

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 26, 2015

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Scott Lawrence, Vice Chair
Pete Himmelheber, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Patricia Samford, Member
Teresa Wilson, 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: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management; Scott Strickland, contract archaeologist for CLG grant; Frankie Tippett.

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

Approval of Minutes: None.

Staff Report:

- 63 customer service requests.
- 1 demolition.
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meetings.
- Prepared Grant Report for 2014 Archaeology Grant Project and 3rd required electronic report requesting partial payment, etc. (minimum of 1 day work)
- Meeting with Dr. King, Scott Strickland, Bill Hunt regarding current archaeology grant and recent grant application made to Maryland Historical Trust.
- Submitted research report on the Commissioners of St. Mary's County, 1838-present, to Dr. Rebecca Bridgett.
- Met with Mick Blackistone about *Blackstones of Maryland* Book; got quotes for printing costs, etc.
- Historic Road project work with Calvin Strozier to add a new layer to County web site featuring historic roads in St. Mary's County.
- Attended Maryland Day ceremonies at St. Clément's Island.
- Attended a Southern Maryland Regional Archaeology Meeting with Bill Hunt in Waldorf – included Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles and Calvert representatives on the panel along with Maryland Historical Trust representatives.
- Working with Terry Maxwell and Jennifer Pitts on Maryland Scenic Byway Interpretation outreach meeting for St. Mary's County.

Old Business:

1) CLG Archaeology Grant Update
Scott Strickland talked with members about some of the field work he had been doing with Bill Hunt and shared some of the field records with HPC members. Mr. Strickland also said that he was in the process of making arrangement to appear on "The Pulse" with Bob Schaller and Carol Moody.

2) Report on Modernism workshop held on February 7th

Ms. Moody talked about the workshop that Pete, Terry, Linda and she had attended. Ms. Moody hoped that some of the Preservation Commission board members from other counties would be able to attend the “Connecting with your Community” workshop that will be held in St. Mary’s County.

New Business:

1) Vote on Historic Preservation Awards

- a) Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Himmelheber to present Sheriff Timothy Cameron with a Historic Preservation Service Award for the book entitled, “*Sheriffs of St. Mary’s County, 375 Years*”. Motion passed unanimously. Nomination made by Scott Lawrence.
- b) Motion by Dr. Samford, second by Mr. Himmelheber to present Carolyn Laray, Laschelle McKay and Maria Fleming with a Historic Preservation Service Award for spear-heading the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812 – a 3 day event in Leonardtown. Motion passed unanimously. Nomination made by Grace Mary Brady.
- c) Motion by Mr. Himmelheber, second by Ms. Wilson to present Jeanne Pirtle with a Historic Preservation Service award for the Arcadia book entitled, “*Sotterley Plantation*”. Nomination made by Linda Reno.
- d) Motion by Mr. Lawrence, second by Ms. Wilson to present Nancy D. Wolfe with a Historic Preservation Service Award for forming the Wicomico Valley Foundation of Southern Maryland thereby preserving more than 800 acres in St. Mary’s County. Nomination made by Grace Mary Brady.
- e) Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Mr. Lawrence to present Edward Lawrence (posthumously) with a Historic Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award for his more than 30 years of service to Tudor Hall. Nomination by Carol Moody.
- f) Motion by Dr. Samford, second by Ms. Reno to present David Brown with a Historic Preservation Service Award for his book entitled, “*George Plater*”. Nomination made by Carol Moody.
- g) No motion made for this nomination – consensus by e-mail as nomination was received after deadline. Support of all Commission members to give Dr. Timothy Riordan a Lifetime Achievement Award for his more than 30 years of community service in support of Historic St. Mary’s City and students of archaeology. Nomination by Silas Hurry.

2) Recruitment of new members for HPC

Commission members wanted to discuss recruiting new members as there is a current vacancy left by the resignation of Michael Smolek and the fact that both Carol Moody and Scott Lawrence would be term-limited out this year. Suggested names were Jason Babcock, David Roberts, Meredith Taylor, Janice Walthour. Ms. Brady offered to contact Mr. Babcock; Dr. Samford was going to speak with Meredith Taylor and Janice Walthour and Ms. Moody was going to contact David Roberts.

3) Report on appointment before Commissioners of St. Mary’s County for 2nd CLG Archaeology Grant Request – Carol Moody

Ms. Moody reported that permission to apply for a 2nd Archaeology Grant had been given to the HPC by the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County and that Ms. Brady had filed the grant application electronically. Ms. Brady noted that she had received some information after the Commissioners meeting and that the Maryland Historical Trust had asked for some changes. A formal letter was sent to the Maryland Historical Trust from Mr. Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management.

4) CLG Training Session “Connecting with your Community” April 13, 2015 from 2 to 4 p.m. – requirement of Commission members.

Ms. Brady reported that the CLG training provided by the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions was scheduled for Monday, April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. She asked Commission members if they would like to schedule their monthly meeting after the training. Everyone wanted to do that.

5) Board and Commission Volunteer Training Night – Wednesday, April 8 at 5 p.m.

Reminder about required Board and Commission Training provided by the County Administrator and County Attorney’s office.

6) Future of Buena Vista – Pete Himmelheber

Mr. Himmelheber gave a brief presentation about the current condition of Buena Vista. This historic home and site is wedged in between commercial uses and the road to the hospital. He spoke about the challenge of selling this home to someone when they would hear ambulances coming and going to the hospital and emergency air craft.

Items from the Floor:

Dr. Samford said that she had made some follow up calls pertaining to the Prince George’s County Historical Society **News & Notes** listing of properties of concern. She spoke with Susan Pearl and Ms. Stabler and learned that they did not obtain property owner’s permission before listing their property in the newsletter.

Announcements:

Mike Smolek, recipient of Chief of Naval Operations, Environmental Award in the Cultural Resources Individual Management Category. Ms. Brady had copies of the Tester which featured Mr. Smolek’s award on the front page.

Mr. Lawrence announced an archaeology dig scheduled at St. Francis Xavier for April 10, 11 and 12 and asked everyone to come and help.

Dr. Samford talked about Archaeology Day at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum on April 18th.

Mr. Bill Hunt talked about Earth Day on the Square being held on April 19th.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Himmelheber, second by Ms. Reno, to adjourn, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on April 13, 2015