

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 22, 2018**

**Present:** Carol Moody, Chair  
Anibal Delgado, Member  
Rob Gibbs, Member  
Eve Love, Member  
Kent Randell, Member  
Teresa Wilson, Member

**Absent:** Sean Wickers

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

**Roll Call and confirmation of quorum:** Done

**Recognition of Guests:** Bill Hunt, Director of Land Use and Growth Management and Kathleen Easley, Acting Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Gibbs, seconded by Mr. Delgado to approve the Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Randell, seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reports:**

- a) Report from Staff  
Staff talked about her upcoming retirement and various items she was preparing ahead of time to cover the time of her absence until the position would be filled.
- b) Report from Cemetery Committee –Mr. Gibbs talked about a bill in the legislature to protect cemeteries introduced by Delegate Knott
- c) Considering speakers for fall series, two considerations are naturalists speaking on Osprey and Owls.

**Old Business:** Discussion of Hazard Mitigation Meeting with Mr. Gardiner, Map review of historic sites previously identified, but not ranked. Ms. Love reported that had spoken about the St. Mary's County Hazard Mitigation Plan to Kirsti Unnila, Calvert County Historic Preservation, at the Maryland Historical Trust Awards in Annapolis. Ms. Uunila offered her assistance and recommended that we consider a public program on rising sea level to educate our community.

**New Business:**

- a) Historic Preservation Award Ceremony on May 15, 2018. Please submit any nominations.
- b) Hen Coop Cemetery – request from Mrs. Norton for restoration help on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Rob will forward us directions.
- c) Comments on replacement roof in Hancock Historic District

**Announcements:**

Lexington Park ARTS Park Cherry Blossom Festival, Sunday, April 8 noon to 4  
Sotterley – Resurrection Manor and Why It was Lost – April 18, 2018 – Time 6:00 pm

**Items from the Floor:**

A bill is being considered by the Maryland Legislature, with a hearing on February 28, to insure family access to local cemeteries and to require local governments to note on deeds if a cemetery is located on a parcel, and the sale of burial grounds. Kent Randell offered to draft a letter from our Commission endorsing the proposed bill.

Kathleen Easley showed the attendees the Historic Sites map that is accessible on the [www.co.saint-marys.md.us](http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us) website. Look under Business tab/select View GIS maps.

Eve Love offered to host a dinner at her house for Gracie’s retirement and will ask her to suggest a date that is convenient.

Kent Randell will be speaking to the St. Mary’s County Genealogical Society on Monday, February 26, presenting his research on Susquehanna.

Rob Gibbs noted that Georgetown University is now posting pictures of rural Maryland online and they are downloadable.

Maryland Day Activities: Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Historic St. Mary’s City; Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Drayden School House; Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> St. Clements Island

**Adjournment:** Motion by Rob Gibbs, seconded by Terry Wilson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

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Eve Love

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Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on March 22, 2018