

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 28, 2013

Present: George Donely, Member
Mary Farrar, Secretary
Rob Gibbs, Member
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair
Linda Reno, Member
Michael Smolek, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Carol Moody, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: William "Bill" Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Ms. Jacqueline Kirby.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Smolek, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Reno to approve the February 28, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 46 customer service requests.
- 1 Demo for the month of March.
- TEC meeting – 1 required historic review.
- Worked with Dr. Gordon Hughes at River Springs.
- Finalized LVFD on grant proposal to MHT for historic carousel currently housed in one of the Fire Department Carnival Buildings. Wrote letters of support.
- Spent a day with Maryland Big Tree representatives, measured and re-measured 11 trees.
- Finalized letters of support for Dr. and Mrs. Boyd grant application to replace cedar roof on Ocean Hall.
- Worked with Michael Clayton and Dr. and Mrs. Boyd to facilitate the moving and restoration of meat house currently located at Ocean Hall.
- Attended Maryland Day with Phil Shire, Bill Hunt and Carol Moody at St. Clement's Island.
- Preparation for Historic Preservation Awards.
- Scheduled and made arrangements for public presentations on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission to be televised on April 10, 2013 at 7 p.m. Mr. Don Shomette, will give a presentation on the Civil War in St. Mary's county which will be added to Channel 95 cable broad casting.

Old Business:

- 1) Archaeology Text Amendment Sub-Committee Report – Scott Lawrence

Mr. Smolek offered to speak with Bruce Young at Soil Conservation to discuss the possibility of using 5,000 square feet as a thresh-hold mark to require a Phase 1 Archaeology survey by any applicant who was disturbing 5,000 sq. ft. of soil.

- 2) Cemetery Sub-committee Report – Rob Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs handed out an updated version of the cemetery data-base he worked on. He talked about a request from Find a Grave for addresses to be linked with the grave sites and shared his concerns with

members of the Commission. Everyone recommended that only addresses to sites that allowed public access should be shared with Find a Grave. (e.g. Cemetery Businesses or Churches where access is not denied.)

New Business:

- 1) Historic Preservation Awards for May, 2013
 - (a) Admiral Gus Eckart nominated by George Donely for a project award for his work at the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum. Motion by Rob Gibbs, seconded by Linda Reno to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (b) Jimmy Dicus nominated by Scott Lawrence for a service award for his work at Summerseat Farm. Motion by Rob Gibbs, seconded by Mary Farrar to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (c) Dr. Gordon B. Hughes and Mrs. Myra Hughes nominated by Grace Mary Brady for a project award for the restoration of River Springs. Motion by Linda Reno, seconded by Rob Gibbs to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (d) Dr. and Mrs. James Clifton nominated by Carol Moody for a service award for the Foxwood Farm Archaeological Exploration project. Motion by Mike Smolek, seconded by Rob Gibbs to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (e) Mrs. Elizabeth "Beth" C. McCoy nominated by George Donely to receive a posthumously lifetime achievement award for years of historic preservation. Award to be accepted by surviving family members. Motion by Mike Smolek, seconded by Scott Lawrence to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (f) Rob Gibbs nominated by Grace Mary Brady for a project award for more than six years of work on the Historic Preservation Commission Cemetery Project. Motion by Scott Lawrence, seconded by Mary Farrar to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (g) St. Mary's County Historical Society nominated by Susan Wolfe for a service award for 60 years of the *Chronicles of St. Mary's*. Motion by Linda Reno, seconded by Rob Gibbs to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
 - (h) Dr. Julia King and Mr. Joseph Urgo, St. Mary's College nominated by Rob Gibbs for a service award in publishing the *Slack Water* series. Motion by Mike Smolek, seconded by Scott Lawrence to accept the nomination. Unanimous vote.
- 2) Upcoming Lecture Series and Dates

Ms. Brady talked about the possibility of having Dr. Julie King give a presentation on May 8th about the work she and students had just completed in searching for Thomas Gerard's 17th Century Home. Mr. Smolek had also spoken with Dr. King who expressed her interesting in giving another presentation.

- 3) Suggestions and recruitment of new HPC members

Staff indicated that Mr. Gibbs term expired June of 2013. Mr. Smolek felt it would be a great idea to ask Dr. Patricia Samford, Director of the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. Mr. Gibbs expressed concern that the Historic Preservation Commission had a lot of archaeologists.

Items from the Floor: Staff talked about the recent demolition of the Dameron House.

Announcement: Mr. Smolek talked about the 75th Anniversary of PAX and that they hoped to have programs about the pre-base history.

Adjournment: Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Smolek to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair

Date: Approved on May 23, 2013