

Harford County Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary: Wednesday July 1, 2020

Members Present: Carol Deibel (Chair)
Dan Coates (Co-Chair)
Phil McCall
Iris Barnes
Jackie Seneschal
Eric Polk (left early due to emergency)

Members Absent: Christina Presberry

Staff: Jacob Bensen
Joel Gallihue

Public: Two anonymous visitors recorded

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Welcome

Ms. Deibel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and Approval: June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Seneschal requested confirmation that no actions had been voted upon during the June 10th meeting; Ms. Deibel confirmed no action were voted upon. Mr. McCall moved to approve the meeting summary as submitted. Ms. Seneschal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Historic Preservation Commission 2020-2021 Work Plan

Ms. Deibel requested any additional comments on HPC Work Plan, none were voiced; Ms. Seneschal moved to approve Work Plan as submitted. Mr. McCall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Historic Preservation Commission Work Plan Tasks

- Goal 1: 1. Mr. Bensen updated the HPC on the staff meeting with MHT regarding inventory update.
2. Mr. Bensen will update members once inventoried list is finalized with MHT. Members will submit recommendations for new inventories as identified.
- Goal 2: 1. Ms. Deibel suggested that a task be added to "Other Business" each month to allow HPC

members to recommend potential landmarks and to discuss sites at risk. Mr. Bensen said that he will add to August agenda.

2. Ms. Deibel suggested that all members work together to identify potential new landmarks. Mr. Coates suggested breaking down county geographically and having members focus on areas they live in or are familiar with. Suggestions for focus areas:

-Ms. Seneschal: Emmorton

-Ms. Deibel: Jarrettsville/Norrisville

-Mr. McCall: Edgewood/Abingdon

-Dr. Barnes: Havre de Grace

3. Mr. Coates discussed the identification of industrial heritage sites, extant and archaeological; Welsh building tradition in northern Harford; Ms. Seneschal noted that Welsh culture and cultural events are still prominent in Whiteford.

4. Dr. Barnes suggested contacting Harford Community College (HCC) for potential collaboration efforts: mentioned Dr. Sharon Stowers, Dr. Jamie Karmel; Mr. Bensen noted his previous work with the staff at the Hays-Heighe House, will contact HCC to inquire regarding collaboration.

5. Mr. Coates noted that he is working to establish connections with local private schools and home school groups.

6. Ms. Seneschal volunteered to contact Mr. Howard Eakes (HCPS) of Harford Glen Environmental Center to discuss potential collaboration.

7. Promote Preservation Awards, need to identify date of next Ceremony-Tentatively May 2021, all programs currently on hold due to COVID-19. Mr. Gallihue will check on status of preservation projects in progress. Ms. Seneschal recommended tabling discussion until October, when status of projects and pandemic will be better understood, if continuing with 2021 date, advertise for applications in December 2020. Dr. Barnes suggested virtual/online awards ceremony.

8. Mr. Coates indicated that a list of established archeological sites will be provided to the county.

Goal 3:

1. Mr. Bensen discussed meeting with MHT regarding training requirements. One training per member is required annually, reported to MHT as part of annual report. MHT suggested NAPC Conference, which will be held virtually in August 2020. Mr. Bensen will investigate county funding for members to attend.
2. Mr. Bensen will continue to collaborate with Bel Air HPC regarding potential future joint training session.
3. Members agree that Library/HCC round table discussion is a great idea, but may not be possible due to COVID-19. Ms. Seneschal asked HPC to consider virtual/online options: ex. Videos posted to County website. The HPC discussed overall having a better presence online and connections with the real estate community. Mr. Bensen will investigate possibility of creating information videos.
4. Develop "Preservation Matters"-type newsletter (Goal: May 2021?). Dr. Barnes asked for clarification on frequency of publication, Ms. Deibel suggested every other year. Mr. Bensen will

send examples of publications to HPC members. Discussed article topics written by HPC members and staff. Suggestions:

- a. Staff will provide article(s) on HarfordNext/Landmarks Program/Tax Credit Program
 - b. Dr. Barnes could provide article(s) on Harford County history through the lens of the African American experience
 - c. Mr. Coates could provide article(s) on archaeology
 - d. Ms. Seneschal could provide article(s) on Emmorton and about HPC awards
5. Ms. Deibel informed the HPC that Harford250 planning is still on hold due to COVID-19

Goal #4:

1. Mr. Bensen will send the HPC design guidelines mentioned in MAHDC training.
2. Staff will continue to work on county oversight opportunities to broaden interest and knowledge about Historic preservation efforts, e.g. story maps, postings about preservation efforts.

New Business

Certificate of Appropriateness Application: Rumsey Mansion (HA-1)

1. Mr. Bensen provided a summary of the staff report on the proposed painting project at the Rumsey Mansion (HA-1). Work would include re-painting of wood trim on Spring House and Main House. Applicant requests Harford County and MHT tax credits for project; already approved by MHT.
2. Mr. Coates recommended including suggestion to owner to replace modern gutters on Spring House with half-round type, to prevent further deterioration of wood and paint. Mr. Bensen will include this suggestion in the letter back to the applicant.
3. Ms. Deibel noted a typographical error in the staff report, which will be corrected.
4. Mr. McCall moved to approve the COA application as submitted, based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standard 6. Dr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Design Guidelines RFP

Ms. Seneschal requested that Mr. Bensen provide a timeline for completion of the RFP to the HPC. Mr. Coates requested that Mr. Bensen provide the HPC with updated contact information.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

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