

St. Mary's County, Maryland
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 22, 2013

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

Grace Mary Brady, Staff

George Donely, Absent

Archaeology Sub-Committee Meeting called to order at 3:45

Mr. Lawrence called the Archaeology Sub-Committee meeting to order.

Mr. Lawrence read the Draft Archaeology Questions and members of the sub-committee talked about how to answer the various questions. Mr. Lawrence spoke about the formation of a local St. Mary's chapter for the Archaeology Society of Maryland.

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, Dr. Julia King and Frankie Tippet.

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 Dr. Samford, seconded by Mr. Smolek to approve the July 25, 2013 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

1) Staff Report

- Handled 69 customer service requests.
- Two demo's for the month of August.
- TEC meeting – none required historic review.
- Continue to sell county books (12 books)
- Met with Leonardtown property owner about re-use and/or demolition of their existing tobacco barn – wood was re-used and LVFD did controlled burn.
- Met with SHA, DPW from Charles County, Tri-County Council, Terry Maxwell, Christy Bright (DNR), etc. about wayfinding signage issues for Religious Freedom Byway Trail.
- Raiders and Invaders Steering Committee Meeting on August 15, 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 three day tree measuring event (October 25, 26 and 27)
- River Springs meeting on August 2nd with Author Mick Blackistone, Gordon and Myra Hughes, Carol Moody and Linda Reno. 6,868 items scanned.
- Met with Jeff Edgin, Calvin Strozier, Carolyn Laray to update Historic Maps on County web site. (Tourism)
- Working on a tour of Southern Maryland for guests of Preservation Maryland with Dr. Julia King.

Staff asked is the next meeting could be Thursday, September 19th instead of September 26th. All present agreed to the change in meeting date.

Staff talked about the by-law requirements for meeting attendance and said that lack of participation in sanctioned CLG events cost the Commission funds. Staff reviewed the CLG grant process and talked about reimbursement for each member who participated.

Old Business:

1) HPC Role in War of 1812 Event – June, 2014

Ms. Moody talked about the Raiders and Invaders meeting being held in Leonardtown to work on the 3-day event celebrating the War of 1812 next year. She wanted to know if HPC would like to have an active role in this event. There was general conversation on ways to participate with the consensus being that whatever members of the HPC decided to do, it would be a collaborative effort with the St. Mary's County Historical Society and its participation in this event.

Ms. Moody thought it might be fun to talk about War of 1812 clothing that women and soldiers would have worn during that time period.

2) Upcoming Lecture dates

Ms. Brady said that Dr. Eshelman was scheduled to give a presentation to promote the War of 1812 event in Leonardtown in the Spring of 2014. Mr. Lawrence said that he would let members know when the kick-off event would be for the newly formed St. Mary's County Archaeology Society Chapter.

3) Archaeology Ordinance Update

The update consisted of general answers to 11 proposed questions that citizens might ask if an Archaeology Ordinance was introduced. More research and fine-tuning of proposed Archaeology Ordinance to be done.

New Business:

1) County Fair and/or Oyster Festival Participation

A poll was taken and there was not sufficient staffing for the Commission to participate in the Fair or Oyster Festival this year.

Items from the Floor: Mr. Lawrence offered to send date, place and time of Archaeology Event that they were working on for the kick-off of the St. Mary's County Archaeology Society/

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 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By:

Signed by:

Grace Mary Brady

Carol Moody, Chair

Date: Approved on September 19, 2013