

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting and other activities held on
May 21, May 22 and May 24, 2012

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

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

Recognition of Guests: Ray Cannetti, Dr. Julie King, Lindsay Halterman, Bill Moody, Patricia Samford, Jeanine Harrington, Bob Bowles, Frankie Tippett, Cathy Thompson, Ricky Hayden, Susie McCauley, and Yvonne Chaillet.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Gibb to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the April 26, 2012 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 47 customer service requests.
- Three demolition requests.
- TEC meeting – 1 submittal required historic review (no affect to historic properties).
- Tourism representatives from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's and I met with Professor Cohen and his college class for presentation of the War of 1812 Web Site that the class designed for our use.
- Worked at River Springs for the Maryland Pilgrimage House and Garden Tour all day on Saturday, May 5th.
- Gave a presentation to the Society Hill Garden Club at Breton Bay Country Club on War of 1812 and Historic Preservation, Monday night, May 14th.
- Arranged for Mr. Ray Cannetti to be the guest speaker for HPC meeting scheduled for Monday, May 21st.
- Gave a presentation to the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Colonial Dames at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Egeli in Drayden.
- Worked with the Historic Preservation Commission to present nominees for preservation awards before the Board of County Commissioners.
- Met with Dr. Papenfuse and Jennifer Hafner at the Maryland State Archives to ask the State Archivist to verify our 375 years of research and write a letter for the Sheriff's book about 375 years of St. Mary's County Sheriff Service to the Community.

Old Business:

Deferred due to workshop/training class.

New Business:

- 1) Mr. Ray Cannetti, Workshop on Historic Brick Structures from Maryland and Virginia.

On May 21, many of our group and quite a few visitors gathered to hear Raymond Cannetti, historic mason, talk about his work. He explained that water is the enemy of all masonry, gave examples of the way masonry is damaged, and showed us locations where he has restored buildings and walls. One such place

was Doughoregan, historic home of the Carroll family. Mr. Cannetti also showed examples of brick carving and talked about making bricks and compatible mortar. Constant vigilance is essential to maintaining historic buildings. It was an excellent presentation!

2) Approval of Annual Report.

Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Gibbs to approved the Annual Report as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

3) HPC Vacancy and vote on recommendation to BOCC

Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Lawrence to rank Ms. Linda Reno as the first choice for the Historic Preservation Commission and Mr. Kennett as the alternate choice. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22, 2012 Annual Historic Preservation Awards before the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Carol Moody, Chair; Mr. Robert Gibbs, Ms. Mary Farrar and Mr. George Donely were present for the Annual Historic Preservation Awards, which were given to the following:

- 1) Submittal by George Donely nominating Mrs. Francis (Tiny) Taylor and the parishioners of St. Ignatius Church for a preservation project award for restoration work performed by the Society for the Preservation of St. Ignatius Church.
- 2) Submittal by Kathy Bailey nominating John Sothoron and the Charlotte Hall School Alumni Association for a preservation project award for interpreting the story of the Charlotte Hall School and preserving the artifacts which are displayed at the White House in Charlotte Hall.
- 3) Submittal by Grace Mary Brady nominating Silas Hurry (HSMC); Nancy Dodge (Cremona); Bill Cullins (Cullins Trucking and Mount Chance Farm) and Wayne Guy and sons, (Guy's Firewood) for a preservation service award for contribution to the "Historic Barns of Maryland" Public Television Show.
- 4) Submittal by Rob Gibbs nominating Sotterley Garden Guild (Robert Alrdidge, Chair) for a lifetime achievement award for planning, preparing and maintaining the historic gardens and sundry horticulture features that make Sotterley the premier plantation on the Patuxent watershed since 1976.
- 5) Submittal by George Matisick nominating Father Brian Sanderfoot and the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church for the restoration of historic oil painting of St. Francis Xavier; for raising funds to preserve and survey the cemetery of St. Francis Xavier Church founded in 1661; and other preservation efforts.

Thursday, May 24 site Visit at Pax River arranged by Michael Smolek.

Ms. Carol Moody, Chair; Mr. Robert Gibbs, Ms. Ruth Mitchell, Mr. Scott Lawrence, Mr. Michael Smolek, Mr. George Donely, Ms. Mary Farrar, Mr. Frankie Tippett and Mr. Kyle Rambo attended the tour at PAX River on May 24th.

Mike Smolek arranged for a van and took the Commission and its guests to Mattapan first. Mrs. Architzell kindly hosted our group along with a few garden club ladies. Members had an opportunity to see

the house from top to bottom, its beautiful full porch, and the lovely lawn rolling down to the river. They also toured a large barn near the house, which had an enormous haymow. The barn needs some restoration when funds become available. The groups were joined by Kyle Rambo who escorted them around other parts of the base. Members had an opportunity to see some of the older installations that were used for weapons testing back in the day. There is heavy pressure to dispose of these features, even though some are the only ones of their kind in the world. The group circled along the Gold Coast, went past the old officers club, which is the site of Eltonhead Manor, and the former location of the Cedar Point Light and went to the driveway into the former location of the Susquehanna house. The group also toured the environmental education building where Mr. Rambo talked about his office's work to prevent bird strikes into airplane engines. As we were climbing into the van to go back to our cars, Mr. Rambo found a very large black snake that he placed in a nearby tree. We also visited St. Nicholas Chapel and Scott talked about revitalizing the graveyard there. A memorable afternoon was had by all!

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on June 28, 2012