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MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGY
(MACA)
September 11, 2013

Committee Members in Attendance

Joy Beasley
Jane Cox
Marian Creveling
Joe Dent
Bill Dudley
Patricia Samford
Bob Wall

Staff in Attendance

Beth Cole
Dennis Curry
Jan Gowing
Charlie Hall
Dixie Henry
Elizabeth Hughes

The Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Review of the minutes of June 12, 2013

The minutes were reviewed and accepted in a motion made by Joy Beasley and seconded by Marian Creveling; the motion was passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Chief Archaeologist Position – Elizabeth Hughes

The committee members introduced themselves to Elizabeth who was present to discuss the Chief Archaeologist position. With Maureen Kavanagh retiring, the Trust isn't sure that she can be

replaced with the same set of skills, which was not only the Chief Archaeologist, but she also headed up the GIS program. Our expectation is that we will be splitting the duties of the Chief and the GIS positions. Elizabeth asked the committee if there were any concerns on how the Trust is approaching the filling of Maureen's position or, any perspectives they may have. Joe Dent thinks that maybe the position can be filled with someone with Maureen's skills. He also feels that it is important that someone be named Acting Chief of Archaeology. Joy Beasley stated that the National Park Service sees the Maryland SHPO is the highest functioning and the most collaborative working relationship. She feels that the position is critical to continuing the collaborative, engaging the public archaeology program. Bob Wall agrees that it is a critical leadership position that needs filled quickly. Dixie Henry stated how the position affects policy issues internally. Jane Cox understands the need since she is much in the same position of being able to direct the programs. Bill Dudley questioned whether there would be two positions to be hired and was told no...that if they couldn't fill the position as it was under Maureen, they would make the Acting Chief permanent and hire for the GIS position, overseeing GIS digital data on archaeology and standing structure. Jane asked if it would be helpful for MACA to show support the hiring exemption request, to which Elizabeth replied that she would let the committee know once she found out how it would be best handled.

Underwater Activities Report – Jane Cox (reading report)

MMAAP recently received comments on the draft final report submitted to NPS ABPP in July. Minimal changes were requested and the final report and GIS database will be submitted prior to the 30 September deadline.

Langley joined a joint-NOAA, TSU, BOEM & TAMU team for an expedition to study a deep wreck in the Gulf of Mexico through board member James Delgado. She monitored the project through live communication from Robert Ballard's Inner Space Center at the University of Rhode Island; similar communications centers were created at Galveston and TAMU. The project studied and sampled one vessel and discovered two others during the week-long expedition. Board Member and NOAA staff member, Dr. James Delgado, made a presentation to the MHT board about this project.

The University of Southampton/Historic St. Mary's City fieldwork in the St. Mary's River was completed on schedule in July. Nowak provided oversight and equipment assistance to the doctoral student directing this effort. We expect to receive a report outlining the findings of this expedition in the fall.

Langley provided training in heritage legislation and shipwreck identification to 20 volunteers and staff of the NPS and USFWS, as well as staff members of the VDHR and the public in Chincoteague in August. She continues to work with USFWS at Chincoteague, NPS at Assateague, and VDHR and the Old Coast Guard Station Life-Saving Museum in Virginia Beach, which also has a tagging program, to revitalize and coordinate the wreck tagging program long in the works. MD DNR was invited to participate and made no response.

ABPP has awarded a grant to the College of Charleston to undertake work on behalf of NHHC on the upper Patuxent to seek remains of Barney's 1814 flotilla. As sampling is proposed and as

any vessels located are, at this juncture, as likely to be merchant vessels and hence State property, as they are to be Navy property since the Navy extensively salvaged the military vessels within a couple of months of their being scuttled, MMAP has requested the college coordinate with MHT on the timing and details of its project.

Langley and Nowak will inspect the Levin J. Marvel in the fall.

Nowak will continue survey off Nottingham in September and will present a paper with Mike Lucas (MNCPPC) summarizing MHT and MNCPPC work at Nottingham during the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Annual Meeting in November.

Langley submitted an application to a FEMA/DHS grant program for equipment to meet mandated emergency response capabilities.

MMAP staff hosted the Upper Chesapeake Bay Estuary Area Committee, including DHS, USCG and other federal, State and local partners in June.

Nowak worked with Betty Hobgood to complete the necessary paperwork to receive the Over-the-Target funds for remote sensing equipment granted by the Governor and DBM.

Nowak assisted at the Annual MHT/ASM Field Session in Maryland Archeology at Biggs Ford Site.

Nowak attended monthly Aquaculture Review Board Meetings and reviewed over 200 undertakings during June, July, and August 2013.

Terrestrial Activities Report – Charlie Hall

The Maryland Archaeology Month committee kick-off meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2013. Having lost the non-capital grant program, Charlie will solicit cash from consultants, ASM, CUFMA, and posters from SHA. He has asked for ideas for a good theme for Archaeology Month.

There are upcoming volunteer opportunities such as the Jennifer Lime Kiln on October 19, in Baltimore County. The Druid Hill Park Slave Quarters is tentatively scheduled for November. Patterson Park earthworks built during the War of 1812. Baltimore Heritage has received grants which will pay for a consultant to right-up the results.

The Appropriate Place of Repose has received an extension on the second NAGPRA grant to provide a revised inventory to the NAGPRA office. Letters have to go out to several tribes regarding the Piscataway remains of Accokeek Creek. Charlie has just started planning the round of inspections of the APRs that were created over the last two years. They have to be monitored on a round robin basis...one per year.

MAC Lab Activities report – Patricia Samford

BCUA Collections – Re-housing of the artifacts into archival boxes and bags continues at the former bus station adjacent to the Maryland Historical Society. MHT has received an official offer for the BCUA collections from the City of Baltimore and the Maryland Historical Society.

Conservation Projects - Three colonial wells from Delaware; Revolutionary War collection from Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences property, Deadwood pistols, , blacksmith material from Pennsylvania, 42 cannon expected from City of Philadelphia and expecting 3 cannon carriages from Ft . Delaware.

The lab interviewed four candidates for the contractual conservator position formerly held by Virginie Ternisien.

Gloria S. King Research Fellowship - A second research fellow for 2013, Alasdair Brooks, spent two weeks in June researching several southern Maryland sites for a book on the effects of the Staffordshire ceramic industry. Announcements have been sent out to the wider archaeological community for the 2014 round of fellowships.

Transportation Enhancement Grant – The lab did receive funding from the Maryland State Highways Transportation Enhancement Program to create a database and website on Phase II and III collections in the Lab. Met with SHA at the end of July and are now in process of requesting permission to hire two positions associated with the project. We have also submitted a similar proposal to the Navy to provide additional funding for this project.

Diagnostic Artifacts in Maryland Webpage – Revisions to the Tin Glazed Earthenware page went live in June. Society for Historical Archaeology is reprinting two sections from Post-Colonial Ceramics page in a reader on California archaeology due out this fall. The lab has received a request from Hunter Research to add some Delaware colonial ceramics and small finds to the Diagnostic Website.

Public Archaeology/ RITES Trail project – The 2013 Public Archaeology season came to a conclusion with a total of 131 participants spent 567 hours digging at the site or in the lab processing the artifacts in June. The field crew continued to excavate in the area west of the kitchen, and uncovered more postholes, clearly representing several different buildings.

Sara continued to work on piecing together a number of Accokeek vessels.

Joe Dent reported to Tricia that Reynolds Tavern has a great collection of bone handled toothbrushes.

Review and Compliance Activities report – B. Cole/Dixie Henry

Beth reported that there have been lots of projects over the summer and a number of coordination meetings. SHA is going to be seeing an increase in a lot of their project work because of the new Maryland gas tax. They are getting ready to go and finish data recovery work on historic 17th and 18th century site 18TA315 which is in the alignment for the Dover bridge replacement. The annual coordination meeting was held with Antietam National Battlefield. Compliance

participated in a webinar briefing by the advisory council for SHPOs on their new handbook about integrating NEPA in Section 106. Charles County has followed through and become a Certified Local Government which makes them eligible for some of the grants from our office. They were recently awarded a grant to hire an archaeologist who can do archaeology reviews and help them develop their policy. MHT annual preservation awards are on our website and have four categories to consider; leadership and service, educational excellence, project excellence and stewardship. There is a version of the update on the state plan, "Preserve Maryland", which is on our website for a 30 day public comment. We expect to have it finalized to meet our Park Service requirements in November.

Dixie reported that the project at Friendship Farm Park in Charles County is reconsidering the area that they were proposing to build a visitor's center, which would have been in the midst of several ossuaries. They have Tim Horsley surveying the area and hopefully, that will help them with better planning. The Four Seasons development in a critical area in Queen Anne's County, which originated in 1999, was put on hold in 2006. There were three National Register eligible sites located in the area. It now looks as though it is coming back to life and will need federal permits to do that. The MOA they had with us expired in 2011 and a new one will have to be signed.

Synthesis Project report – Dennis Curry

Matt has finished Annapolis and is now working in Baltimore City, which is the last jurisdiction to finish up. Once that is finished, he goes back to the beginning to pick up all the new stuff that has come in in the past five years. Dennis feels that the benefits of the project are amazing and the public is recognizing it. The project point guide is going to be printed as a double issue of Maryland Archaeology and to be used as a point guide. Dennis is also hoping that it will encourage use of the website. Al Luckenbach and Ed Chaney are going to create an archaic triangle page for the website. The Trust is managing some legislative money (\$250,000) that was put into our budget for a Piscataway Heritage Trail...half for archaeology and half for the heritage trail. A MOA with St. Mary's College of Maryland is just about completed and Julie King would like to get out in the field by October 15, 2013. It's critical that they get some results fast because Senator Middleton wants to show some concrete results to the legislature, hopefully giving us the chance to argue for money for non-capital grants. Jane asked where the trail would run and Dennis told of several 17th century sites that were related to the Piscataway.

Other Business

Marian Creveling announced that the Council for Maryland Archaeology will be meeting on Friday, September 27, 2013, in Durwood, Maryland, at 9:30 a.m.

Also, the Regional Archaeology Program has launched their new website and it is: nps.gov/rap.

Selection of next meeting date – Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at in a motion made by Bill Dudley and seconded by Bob Wall; the motion was carried unanimously.

MAC Lab Activities report – Patricia Samford

BCUA Collections – Re-housing of the artifacts into archival boxes and bags was completed at the former bus station adjacent to the Maryland Historical Society. MHT responded to the official offer for the BCUA collections from the City of Baltimore and the Maryland Historical Society, requesting funding for archaeological conservation (not related to the steam pipe break), and stating several conditions for acceptance, such as clear chains of title so that deeds of gift can be executed. Rebecca Morehouse and Patricia Samford met with representatives from the City of Baltimore and the Maryland Historical Society in November to answer some questions for the City representatives as well as discuss next steps in the process.

Conservation Projects - Three cannon carriages from Ft. Delaware, material from the carriage house at MacAlpine, material from the nailery at Monticello, and an 1812 cannon from Frederick and are among the new projects received by the lab over the last few months. We are still anticipating the arrival of thirty plus bayonets from Valley Forge, blacksmith material from Pennsylvania, components from another well excavated during the 301 project in Delaware and 42 cannon expected from City of Philadelphia.

Francis Lukezic began work as a contractual conservator in late October.

Gloria S. King Research Fellowship - Announcements have been sent out to the wider archaeological community for the 2014 round of fellowships and there have been fewer inquiries so far this year compared with last year. Please spread the word to your students and colleagues about this wonderful program that funds collections research!

Diagnostic Artifacts in Maryland Webpage – The projectile point webpage has been published in print format in Maryland Archeology, with many thanks to Dennis Curry and ASM for all the hard work in getting it formatted and proofread.

Public Archaeology/ RITES Trail project – The field crew continued to excavate in the area west of the kitchen, and uncovered more postholes, clearly representing several different buildings. We also have excavated several interesting features – one a clay lined ash filled pit that may be related to soap-making activities, a deep rectangular pit that once contained a barrel, perhaps for food storage or use as a cistern, and a trash filled ditch that served a structure that may have been a laundry. Fieldwork will probably continue until around Christmas.

Defense Legacy Grant - The MAC Lab has obtained funding from the Department of Defense's Defense Legacy program to enter files associated with Army and Navy collections into The Digital Archaeological Record's (tDAR) system. The goal of the project is to test a partnership with tDAR that may lead to new policies for the DoD and the MAC Lab to address the special needs of digital records. The project is currently underway and slated for completion by the end of 2014.