

# GOVERNOR'S CONSULTING COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

100 Community Place  
Crownsville, Maryland 21032

October 16, 2012

### Committee members present:

Julie Ernstein (via email)  
Richard Longstreth  
Peter Pearre  
Nancy Schamu  
Robert Vogel

### Committee members not present:

Edward Papenfuse

### Staff members present:

Jan Gowing  
Peter Kurtze

### Visitors present:

John Fieseler – Cover's Tannery  
Shirley Greene – Christ Rock Church  
Mike Hayman - Waverly Main Street H.D.  
Warren J. Howze – Morgan State Memorial Chapel  
Herschel Johnson – Christ Rock Church  
Rev. Bernard Keels – Morgan State Memorial Chapel

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., by Dr. Longstreth.

The minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed and passed in a motion made by Mrs. Schamu and seconded by Mr. Vogel; the motion was carried unanimously.

## **Nominations considered:**

### CHRIST ROCK CHURCH, Dorchester County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze  
Criteria Considered: A, C  
Criteria Recommended: A, C

Christ Rock Church is a late 19<sup>th</sup> century church in Cambridge. It is significant for its architecture and its association with the African American community. It has dual balconies, a choir loft and seating at the opposite end of the building. The Trust first became involved with the church through the African American Heritage Grant program, which provided aid for major structural repairs to the building.

Dr. Longstreth requested that the second to last sentence on page 8.3, be stricken.

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

### COVER'S TANNERY, Carroll County

Presented by: Peter Kurtze  
Criteria Considered: A, C  
Criteria Recommended: A, C

Cover's Tannery is an outstanding example of the interplay of Anglo and Germanic building traditions in Carroll County in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. The house was built in two stages, the sided section is the earlier of the two and the stone section was built slightly later. There are the remains of a bake oven within the fireplace. The house retains an exceptional collection of original woodwork and hardware. The property also features a noteworthy early bank barn.

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.

### MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Baltimore City

Presented by: Peter Kurtze  
Criteria Considered: A, C  
Criteria Recommended: A, C

The Memorial Chapel was built in 1941, and designed by Alfred Cassell, the most noted African American architect in the DC/Baltimore area at that time. It is significant for its association with the development of Morgan State University, as well as its connection with Mr. Cassell.

Dr. Stillman disagrees with the use of the words Early English in this nomination because it usually implies a form of Gothic. Mr. Pearre feels that the architectural description, section 8.1, needs editing. Dr. Longstreth pointed out that Fellowship in the AIA is not the highest distinction of professional architects; the Gold medal of the AIA is. He also would rather see the article from the Afro News, as well as the chronology, be moved to an appendix.

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.

#### WAVERLY MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT, Baltimore City

Presented by: Peter Kurtze  
Criteria Considered: A, C  
Criteria Recommended: A, C

Waverly Main Street Historic District is a long established corridor, both commercial and residential. Many of the residential properties were converted to commercial use by the addition of a store front.

Mrs. Schamu is concerned with how unsympathetic additions are treated on a contributing resource if the owner should want to use the Tax Credit Program. After discussion, the Period of Significance was defined as 1741-1960.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Longstreth, with the edits that were discussed during the meeting, and was seconded by Mr. Pearre. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

#### AMERICAN ICE COMPANY, Baltimore City

Presented by: Peter Kurtze  
Criteria Considered: A, C  
Criteria Recommended: A, C

The American Ice Company is the only part of a much larger complex to survive.

Dr. Longstreth pointed out that even though Criterion C was checked in the nomination, there wasn't any discussion on it and should be added. He is also concerned that the machinery that was left in the building be included in the nomination. Mr. Vogel pointed out that the brewing companies were the leaders in artificial refrigeration, and should be mentioned in the nomination.

A motion to accept the nomination was made by Dr. Longstreth and seconded by Mr. Vogel. Dr. Ernstein voted in favor via email. Mrs. Schamu abstained; the motion was carried.

COLDSTREAM-HOMESTEAD-MONTEBELLO HISTORIC DISTRICT, Baltimore City

Presented by: Peter Kurtze  
Criteria Considered: A, C  
Criteria Recommended: A, C

The district is mostly two-story row houses of various styles of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. A lot have enclosed porches.

Mr. Pearre feels that it should be pointed out that Lizette Woodward Reese, a Baltimore poet, lived in this area in the 1920s and 1930s. Mrs. Schamu would like for Mr. Kurtze to revise the historical narrative to include the influence of blockbusting in the 1950s. Dr. Longstreth feels that this gives the nomination additional significance. Mr. Pearre pointed out that the reference to a statue of “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” needs to be corrected to Martin Luther.

A motion was made to accept the nomination by Mrs. Schamu, to include corrections and additions, based on the committee’s comments, and was seconded by Dr. Longstreth. Dr. Erinstein voted in favor via email; the motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Meeting Dates for 2013: March 21 and October 24.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12 noon, in a motion from Mrs. Schamu and seconded by Dr. Stillman; the motion was carried unanimously.