



Historic Preservation Commission - Jun 25 2026 Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 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, Teresa Wilson, Matthew Riedel, Christine McKay, Jeremy Hanson, and Apryl Yates.

Staff in Attendance: Courtney Jenkins, Gabrielle Gleissner, and Valinda Clark.

3. Approval of the Agenda

A. Approval of the Agenda

I move to approve the June 25 meeting agenda.

Moved by: Teresa Wilson; seconded by: April Yates

Motion Carries.

4. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval and Review of the May 21 Meeting Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the May 21 meeting.

Moved by: Mary McKay; seconded by: Teresa Wilson

Motion Carries.

5. New Business

A. Events Subcommittee Update

Staff provided an update on the Events Subcommittee. The subcommittee plans to host an exhibit at the 2026 Oyster Festival in October. Members also expressed interest in creating two pop-up banners to highlight the Historic Preservation Commission's mission. Staff will reshare the Excel spreadsheet for members to provide input and suggestions for

the banner content.

B. Grants Subcommittee Update

Eve provided an update on the Grants Subcommittee. Staff submitted the Intent to Apply (ITA) form for the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) FY27 Non-Capital Grant. Members are working with staff to finalize the grant application and will appear before the Commissioners of St. Mary's County (CSMC) on July 21 to seek approval to pursue the grant.

C. Discussion

There were four additional discussion items from staff:

1. Staff informed members that St. Mary's County Boards and Commissions volunteers received an email from Diane Gleissner regarding in-person meeting attendance. In-person participation is encouraged, therefore, Zoom links will only be provided to members who request one in advance. Requests will be reviewed by staff on a case-by-case basis.
2. During the May HPC meeting, members expressed interest in potentially writing articles to be published in the paper. Staff took this inquiry to the County's PIO office and was advised that members could move forward with doing so.
3. Staff shared that a citizen inquired about the process for designating Charlotte Hall road as historic. Members recommended that staff contact the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) to determine the process and requirements for the citizen.
4. Staff provided an update on the requested tour of the Brick Chapel and the new Visitor Center at St. Mary's City. Ruth Mitchell advised that the Visitor Center opening has been delayed, so a tour is not yet possible. Staff will follow up at a later date to reschedule the tour.

6. REPORTS

- A. MSUB26-0188 16374 Piney Point Rd., Piney Point
- B. DEMO26-0187 50825 Holly Point Rd., Dameron
- C. CSP26-0177 46730 Shangri-La Dr., Lexington Park

Members asked whether the project would provide affordable housing. Staff consulted the project's planner, who confirmed that the development is intended to provide affordable housing.

7. Announcements

- A. HPC's next meeting is on July 23 at 4:00 p.m.
- B. The Only Revolutionary War Battle in Maryland (St. George Island) Historic Lecture
Staff shared the flyer for the upcoming lecture "The Only Revolutionary War Battle in

Maryland (St. George Island) and provided copies to the members to share with their networks. Staff has also asked the County's PIO to create a Facebook event and post announcing this.

8. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the June 25 meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Moved by: Jeremy Hanson; seconded by: April Yates

Motion Carries.