

Harford County Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Summary: Wednesday July 7, 2021
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present: Carol Deibel (Chair)
Dan Coates (Co-Chair)
Christina Presberry
Phil McCall
Jackie Seneschal
Eric Polk

Members Absent: Dr. Iris Barnes

Staff: Jacob Bensen
Jon Leishman

Public: Laura Bianca- Pruitt
Carol Powers

Special Guest: None

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Welcome

Ms. Deibel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review and Approval

June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Seneschal moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Presberry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Archeology Update

Mr. Coates reported that they are starting a dig August 2nd in Joppa. He stated that only 4 miles west, at Marshy Point Nature Center, there is another dig. He also mentioned that he will be helping donate artifacts to Cecil County.

New Business

Design Guidelines Adoption

Mr. Bensen stated that the Design Guidelines are complete and are online. He stated that the Commission is ready to vote and that he has already received an absentee ballot from Dr. Barnes. She voted yes.

Ms. Seneschal was very excited about the Guidelines, and she stated that this is a resource for anyone to get a sense of how to care for a historical property.

Ms. Seneschal motioned to approve the Design Guidelines. Mr. McCall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Other Business

Emily Graham Bayless Park Manor House Stabilization Update

Mr. Bensen informed the Commission about the prior conditions which included Wall repairs and roof repairs.

Ms. Seneschal asked Mr. Bensen if there were any plans for a plaque on the house or an interpretation.

Mr. Bensen stated that there is no public access at this time.

Ms. Deibel, Mr. McCall, and Ms. Seneschal all showed their approval and discussed different ideas for this interpretation.

Ms. Deibel asked Mr. Bensen a question about Tudor Hall.

Administrative Business

Harford County Historic Preservation Survey App Update

Mr. Leishman presented an update on the MIHP Survey App. He explained that he has been the primary County employee working on these surveys, stating that they are expecting the new Historical Preservation Planner to assume primary responsibilities of this when they come on board to the staff. Mr. Leishman will still be working on this as well, adding more manpower and expecting this project to move a little faster. He explained that he recently completed surveys for the Hayes House and the Hayes- Heigh House.

Ms. Seneschal asked if there have been any struggles or major things we have learned throughout this project.

Mr. Bensen explained some of the issues we have run into.

Old Post Road Lot

Mr. Bensen explained the proposal and the plans for the different parcels.

Mr. Coates gave some insight on the surrounding warehouses.

Ms. Deibel asked about a buffer.

Mr. Bensen stated that a buffer is only necessary with County Landmark properties.

Ms. Deibel talked about an event Dr. Iris Barnes is doing with Belleview Farms.

Public/Commission Comments

Ms. Carol Powers had a question about the direct location of the Old Post Road Parking Lot.

Ms. Laura Bianca- Pruitt asked how far the process of the Old Post Road Lot plan is.

Mr. Bensen answered and said he was unsure, but he is waiting on current planning for more information and the next steps.

Mr. Coates had a comment on the Trivia. He spoke about green marble quarrying in Harford County.

Adjourn

Ms. Deibel asked to for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Coates motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Ms. Presberry. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting ended at 7:55 PM.