

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
December 18, 2014

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Scott Lawrence, Vice-Chair
George Donely, Member
Linda Reno, Member
Dr. Patricia Samford, Member
Michael Smolek, Member
Grace Mary Brady, Staff

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

Recognition of Guests: Bill Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Frankie Tippet, Teresa Wilson, Pete Himmelheber, and Lisa Donely.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Ms. Reno to approve the Agenda, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Ms. Reno to approve the November 20, 2014 Minutes, which passed unanimously.

Staff Report:

- 41 customer service requests (books).
- 2 demolitions (blight).
- Division staff meeting, TEC meeting, HPC meeting, CLG Grant Meetings. Worked with Kelly Palmer, Environmental Planner, for special presentation on December 18th HPC meeting.
- Continue work and research on Blackistone Book with Dr. Gordon Blackistone Hughes – Chapter 9 – almost finished. Scanning additional photos and papers for inclusion in final book.
- Prepared quarterly report for CLG Archaeology Grant received from the Maryland Historical Trust.
- Justice Rolls Down, written by Michael McCauley, published. Spent time marketing new county book to vendors who sell the current *I'm Goin' Down County, An Architectural Journey through St. Mary's County*. The Department of Land Use and Growth Management, Cecil's Mill, St. Mary's County Historical Society, Fenwick Books and Music, Lola Belle, Zimmerman's and Keepin It Local currently sell both books. Sold \$1,020 worth of books in 1 month.
- Met with Sheriff Cameron, Mary Ann, Carol Moody, Bill Hunt, and Jason Babcock to compare notes on St. Mary's County Old Jails. Jason will run an article about the various Jails that used to exist in St. Mary's County sometime in December.
- Met with Jason Babcock to work on story about the release of Justice Rolls Down, which ran in the Enterprise Newspaper on December 24, 2014.

Old Business:

1) CLG Archaeology Grant Update

Ms. Brady reported that the fully executed Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and St. Mary's College of Maryland had been received on December 1, 2014. Ms. Brady indicated that a copy of the Agreement package was sent to Nell Ziehl at the Maryland Historical Trust.

2) Update on Appointments to Board and Commissions

Ms. Brady said that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County appointed Pete Himmelheber and Teresa Wilson to the Historic Preservation Commission and that letters of acceptance had been sent out on December 16, 2014. For the record, Pete Himmelheber's term would expire June 30, 2017 and Teresa Wilson's term would expire December 31, 2017.

New Business:

1) Historic Review of Structures in the Floodplain – presentation by Kelly Palmer

Ms. Palmer gave an excellent presentation on the Historic Review of Structures in the Floodplain. She defined the floodplain; showed photos of 100-year flood events and nuisance high tide flooding; the process of how the county reviewed an application for renovation or replacement of an existing historic structure; FEMA regulations and alternatives to elevation.

Questions were asked and answered about flood proofing (wet vs. dry); the relocation of HVAC and electrical to ceiling and rafter areas; flood walls and shore erosion control. The Commission members thanked Ms. Palmer for her time.

2) CLG Grant Quarterly Report

Ms. Brady handed out a copy of the first quarterly report for the CLG Archaeology Grant. She noted that it was due December 31, 2014 and said that she planned on filing it on December 19, 2014 as she would be out of town over the Christmas Holiday.

3) George Donely – Thank you for Service

Mike Smolek kicked off the thank you remarks for Mr. Donely, with each member adding comments around the table. Carol Moody had made cookies for everyone, which disappeared quickly. Various members good-naturedly told George and his wife to expect a lot of visitors in Key West, Florida.

Items from the Floor:

Mr. Lawrence talked about the locations where the ASM met and said that the members were going to talk about alternating locations to hold the St. Mary's County ASM meetings at St. Mary's College one month and then at St. Francis Xavier the next month. Mr. Lawrence announced that the next meeting would be held at St. Mary's College on January 19th. The guest speaker would be Jim Gibb about ethics in Archaeology.

Announcements: Ms. Moody talked about various meetings that she had attending starting with the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Flat Tops on December 9, 2014. She went to the Chopticon High School for the swearing in of the new Commissioners of St. Mary's County along with Linda Reno. She also commented about the presentation given at St. Mary's College of Maryland with the 200 level students and how many people attended, including some of the elected officials (Delegate Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner President Guy and Commissioner Hewitt).

Mr. Smolek spoke about the excellent presentation given by Dr. Samford on behalf of the St. Mary's County Historical Society at its annual dinner. Dr. Samford thanked Frankie Tippett for introducing her to an elderly family member who remembered visiting the James Adams Floating Theater.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Smolek, second by Dr. Samford, which passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted By:

Grace Mary Brady

Date: Approved on February 26, 2014

Signed by:

Carol Moody, Chair