

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting held on October 27, 2005 at the Department of Land Use and Growth Management

Members Present: Peter Himmelheber, Chairman
Harold Willard, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Gibbs, Member
James Grusholt, Member
Mary Hayden, Member
Margaret McCoy Padukiewicz, Member
Jack Williamson, Member
Teresa Wilson, LUGM staff

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 22, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected.

2004 Annual Report Revision

The HPC found numerous date inconsistencies in the 2004 report, namely references to 2005. Ms. Wilson made note of the errors and requested that the members send her any other mistakes they find via email as soon as possible.

Discussion of Activities for 2006

The HPC discussed the Renovators Roundtable DVD that they hope to present to the public in cooperation with the Leonardtown Library. The presentations would be made one topic per evening over four evenings in late winter or early spring. Monday was suggested as the best day because there are typically fewer events scheduled for that evening. The members also want to make the same presentation at the Charlotte Hall and Lexington Park libraries. Ms. Wilson said that she would get in touch with those libraries and inquire about availability of the meeting rooms for dates later in the spring.

Report on Rotary Presentation

Mr. Himmelheber reported on the presentation he made to the Rotary Club meeting in Charlotte Hall on October 11, 2005. The basis for this presentation was the PowerPoint, which was assembled for the County Fair. Mr. Himmelheber added more slides of historic structures and historical items of interest. The program was well received and generated several questions and requests for the *Historic Guidelines for St. Mary's County*. Mr. Himmelheber said that he would make CDs of the presentation for the members for their review and comment.

Items from the Floor

The members discussed family cemeteries, agreeing that there are a number of undocumented cemeteries remaining in the county that need to be located. Ms. Wilson informed the HPC that a note on each cemetery located could be entered into the County HTE tracking system. When a permit application involving the land on which a cemetery is located comes through the planning office, the note would pop up. This will ensure that the applicant is informed of his/her obligation to follow state law governing removal or relocation of cemeteries. The members agreed that finding these cemeteries will be one of the HPC's projects for 2006 and that they would develop a plan of work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: _____ Signed by:
