

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the meeting held on
September 22, 2011

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

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

Recognition of Guests: Frankie Tippett, Mechanicsville.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Ms. Farrar to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Donely to approve the August 25, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Handled 18 customer service requests.
- No demolition requests for month of September.
- No TEC meeting.
- Sheriff Book meeting with Sheriff Cameron, Cindy Allen, Linda Reno, Maryann Thompson and Intern, Tyler Mattingly. 375th book committee selected 12 events for the first illustrations. Met George McWilliams in person on September 30th and reviewed the first twelve illustrations for the 375th Anniversary book.
- Meetings with Joe Norris, local artist, pertaining to the War of 1812 pamphlet.
- Nominated Dameron House to the 2012 Most Endangered List.
- Meetings continue with Dr. Gordon Blackistone Hughes and Mrs. Myra Hughes, owners of River Springs, relative to the War of 1812 and Civil War. Carol Moody, Linda Reno, Tyler Mattingly (intern) and I evaluating collections and scanning information.
- Newtowne Archaeology Dig with Scott Lawrence, Ed Gibb, Mary Farrar, Carol Moody, Frankie Tippett.
- Supported Museum Studies Lecture series provided by Dr. Julia King, St. Mary's College (1) *The Exhibit you won't see in a Museum: The Structure of the Universe through the eyes of the Bible*, by Dr. Stephen Godfrey, Calvert Marine Museum; and (2) *The Confederate Flag: America's Most Controversial Symbol* by John M. Coski, Museum of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia.

Old Business:

1) HPC Lecture Series.

Mr. Gibbs talked about the upcoming lecture featuring Dr. Julia King. He said that arrangements were confirmed with the library and asked if someone could bring a back-up lap top. Ms. Brady offered to do so. Ms. Moody and Ms. Brady agreed to make cookies for the guests.

2) Discussion of HPC meeting dates and time.

The group decided to keep the meeting dates and times as currently scheduled.

New Business:

1) Archaeology at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery – Mary Farrar spoke on behalf of Scott Lawrence. Ms. Farrar announced that future excavations were planned for September 24 and October 1, weather permitting.

2) Oyster Festival Schedule - promote book sales for ***I'm Goin' Down County***

Ms. Brady agreed to open the festival, set up and work from 9 a.m. until noon; Mr. Gibbs to work from noon until 2 p.m.; Mr. Smolek from 2 until 4 p.m.; and Ms. Moody from 4 until closing. On Sunday, Ms. Moody will open and staff from 11 a.m. until noon; Ms. Farrar from noon until 2 p.m.; Mr. Lawrence from 2 until 4 p.m. and Ms. Moody from 4 p.m. until closing.

3) American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Conference – Carol Moody

Both Ms. Moody and Ms. Brady stated that this was the best conference they had ever attended. They talked about the various sessions, the exhibit hall and shared comments during one of the sessions about the participation of St. Mary's County with the National Park Service and the Star Spangled Banner Trail (War of 1812). Ms. Moody prepared a written report that she shared with board members.

Announcements - Mr. Gibbs announced that he attended ***The Discovery of Zekiah Fort, a 17th Century Piscataway Indian Settlement***, which was held on September 15, 2011. He noted that it was a huge success and that many elected officials were present and participated in the program.

Adjournment – Motion made by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Smolek to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted By: Grace Mary Brady

Signed by: _____
Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on October 24, 2011