Summary of Actions
Prince George’s County Historic Preservation Commission
Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
4th Floor Board Room, County Administration Building

Commissioners Present: Chairman John Peter Thompson, Donna Schneider, Yolanda Muckle, Vice Chair Lisa Pfueller Davidson, Aaron Marcavitch, Susan Pruden, Eddy Campbell, Nathania Branch-Miles

Commissioners Absent: Royal Reff

HPC Counsel: Bradley Farrar, Esq.

Staff Present: Howard Berger, Jennifer Stabler, Daniel Tana, Tom Gross, Tyler Smith

Guest: Name/Organization

Agenda Item

Attendees
Terry Woods C.1
Carl Davis C.2.
Kevin Servance C.2.

A. Call to Order

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice Chair Davidson read introductory remarks about the meeting and procedures into the record. Commissioner Reff had an excused absence.

B. Approval of Meeting Summary – December 18, 2018

Mr. Farrar noted that he was present at the December meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Pruden moved to approve the December 18, 2018 meeting with Mr. Farrar’s correction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (5-0).

C. HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMITS

1. 2018-098, Cross House

Mr. Tana presented the staff report. The circa-1888 Cross House is one of the earliest homes to be built in the subdivision of Charlton Heights, later incorporated as Berwyn Heights. The applicant proposed to replace the asphalt shingle roof in-kind and remove a secondary chimney. Terry Woods, the property
owner, was present and in agreement with staff. Staff recommended approval.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve HAWP 2018-098, in accordance with staff’s recommendations. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (4-0-1, the Chair voted present, Commissioners Branch-Miles, Muckle, and Marcavitch had not yet arrived).

Commissioner Muckle arrived at 6:40 p.m.

2. **2019-001, William H. Thomas House (Historic Site 68-061-03)**

Mr. Gross presented the staff report. The William H. Thomas House is a circa-1916, two-story American Foursquare house. The application proposed the construction of a two-story rear addition to the house. Staff recommended approval. The owner and contractor were present and in agreement with staff.

Vice Chair Davidson asked about the roof connection between the addition and existing house. Mr. Gross explained that the entire addition sits slightly lower than the existing house. Vice Chair Davidson expressed her approval of the addition being lower and slightly narrower than the existing house.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve HAWP 2019-001 in accordance with staff’s recommendations. Vice Chair Davidson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (5-0-1, the chair voted present, Commissioners Branch-Miles and Marcavitch had not yet arrived).

D. **PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS**

1. **2018-016, Helen Dwight Reid House (Historic Site 80-057)**

Mr. Smith presented the staff report. Staff recommended a preservation tax credit in the amount of $9,571.80 for work involving internal systems and the replacement of a deck.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Preservation Tax Credit 2018-016 in accordance with Staff’s recommendations. Commissioner Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (5-0-1, the chair voted present, Commissioners Branch-Miles and Marcavitch had not yet arrived).

2. **2018-017, Waverly (Historic Site 82B-009)**

Mr. Tana presented the staff report. Staff recommended a preservation tax credit in the amount of $13,841.67 for work involving scraping and repainting the exterior of the building, structural stabilization of the front porch and replacement of the front porch floor.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Preservation Tax Credit 2018-017 in accordance with staff’s recommendations. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (5-0-1, the chair voted present Commissioners Branch-Miles and Marcavitch had not yet arrived).

3. **2018-018, Paxton House (Historic Site 68-076)**
Mr. Smith presented the staff report. Staff recommended a preservation tax credit in the amount of $675.00 for work involving the repair of a brick chimney.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve historic preservation tax credit 2018-018. Commissioner Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (5-0-1, the chair voted present, Commissioners Branch-Miles and Marcavitch had not yet arrived.

Commissioner Marcavitch arrived at 7:02 p.m.

**E. UPDATE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

Mr. Gross presented the update from the Department of Parks and Recreation. The update addressed primarily Compton Basset. An email from Brian Carroll was distributed (Exhibit 1) about temporary roof repairs at Oxon Hill Manor.

Commissioner Branch-Miles arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner Marcavitch asked about the nature of temporary repairs. Mr. Gross clarified that it was a variety of minor repairs including slate repairs, flashing, caulking, etc. Mr. Gross also announced that Parks staff would begin meeting with HPC staff on a monthly basis. Vice Chair Davidson expressed interest in hearing more about the collaboration between NHRD and UMD mentioned in the update. Chairman Thompson expressed interest in the smokehouse at Compton Bassett. Mr. Gross also stated that a date had been set for the Peace Cross/War Memorial case to be heard by the Supreme Court on February 27th. Chairman Thompson expressed his hope that communication between Parks and Staff be continuous and that the HPC be updated as necessary. Commissioner Schneider commented that she saw a segment on Fox Business News about the Peace Cross.

**F. COMMISSION STAFF ITEMS**

1. **HAWP Staff Sign-Offs**

   No further questions.

2. **Properties of Concern**

   Mr. Gross stated that there had been no additions or deletions. Staff met with William Shipp, representing the owner of Kildare, who relayed that some work has been undertaken to repair the roof. Staff visited the Cochrane Store and Grimes House. The Cochrane Store has had brush removed around the building which may or may not have been conducted in response to staff’s letter to the owner. Commissioner Marcavitch asked if any of the POCs had been sent to Preservation Maryland as potential “Six to Fix” projects. Chairman Thompson suggested that Commissioner Marcavitch discuss it with Mr. Gross. Commissioner Pruden asked about the Van Horn-Mitchell House and whether it should be added to the POC list. She explained that it is on the market and the owner has been using it as an Airbnb. John Peter Thompson provided some background information about the house and his efforts to bring positive attention to it. The HPC made an unofficial motion to add it to the Properties of Concern List.

3. **Referrals Report**

   No further questions.
4. Correspondence Report – No Correspondence Report

5. New Business/Staff Updates

Commissioner Schneider asked about the completion of the work at Crandall-Rothstein House. The exterior work was completed as approved by the Historic Area Work Permit. Mr. Gross had the opportunity to take a tour of the interior and confirmed that the work was done as approved. During the project there was some documentation of the structural members and discussion about the building episodes.

Commissioner Marcavitch made several announcements. He was hosting a Heritage Areas Grant Webinar watch party at his office January 16th. There was a Heritage Areas legislative reception at the senate office building on January 30th. January 31st is Preservation Maryland Advocacy Day. He is making an attempt to revive the Battle of Bladensburg task force. The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area hopes to announce in February the start of the development of the Civil Rights Trail. MAHDC will be meeting in Frederick in the first weekend of May. Commissioner Marcavitch brought up the College Park Elementary School/Calvert School, part of which UMD is planning on tearing down and turning into a daycare center. Mr. Marcavitch advocated for the building’s Civil Rights history. Mr. Gross pointed out that it is not within the Old Town College Park Historic District.

MOTION: Commissioner Pruden moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (8-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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