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MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGY
(MACA)
March 4, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance

Joy Beasley
Jane Cox
Marian Creveling
Bill Dudley
Tom Forhan

Staff in Attendance

Dennis Curry
Jan Gowing
Charlie Hall
Dixie Henry
Patricia Samford

The Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m., by Chairperson, Jane Cox.

Review of the minutes of December 10, 2014

The minutes were reviewed and accepted in a motion made by Tom Forhan and seconded by Bill Dudley; the motion was passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Bill Dudley was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation on his retirement, on behalf of MACA and MHT.

Underwater Activities Report – Susan Langley

On January 12, 2015, Mallows Bay was moved into NOAA's inventory and usually, within five years, should be considered on the Federal Register to become a Sanctuary. We would like to see it done sooner in order for it to be recognized in time for Archeology Month and Earth Day. On April 22nd a

public scoping meeting will be held in LaPlata where NOAA will explain the process. The next one will be held in Annapolis on May 5th. June 10th will be a meeting of vested stakeholders to discuss boundaries and how it should be handled. Mallows Bay has a lot to offer in the way of environmental studies.

The nomination form is presently at the National Register for consideration as an historic district, and will probably be listed in the near future, hopefully in time for Archeology Month. The Alice Ferguson Foundation will be doing the clean-up in the Potomac on April 11th and we are hoping to make an announcement regarding Mallows Bay at that time.

Susan reports that they have most of their equipment through a Sandy Grant. They have funding to be able to look threatened and endangered areas, damaged by storms, extreme weather or climate change. In April, shoreline surveys will begin around Crisfield, Somerset County. They are working with ORSR doing the surveys. They are also hoping to be able to use the equipment can also be used working with the Coastguard, through Homeland Security Incident Command and the nationwide programmatic agreement for oil spills and hazmats.

Susan and Troy attended the SHA conference in Seattle, and Susan was again asked to stand for the Advisory Council for Underwater Archeology. They've been meeting with the Institute for Maritime History and Troy will meet with the Maritime Archeological Historical Society. Troy received training through the British organization, Nautical Archeology Society. The diving he learned through them is the only kind of diving the federal agencies want. He is now an official tutor, and will help develop further training. Susan hopes to nominate Troy to replace her as the Archeological Research Seat on the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council when her term expires. The Board is funding 75% of a stipend to a student intern to do to assist with a study to aid in developing a means of differentiating European flint from North American chert in ballast piles. In June, the dives will be finalized on the *Levin J. Marvel* and will be making application for it on the National Register.

Terrestrial Activities Report – Charlie Hall

The theme of Archeology Month is "Out of the Ordinary: Tavern Archeology in Maryland". Charlie received 14 essays, 11 of which are on tavern sites investigated in Maryland. Rod Cofield's introductory essay put taverns in a more holistic societal context; Troy Nowak's essay discussed beverage making in Colonial Maryland; and Silas Hurry has an essay on the cost of beverages, food, and accommodations, all of which were carefully controlled by the Colonial government. Thirteen consulting firms made financial contributions Archeology Month. SHA will print the booklet in color. Prince George's County is providing the funding for the poster.

This year's Field Session, May 22 through June 1, will again be held at the Biggs Ford site. The Field School from Towson will also again participate.

The Mount Claire archeological collection was transferred from Mount Claire to the City of Baltimore's archives building. There are about 300 boxes in the collection, which consists of artifacts and records. City archeologist, Lauren Schizik, National Park Service archeologist, Teresa Moyer, and Charlie have been organizing, documenting, and storing the collection along

with City Archives staff for the past two months. A report will be prepared documenting the condition of the Collection for the Mayor of Baltimore City, who plans to convene a Working Group of stakeholders to plan for the future use and care of the Collection.

Two professional archeologists (Lisa Kraus and Jason Shellenhamer) who are residents of Baltimore City have developed an interest in the archeology of the Herring Run Park. There are a number of archeological resources that have not been inventoried, mostly industrial and residential. This spring they plan to initiate some survey work with the assistance of volunteers. They hope this project will develop into a future Field Sessions.

Patricia Samford asked if the artifact will be stored at the MAC Lab. Charlie answered that it is unclear at this point where they will go, but since the Baltimore Archives is mainly a repository for paper records and they are not interested in becoming the permanent archeological repository for all City collections.

MAC Lab Activities report – Patricia Samford

The MAC Lab received three Gloria King Research Fellowship applications which were reviewed and two proposals were chosen. Esther Rimer, a student at the Univ. of Tennessee is coming to write up one of the earth fast, late 17th-early 18th structures at Oxon Hill Plantation. We gave one week of funding to Laura Masur of Boston University, who will be looking at Jesuit properties in Southern Maryland. There is a new intern, Robin Martin, who will be updating the pre-historic ceramics section of the Diagnostic Artifacts of the webpage. Having a better handle on the pottery collection, we can expand it with amore photographs and include more essays. We have posted an expanded section on cream ware on the Colonial Ceramic webpage and added two new small sections on clouded ware and green glazed earthen-ware in their own section.

We received a grant from State Highways two years ago to create a database of datable and analyzable contexts within the MAC Lab collection and we are still waiting on the Dept. of Budget Management for permission to hire two positions that will be funded. Meanwhile, we are doing a test pilot of the project to make sure that the database that was created actually works. There are about 20 sites coded into the test site which seems to work.

The field crew for public archeology for Smith St. Leonard site finished in December and they are processing the artifacts from last season. They looked at buildings that were probable slave quarters and another unknown outbuilding with a cellar and plaster walls. The public archeology season will begin on May 5th and run through June 27th.

Becky Morehouse, Mark Thompson and Tricia are working in consultation with the 2020 Committee, consisting of people from the MAC Lab, JPPM and MHT, to help us figure out what is needed for the expansion of the MAC Lab and revising the Capital Program that was originally prepared in 2006.

Discovering Archeology Day will be held on April 18th. The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture is asking to borrow one of our artifacts for one of their

exhibits. In conjunction with the Starz miniseries, *Outlanders*, staff at the MAC Lab are taking artifacts from the lab collection and using them with high resolution images from the mini-series and making an exhibit that talks about the material culture of the 18th century. It will be on display for the Celtic Festival. They will partner with public libraries to display the exhibit because the book series are so popular.

Compliance Activities report – B. Cole, D. Henry

Dixie reported that there were a lot of coordination meetings over the last couple months. It was reported that they were working more closely with the Corps of Engineers, Baltimore district and having quarterly meetings, to discuss projects that are going to occur and checking the status of agreement documents to see if stipulations are being fulfilled. They are already seeing in the benefits from the meetings. The Baltimore district had the idea to take the language from our agreement and reiterate it in permits that they issue. There was also a coordination meeting with Charles County, giving the opportunity to assess their Historic Preservation Review process to see how it's been going. They are asking for surveys on about 2/3s of the projects. A coordination meeting with DNR was to discuss the master planning process that they are undertaking for Newtown Neck State Park in St. Mary's County. They have grant money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the National Park Service, which they are to use a part of for the archeological survey. Julie King will be surveying five areas which will hopefully turn into a comprehensive survey of the property. DNR would like for Jonathan Sager and Dixie to come and talk to their internal review team on Section 106 and in the fall to do a full day training of their land managers.

Research and Synthesis Activities report – Dennis Curry

The Synthesis Project is coming along well and the database is ready to go online. There will be both a public version and a professional version. We will have Medusa, the Synthesis Project and the MAC Lab database online. Tricia mentioned that the Synthesis has been a big help to the MAC Lab project.

Dennis had submitted an article to Archeology of East and North America about Mid Atlantic ossuaries and he just received a page proof. This was originally slated for a lead chapter for an edited book on secondary burials, which fell through. After revision, he sent it off to be published.

Two grants that Dennis is administering, Zekiah Fort Heritage Trail and Pig Point Project, have been instructed to go to the Legislature and ask for more money again this session. This points out our need for our Non-Capital Grant Program to be returned. That's how we funded important archeological work that is important to the State. We are hoping that our new Secretary, who has a history background, will become an advocate for us.

The Workshop is scheduled for March 28th, at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. MHT will be staying at Community Place and hopefully next year the Workshop can be held here in the building once again. We have not yet received an exemption to hire for Rodney Little's position, so we will be without a permanent Director until at least July 1st.

State Highway Administration Obligations Regarding Archeological Permits – C. Hall

MHT is a steward of archeological sites on State owned property, so we have a permit process. The only entity who is exempt is State Highways. MHT and State Highways are in the midst of determining under what circumstances SHA may need a permit (for example; when SHA would be doing research work on DNR property). Attorneys are presently working to make it clear where SHA is exempt and where our responsibilities begin and end.

Our Assistant States Attorney has pointed out that regulations are needed for our permit process. Our law does have stipulations that are most important; qualifications of the investigator, the disposition of the artifacts which are state owned and the benefit to the citizens of the State of Maryland. Also included are regulations for metal detecting.

Other Business

Marian reported that the CMA will meet on Friday, March 6th, at the College Park Aviation Museum.

Selection of next meeting date – Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at in a motion made by Jane Cox and seconded by Tom Forhan; the motion was carried unanimously.