



## Historic Preservation Commission - Feb 26, 2026 Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Patuxent Building, Office of Land Use & Growth Management 23150 Leonard Hall Dr.  
Leonardtown, MD 20650

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Eve Love, Patricia Samford, Teresa Wilson,  
Jeremy Hanson, Matthew Riedel, Chris McKay, and Apryl Yates.

Staff in Attendance: Courtney Jenkins and Gabrielle Gleissner.

### 3. Approval of the Agenda

- A. Approval of the Agenda for the February 26 Meeting  
I move to approve the Agenda for the February 26 Meeting.

*Moved by:* Mary McKay

*Seconded by:* Patricia Samford

**All voted in favor of approving the agenda.**

### 4. Approval and Review of the Minutes

- A. Review and Approve the January 22 Meeting Minutes  
[January HPC Minutes.pdf](#) 

I move to approve the January 22 Meeting Minutes.

*Moved by: April Yates*

*Seconded by: Mary McKay*

## **Motion Carries**

### **5. New Business**

#### **A. Historic Lecture Series**

- Staff asked members if they would like to send a "thank you" card to Ruth Mitchell for her historic lecture last month. The members were in agreement to send a card. Staff will prep this for signature by the members at the next HPC meeting.
- Staff asked the HPC member whether they would like to have the next lecture series in April or May. The members decided on May and staff advised they would reach out to Robert Crickenberger, a previous HPC Awards winner from 2025. He will conduct a lecture on his Civil War restoration efforts at Point Lookout State Park.

#### **B. CLG Funds**

Staff advised HPC members that there were still CLG funds to be utilized during this fiscal year. Staff had reached out to the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC) and chose the course **HPC 200 Connecting with your Community: Communication, Education, and Outreach**. The members decided they would like to have this training during the April 26th HPC meeting. Staff will reach out to the MAHDC to confirm this training.

#### **C. HPC Awards**

- Staff advised HPC members that the updated HPC Awards Nomination Form has been uploaded to the HPC's webpage. Nominations will be accepted until Thursday, April 16, 2026. Members asked if a news release will be published about the awards, staff plans to have one pushed out in early March.
- May is Historic Preservation Month and there will be a proclamation read and the HPC Awards will be

presented during the Commissioners' Meeting. Staff asked members to pick one of the meeting dates in May for this to occur, members did not have a preference so Tuesday, May 12, 2026 was decided by staff.

D. Events Subcommittee Update

Staff gave an update from the Events Subcommittee meeting that took place on Thursday, January 29, 2026. Staff looked into whether St. Mary's County was going to have a Maryland Day Event at St. Clement's Island Museum this year, but there will not be. Staff did additional research on a few other events, but right now the Oyster Festival is the main event that the subcommittee is focusing on. Eve Love suggested staff look into the Rebels and Red Coats event on April 11 and 12, and the UCAC Juneteenth event in June.

E. Grants Subcommittee Update

Eve Love gave an update from the Grants Subcommittee meeting that took place on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Grants Subcommittee members have started discussing grant topic ideas. Staff also outlined the grant applying process for St. Mary's County Government. Eve had sent some additional questions the subcommittee had to Heather Barrett from the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT). The subcommittee members plan to have their next meeting Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

F. Discussion

There were no additional discussion items.

## 6. Reports

A. MSUB25-0416 43616 Dillow Farm Ln., Hollywood

B. DEMO26-0068 37633 Woodland Ford Ln., Mechanicsville

C. RESACC25-2648 39049 Carlton Way, Mechanicsville

Members asked that staff include a clearer description of the project's purpose, rather than only noting the age of the primary structure in cases where the primary structure itself is not affected by the project. Staff agreed to do this for future

projects.

- D. RESREN25-2583 49220 Curleys Rd., Ridge
- E. DEMO26-0210 23810 Kingston Creek Rd., California

## 7. Old Business

- A. 2025 CLG Annual Report

Staff presented the drafted 2025 CLG Annual Report to members and asked for them to recommend approval. The members requested one change, adding a sentence about the HPC's attendance at the St. Clement's Island Maryland Day Event in March of 2025. Staff advised they would make this change before submitting the report.

I move to approve the 2025 CLG Annual Report with the requested changes.

*Moved by:* Teresa Wilson

*Seconded by:* April Yates

**All voted in favor of approving the report with changes.**

## 8. Announcements

- A. HPC's next meeting is on March 26 at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Boards and Commissions Recognition Certificates  
The Boards and Commissions Recognition Ceremony took place on Tuesday, February 3, 2026. Staff passed out the certificates that the members received.
- C. St. Mary's 2050 Community Engagement Window #3  
Staff presented a video about the St. Mary's 2050 Comprehensive Plan with members. Staff also showed members where on the Comprehensive Plan webpage that they can find the draft for review and corresponding surveys. Staff also provided the members with flyers of the upcoming March open houses for them to share with their networks.

## 9. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

I motion to adjourn the February 26 meeting.

*Moved by:* Eve Love

*Seconded by:* Teresa Wilson

**All voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 4:40 p.m.**

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Mayor