

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 25, 2016

Present:	Linda Reno, Chair	Grace Mary Brady, Absent
	Rob Gibbs, Member	Pete Himmelheber, Absent
	Eve Love, Member	Teresa Wilson, Absent
	Kent Randell, Member	Sean Wickers, Absent

Call to Order: The regularly scheduled meeting of the HPC was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Randell to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

None.

Reports:

No reports were available from staff.

Old Business:

1. Cemetery Committee Update - Rob Gibbs. Mr. Gibb had visited a number of cemeteries and issues had been identified which poses the question as to how pro active HPC should be regarding maintenance, particularly those located on private property. An example was given at Bachelor's Hope where there is one burial on site. The tombstone is positioned to be photogenic but is not located where it should be. Another location noted was West St. Mary's Manor where tombstones have been moved from original location. Was this done with permission? It was suggested that a letter, friendly in intent, be sent to all property owners, public and private, citing the regulations regarding cemeteries. Ask the county attorney to review the letter before sending. Motion was made by Mr. Gibb, seconded by Mr. Randell to send a letter to property owners who had private cemeteries located on their property. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Speaker's Bureau - Rob Gibbs. Mr. Gibb has confirmed with speaker, Henry Miller. Mr. Gibb is preparing a flyer which can be distributed and put in the libraries.

New Business:

1. Digital Maryland collection on the Enoch Pratt Library. Mr. Randell has the ability to post, via the St. Mary's College of Maryland library, on the digital Maryland Collection. He suggested that this would be a good way to post graveyards and churches of St. Mary's County. There was discussion as to whether it was appropriate to post information on cemeteries located on private property. It was suggested to post a notification on the website that a cemetery is private and to request permission (even though family members are guaranteed access it is always advisable to request permission).

2. Future projects suggested included finishing Regina Hammett's school project.

3. Day of Genealogy - The St. Mary's County Genealogy Society is hosting a seminar on September 10th at the Higher Education Center on the subject of DNA. It is open to the public.

Items from the Floor:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment: Motion by Ms Love, seconded by Mr. Randell to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Eve Love

Linda Reno, Chair

Date: Approved on September 22, 2016