

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
July 25, 2013

Present: Carol Moody, Chair
Mary Farrar, Secretary
Scott Lawrence, Member
Patricia Samford, Member
Michael Smolek, Member

Grace Mary Brady, Staff

George Donely, Absent
Linda Reno, Absent

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

Recognition of Guests: William “Bill” Hunt, Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management, Frankie Tippett and Susie McCauley.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Farrar, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the June 26, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

- Handled 109 (3 public meetings) customer service requests.
- Two demo’s for the month of July.
- TEC meeting – none required historic review.
- Continue to sell county books (18 books)
- North County site visits with Linda Reno and Bill Hunt. Dr. Guyther not able to attend. Charlotte Hall, Golden Beach, Mechanicsville, etc.
- Met with Leonardtown property owner about re-use and/or demolition of their existing tobacco barn.
- Southern Maryland Tourism Partners Meeting held in Prince Frederick to talk about and plan the War of 1812 activities for 2014.
- Raiders and Invaders Steering Committee Meeting on July 30, 2013 Working with Carol Picon, Maria Fleming, Carol Moody, Nancy Easterling, Dan Norris, Jeanne Pirtle, Susan Wolfe, Teri Dimsey, Laschelle McKay, Tracy Harris, Randy Richie, Carolyn Laray and Rebecca Lira to host a War of 1812 Celebration Weekend in Leonardtown June 6 – 8, 2014.
- Working with Maryland Big Tree representatives to schedule a two day tree measuring event (Fall, 2013).
- River Springs meetings continue with Dr. & Mrs. Hughes and Carol Moody to finish up scanning project.

Carol Moody offered to host the Maryland Big Tree representatives at her home for their fall visit so that they could spend 2 days measuring trees in St. Mary’s County. Scott Lawrence agreed to host them Friday evening so they could re-measure one of St. Mary’s Counties Bi-Centennial Trees.

Old Business:

1) St. Francis Xavier ASM Archaeology Field School – report from Scott Lawrence.
Mr. Lawrence gave a general overview of the 11 day field school and indicated that he would make the final report available for each member to read. He also mentioned that the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier were raising money to provide some basic restoration to the Newtowne Manor Home.

New Business:

- 1) Welcome new HPC member – Dr. Patricia Samford

Members welcomed Patricia Samford to the Commission.

2) Lexington Park Staff Draft Presentation – Grace Brady

Ms. Brady showed a presentation of the proposed Staff Draft of the Lexington Park Development Plan. Questions were asked and answered.

3) HPC Role in War of 1812 event June, 2014. Work with St. Mary’s County Historical Society – Carol Moody.

Ms. Moody talked about the plans for next year’s War of 1812 3-day event to be held the first weekend in June, 2014. She asked the members of the Historic Preservation Commission if they would be willing to participate (e.g. dress up in period costume, hold a sign for various areas in St. Mary’s county that had been impacted by the War of 1812 like St. George’s Island, Chaptico Church, etc.) There was general support from members to participate in some fashion.

4) Upcoming Lectures

Ms. Moody asked members to listen to Craig Symonds, a teacher from the Annapolis Naval Academy, when he gave his presentation at Sotterley on September 18, 2013. She would like to have him give his presentation again for the HPC so it could be recorded and re-aired.

Ms. Brady suggested a presentation about oysters. Mr. Smolek recommended a talk about the Flat Tops to coincide with the 70th Anniversary of the Base. Mr. Lawrence recommended Dr. Dennis Pogue talk about the Newtowne Neck Manor Home.

Items from the Floor: None

Announcement: None

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Farrar to adjourn. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on August 22, 2013