involved with in St. Inigoes and announced their events for Maryland Day.

Scott Lawrence announced that he was talking to the Charles County ASM at 6 p.m. in La Plata on April 12th.

Rob Gibbs announced that he had attended the Charles County Historic Commission Open House in February, 2012. He thought it might be a good idea to get the Southern Maryland Commission together some time.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on April 26, 2012