

**Harford County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Meeting Summary: Wednesday June 10, 2020**  
**(Meeting rescheduled from June 3 due to technical issue)**

Members Present: Carol Deibel (chair)  
Phil McCall  
Dan Coates (Co-Chair)  
Erik Polk (arrived at 7:20)  
Christina Presberry (arrived at 7:30)

Staff: Joel Gallihue  
Jacob Bensen

Public: One anonymous login observed during the meeting.

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**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 PM.

**Welcome**

Ms. Deibel welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was held online via Microsoft Teams Live because of social distancing measures in place for the state.

**HPC 2020-2021 Work Plan Discussion**

- Ms. Deibel began the meeting with the Work Plan discussion, as the HPC was waiting for delayed members before items requiring a vote could be discussed.
- Goal 1 Expand the list of Harford County Landmarks. Mr. Coates wondered if any of the original authors could be contacted. Mr. Bensen mentioned MHT is doing resurvey work so we should coordinate.
- Goal 2 – Mr. Coates will share list of archaeological sites for P&Z records. Mr. Coates discussed request from Friends of Jerusalem Mill about using ground penetrating radar to find foundations at Jerusalem Mill and Joppatowne. Ms. Deibel asked if information will be available to county?
- CD Goal 3 awards program annual? Ms. Deibel observed consensus to stay with biannual as it has been successful in the past and Mr. McCall noted biannual allows more time for projects and increases diversity of applicants/projects. Ms. Deibel suggested postponing 2021 awards to 2022 because of Covid19.
- Annual Training Requirements CLG – Mr. Bensen shared MAHDC training options. Ms. Deibel highlighted need for training and requested that all HPC members inform staff of training completed for annual report to MHT. Discussed potential collaboration with Bel Air HPC on formal training opportunities.
- Ms. Deibel suggested investigating design guidelines from MAHDC be adopted until county-specific can be written.
- Ms. Deibel suggested a biannual publication idea like Charles County on non-awards years and noted a consensus to investigate this idea.

- Ms. Deibel suggested that the HPC work with other heritage organizations in preparation of Harford County 250, organization committee will reconvene after Covid19 emergency ends.
- Mr. Galihue described status of StoryMap project, requested themes for story maps be submitted to staff.
- Ms. Deibel and staff will meet to create tasks under goals that can be assigned to specific commission members.
- Mr. Polk inquired as to outreach to real estate professionals and described difficulties in learning about HPC/preservation prior to joining Commission.

**Review and Approval:**

- The February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes were considered for review. Ms. Presberry moved to approve the minutes as written and Mr. McCall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The May 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes were considered for review. Ms. Presberry moved to approve the minutes as written and Mr. McCall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

No old business to discuss.

**Administrative Business**

CLG Grant Application Update:

Mr. Bensen shared with the Commission that the grant for design guidelines has been successful and noted that staff are preparing an RFP to hire a consultant to write the guidelines. He noted that the project must be completed by June 30, 2021.

National Historic Preservation Month Online Exhibit

Ms. Deibel shared the success of the online exhibit hosted by the Historical Society in cooperation with the HPC, noting significant public engagement and comments regarding the properties highlighted during the exhibit.

**Public Comments** – none.

**HPC Comments/Announcements** – Mr. McCall asked for further information regarding the fire at Fair Meadows (HA-1067). Mr. Bensen described a conversation he had with the property owner and relayed that the main dwelling will be demolished due to extensive damage, but the outbuildings will be repaired. Mr. Bensen described his suggestion to the owner to consider deconstruction of the main dwelling and the donation of material samples to the Historical Society. Staff is also in contact with MHT regarding updating MIHP/National Register listing for Fair Meadows.

**Adjourn**

Mr. McCall moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Coates seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:25 PM.