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GOVERNOR'S CONSULTING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032**

February 22, 2011

Committee members present:

Dr. Richard Longstreth
Dr. Edward Papenfuse
Mr. Peter Pearre
Mrs. Nancy Schamu
Dr. Damie Stillman
Mr. Robert Vogel

Committee members not present:

Staff members present:

Jan Gowing
Peter Kurtze

Visitors present:

Howard Berger – P.G. Co. nominations
Michael & Catherine Kenney
Nick Kraus – Dundalk, Liberty, Cornwall HD
Franklin Robinson, Jr.
Dave Turner - P.G. Co. nominations
Robin Ziek – Rockville Park HD

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chairman Longstreth.

The minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting were reviewed and passed in a motion made by Mr. Vogel and seconded by Mr. Pearre; the motion was carried unanimously.

Nominations considered:

RILEY/BOLTEN HOUSE – Montgomery County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

The Riley/Bolten House is an early 19th-century house, with a mid-19th century log wing and a comprehensive remodeling in the 1930s. The house became the centerpiece for a suburban development. Part of the property is referred to as Uncle Tom's Cabin but the association is doubtful. It's a good example of the trend to Colonialize earlier buildings. It does retain a substantial amount of interior décor.

Dr. Longstreth pointed out that the gentrification of farmhouses began in New England by the late 19th, early 20th centuries. Dr. Papenfuse warned to be careful of the debunking of Josiah Henson (Uncle Tom's Cabin) and to consider what the possibilities were. There is some element of truth in regards to Henson's life that should not be ignored.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Dr. Stillman. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

ROCKVILLE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT – Montgomery County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

Rockville Park Historic District is a late 19th, early 20th- century residential sub-division associated with the metropolitan branch of the B & O railway.

Mr. Pearre questioned if Criteria B should be considered in the nomination. After discussion, it was decided to leave it as part of the nomination. Mrs. Schamu corrected the comment that Washington is at the mouth of the Potomac, when it is actually not.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Papenfuse and seconded by Dr. Stillman. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

BROAD CREEK HISTORIC DISTRICT – Prince George’s County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

The Broad Creek Historic District was nominated as an early settlement with the period of significance extending through the 18th-century. The landscape contributes to the overall setting of the district but not the buildings that have been created since 1783 in that landscape. The Piscataway House is a mid-18th century building which was moved into the neighborhood in the 1930s and therefore, falls outside of the period of significance.

Mrs. Schamu asked if the nomination should be considered archaeological in nature and was told that it was open for discussion. She also believes that the Piscataway House should be considered significant because of its association with preservation in Maryland in the 1930s. Once again, Mr. Vogel pointed out that there is confusion between the words immigrate and emigrate and suggests that a style guide should be provided for those producing a nomination. He also pointed out the use of the word stones being used to ignite muskets, when the word should be flints. Dr. Papenfuse thinks that there is an 18th century context to the area and because the area is still rural, it would add value to understanding of the area. Guest and resident of the area, David Turner added that he felt that the archaeology and agricultural aspect should be better explored in the nomination.

A motion to accept the nomination, amended to encompass agricultural history, to discuss the nature of the landscape and to note the archaeological importance of the site, was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Dr. Papenfuse. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried in a vote of 6 ayes and 1 nay from Mrs. Schamu who felt the nomination needed to be rewritten.

CLAGETT HOUSE AT COOL SPRING MANOR – Prince George’s County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

The Clagett House at Cool Spring Manor is an unusual plan and form. The interior is in good condition with very little change.

Dr. Papenfuse is curious to know if the inspiration for this house came from the development of lands along the Mississippi. Dr. Longstreth recommended that the sentence referring to the house form state that it is “most commonly found in the deep south”.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Papenfuse and seconded by Dr. Stillman. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT – Prince George’s County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

The Fairmont Heights Historic District is a residential suburb of Washington in the first half of the 20th century.

A discussion on the architectural integrity of the buildings in the district and it was decided that due to the socio-economic class of the area that remodeling was part of the process of that area.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Mrs. Schamu and seconded by Mr. Pearre. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

GLENN DALE HOSPITAL, Prince George’s County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

Mr. Vogel thought that the description of tuberculosis was too clinical for the nomination. Dr. Longstreth thinks that something should be included about the importance of the landscape setting.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Longstreth with the provision that a least a paragraph be included referencing the landscape, and was seconded by Dr. Stillman. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

PISCATAWAY VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT, Prince George’s County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

Mr. Pearre would like to see the Underwood House included as a contributing resource in the nomination. He also questioned whether there were outbuildings that should be included in the nomination. Dr. Longstreth questioned the end of the Period of Significance (removal of the post office) and was told it was the date that the community had substantially achieved its historic form and appearance. Mr. Pearre also added that the removal of a post office was a comment by the Federal government on the viability of a community. Mrs. Schamu would like to see an indication of which of the buildings are contributing and which are not.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Mr. Pearre. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL PARISH HISTORIC DISTRICT, Prince George's County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

St. Thomas' Episcopal Parish Historic District is a rural community centered around a late-18th century church.

Mrs. Schamu questioned how a small rural parish was able to bring in top notch people, such as nationally known John W. Priest and Milton Grigg to do the renovations in the church. David Turner (our guest) was able to explain that due to the ties that certain priets and parishioners had, they were able to hire the best. Mrs. Schamu questioned where the grant came from, the National Trust or Save America's Treasures. Since it was Save America's Treasures, she asked that National Trust be stricken.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Stillman and seconded by Dr. Longstreth. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

DUNDALK, LIBERTY, CORNWALL GARDENS, Baltimore County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

Dundalk, Liberty, Cornwall Gardens is significant for its association with early 20th century housing programs.

Mr. Kurtze announced that the Baltimore County Landmarks Commission, in their review, recommended that the Period of Significance be amended to 1942, when the complex was complete. Mrs. Schamu recommended that the landscape/site planning be discussed more thoroughly. Dr. Longstreth would like to see the nomination re-written to reflect in the 1930s, the drive for high quality, modern income housing as a sound long term investment. Dr. Papenfuse questioned why Sanborn maps weren't used as they were helpful in understanding neighborhoods. Mr. Vogel would like to see the form of the footnotes put into a proper form.

A motion to table the nomination until such time as the role of the FHA was explained and site planning is discussed, was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Mr. Pearre. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

OAKLAND MILLS BLACKSMITH SHOP AND HOUSE, Howard County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

Oakland Mills Blacksmith Shop and House is an early 19th century house and a substantially well preserved blacksmith shop. Also on the property are the ruins of a spring house.

Mr. Pearre recommended that the nomination be renamed the Oakland Mills Blacksmith Shop and House, because it is threatened. The importance of the blacksmith shop gets lost in the description of the building.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Dr. Stillman. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, Baltimore City

Presented by: Peter Kurtze

Criteria considered:

Criteria Recommended:

Mr. Pearre suggested that the comment about saving of brick be taken out because it is not correct.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Stillman and seconded by Mr. Pearre. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. The motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Dr. Stillman requested that the May 10, 2011 meeting be switched to May 3, 2011. The Committee agreed with the change.

Dr. Papenfuse announced that the scanning of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties should be updated, including Baltimore City by the end of the year.

The Committee recommended that in the future, the photographs be listed on a separate sheet, to include descriptions, since the writing on the back of the photos doesn't show up clearly when being photocopied.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Mrs. Schamu. The motion was carried unanimously.