

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
April 13, 2015

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Pete Himmelheber, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Teresa Wilson, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff
Scott Lawrence, absent
Patricia Samford, absent

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 2 p.m. for **Connecting with your Community CLG Training** provided by Kirsti Uunila and Tom Liebel on behalf of the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions. Immediately after the training, participants were asked to complete a 2-page Commission Education Plan. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission started at 4:15 p.m.

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management and Scott Strickland, contract archaeologist for CLG grant.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Himmelheber, second by Ms. Reno to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: March 28, 2015

Motion by Ms. Reno, second by Ms. Wilson to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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 Commissioners of St. Mary's County research project to Dr. Rebecca Bridgett starting from 1838 to present – research from Circuit Court Commission records.
- Met with Mick Blackistone about *Blackistones 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. Photographed portions of road that still retained historic integrity.
- Working with Terry Maxwell and Jennifer Pitts on Maryland Scenic Byway Interpretation outreach meeting for St. Mary's County – tentative schedule for May 6th at 10 a.m.

Ms. Brady talked about spending a morning with Mr. Hunt doing an inventory of by-way and historic signs in the Lexington Park area. Ms. Brady talked about the upcoming Maryland Scenic Byways / Southern MD Planning Director Meeting that was currently being scheduled in St. Mary's County sometime in early May, 2015.

Ms. Brady announced that she was doing an “ON LOCATION” with the County Administrator after the 1st of May. She solicited suggestions from Commission members as to which sites they thought the County Administrator would enjoy visiting. Mr. Himmelheber immediately offered to take Dr. Bridgett on a tour of some of the significant historic sites in St. Mary’s County. Other staff members expressed an interested in going also. Ms. Brady offered to check with the County Administrator to see if they could be included and if so, how much time she might have for a tour.

Old Business:

1) CLG Archaeology Grant Update

Scott Strickland talked about a field site visit/meeting he had with Charles Hall, Matt McKnight (Maryland Historical Trust), Bill Hunt and Julia King. He also spoke about several public events that he would be participating in and handed a brochure to members that he had created.

2) Historic Preservation Awards Update

Ms. Moody announced that the Commission had an appointment before the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County on Tuesday, May 19th, time yet to be determined. She also reported that she and Ms. Brady had gone to Trophies by Design and selected the awards for the recipients for that day.

3) Report on Board & Commission Volunteer Training Night

Ms. Moody reported on the training provided by Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, the County Administrator and George Sparling, the County Attorney to members and staff of various boards and commissions.

New Business:

- 1) **Connecting with your Community** CLG Training session started punctually at 2 p.m. Training provided by Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions.

- 2) Regular meeting of HPC to follow training – approximately 3:30 to 4 p.m.
The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission started at 4:15 p.m. and ended at 4:40 p.m.

Items from the Floor:

Announcements:

Ms. Moody asked the members if they could meet at her house the month of June for a picnic. Members thought it would be wonderful to meet at the Moody home.

Mr. Bill Hunt talked about Earth Day on the Square being held on April 19th and the Archaeology Day at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum on April 18th.

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 May 28, 2015