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MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHEOLOGY
(MACA)

December 14, 2016

Committee Members in Attendance

Jane Cox, Tom Forhan, Marian Creveling, Joy Beasley (by phone)

Staff in Attendance

Karen Kennedy, Dennis Curry, Dixie Henry, Susan Langley, Charlie Hall, Trisha Samford, Elizabeth Hughes

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Review of the minutes of September 21, 2016

The minutes were reviewed and accepted in a motion made by Tom Forhan and seconded by Marian Creveling; the motion was passed unanimously

BUSINESS ITEMS

Joint Chairmen's Report on Historic Preservation Grants — Elizabeth Hughes

Elizabeth reminded committee members that three members (Joy Beasley, Jane Cox, and Joe Dent) are up for reappointment this year; the application for reappointment is online this year.

For budget and legislative matters, the Trust has received approval to fill seven vacancies for the current fiscal year. For FY2018, our big push will be for the return of the non-capital grant program. There will be no bills from the administration affecting Trust programs (aside from some "clean-up" matters). The Coalition of Heritage Areas is expected to submit a bill raising the cap for heritage area money from \$3 million to \$6 million; heritage area grants can be used indirectly for archeological projects, but not for pure research.

The Joint Chairmen's Report on MHT's historic preservation grants was completed and submitted to the legislature. Archeology was well-represented in the report, including many case studies, and a strong case for the return of non-capital grants funds was made.

On federal historic preservation issues, reauthorization of the historic preservation fund was approved at the last minute, and has been sent to the President for signature. An amendment to

this reauthorization now requires SHPOs to take a definitive position (for or against) on all National Register nominations in their state. And the new Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, has been supportive of historic preservation matters in the past, which should help with NPS programs.

The project to upgrade the Archaeology in Annapolis collections now held by Historic Annapolis, Inc., prior to moving to the University of Maryland library is on hold. Details on a cooperative agreement between UMCP, HA, and MHT (as a facilitator) are still being worked out. MHT remains ready to assist with the project.

Underwater Activities Report — Susan Langley and Troy Nowak

Since the September meeting:

1. The nomination of the Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary has been a key focus.

- The Draft EIS, Draft Management Plan, and Draft Regulations were submitted to NOAA.
- The review process is moving more rapidly than expected and it may appear in the Federal Register within a month. As soon as it is publically available, we would appreciate all the members of the MACA submitting comments in the online system. We will provide the link as soon as it is available. Maryland's nomination will appear with Wisconsin's so many people will not read all of these large documents and some will listen to hearsay rather than checking; we are requesting executive summaries and we are preparing FAQs for questions we anticipate. There are people opposing other projects by NOAA and they are likely to object to these unrelated projects on principle and will be tweeting etc. as soon as these are posted so we are seeking a tidal wave of support and positive comments. I am asking organizations to request members comment individually versus one comment representing the group. Comments need to be original, if everyone sends one scripted response, NOAA only counts it as one comment. Public scoping meeting dates and locations will be announced at the time of posting also.
- Update on Public Outreach:
 - 2015: 4 Presentations and 1 blog. Participation in annual trash clean-up for Earth Day.
 - 2016: 7 Presentations, 1 television documentary (to air in 2017), 1 podcast, 1 live ABC News program now on web, 2 outreach events with North Point High School (Ocean Guardian program), multiple kayak tours including SMCM students (ANTH 351) and USCG personnel from Sector Maryland-National Capitol Region. Participation in annual trash clean-up. Attended Ocean Guardian awards ceremonies for J.C. Parks Elementary and North Point High Schools.
 - 2017: 1 presentation scheduled. Participation in trash clean-up scheduled

2. Troy made a presentation to the Sons of the American Revolution on Smith Island about the Battle of Kedge's Strait that garnered rave reviews. Susan made a presentation on the Maryland

Maritime Archaeology Program at the ASM Annual Meeting. She is also working with ASM to add maritime content to core CAT program courses and to develop maritime courses to add to the CAT program as options. Troy is working on NAS courses and some of these are not limited to divers and can also be made available to ASM in general.

3. MMAP held its annual Dive Safety Board meeting via conference call. One important topic was addressing the presence of *Vibrio vulnificus* in the Bay.
4. Troy attended a sonar and magnetometer software training in Seattle and said it was a very useful course.
5. Troy worked with the Institute of Maritime History (IMH) to retrieve the U-1105 Historic Shipwreck Preserve mooring buoy for the winter.
6. In addition to compliance and compliance-related site visits, Troy and Dixie Henry also made a presentation at a Maryland State Programmatic General Permit workshop.
7. Susan is presently providing oversight for three NPS Maritime Heritage Grants and reviewed 5 applications for next year; two were strong, one needs work but could be accepted and two were not recommended for funding. The NPS review committee has made its decisions but there are several more levels of review and approval and the federal government administration transition may impact the announcement so no date has yet been set.
8. Upcoming: Susan will attend the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) annual meetings in Fort Worth, TX and is preparing the annual Board of Public Works submission. Both of these will be reported at the March 2017 MACA meeting.

Terrestrial Activities Report — Charlie Hall
Maryland Archeology Month 2017

- Kick-Off Meeting held Oct 21, 2016
- New Institutional Partner for 2017: St. Mary's College of Maryland (Liza Gijanto)
- Theme: Archeology on the Edge: Coastal Threats to Archeological Sites (may be refined).
- Booklet: Essays by Maryland archeologists working on eroding or threatened coastal sites.
- Survey Monkey surveys developed and sent to staff for each Historic Preservation Commission and to each Archeological Society of Maryland chapter.
 - HPC Survey: 7 questions, 43 invitations sent to HPC staff (one follow-up reminder to 33 non-respondents), 15 responses (35%). The responses, see below, are interpreted as an affirmation of the investment involved in sending a poster and booklet to each of the 357 HPC commissioners across the state.
 - ASM Chapter President Survey: 9 questions, 7 invitations were sent, one bounced back, 5 responses (71%). The responses were interpreted as positive for the package distribution of unfolded posters and booklets through each

chapter to members and the public, and of direct ASM member mailing of the booklet. Direct mailing of the folded poster was not seen in a positive light.

- Next steps:
 - survey the MAM Committee about:
 - refinement of the theme statement (“Coastal” or “Shoreline” Threats?)
 - continuing the HPC direct mailing
 - adding distribution to State legislators (how? mail or hand?)
 - alternatives to direct mailing of folded poster (letter-sized mini-posters?)
 - solicit images and concepts for the poster from:
 - MAM Committee members
 - archeologists working on eroding sites in Maryland
 - others?
 - invite archeologists working on eroding sites in Maryland to contribute to the booklet.

Terrestrial Archeological Permits. Eight permits have been issued to date in 2016.

- Three permits have been issued to the Maryland Aviation.
- Three permits for Department of Natural Resources properties.
- Two permits to St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

Outreach to Native American tribes. No Activity.

National Park Service Sandy Recovery Grant. The following activities are in progress:

- Analysis of materials recovered during the 2016 Field Session at the River Farm site.
- Working with Dr. Julie King of SMCM on a phased testing effort at the Lower Brambley site (the likely John Smith mapped town of Cecowocomoco) that includes:
 - shovel test pitting (began December 5th and continued through December 16th).
 - geophysical survey.
 - Issued RFP on October 18th, 2016.
 - Opened bids (2) on November 18th, 2016. Selected Dr. Tim Horsley who proposed to use three methods (Magnetic Susceptibility, Ground Penetrating Radar, and Magnetometer).
 - Geophysical survey anticipated late February/early March.
- Working with Kirsti Uunila of Calvert County on a testing effort of the Calverton Site (second oldest city in Maryland), to include the following activities, all planned for the Spring of 2017:
 - possible geophysical investigation.
 - testing (STPs and units).
 - potential Field Session.
- ASM will use MHT Board funds allocated for the 2016 Field Session to hire a soil scientist to evaluate River Farm, Lower Brambly, and the Calverton sites.

2017 Field Session. Several possibilities remain under consideration, including:

- First obligation:
 - testing several sites in the Pig Point vicinity as part of a multi-property National Register nomination
 - with Anne Arundel County's archeology program
 - awaiting word from the National Park Service regarding evaluation of a joint MHT-AA Co Underrepresented Communities Grant proposal (soon . . .)
- Plan B
 - Calverton, Cecil County
 - with Calvert County
- In reserve:
 - Lower Brambly
 - a 19th century African American site in Prince George's County
 - an eroding Woodland period site on State-owned property along the Choptank River.

MAC Lab Activities Report — Patricia Samford

A pilot website with a searchable database of MAC Lab collections has been created by Greg Brown for the Lab's Transportation Enhancement grant and we anticipate the completed website will be ready early in 2017.

The lab is taking registration for its 2017 workshop on April 6 and 7th at the MAC Lab. Ed Chaney will do a session on projectile points, Mara Kaktins of Ferry Farm will run a workshop on glass, Nichole Doub on conservation and Sara Rivers Cofield and Rebecca Morehouse will have a session on collections management.

The park received a Leadership in History Award from the American Association of State and Local History for its traveling exhibit entitled "Artifacts of Outlander" based on a popular book and television series. This exhibit has traveled to seven libraries and museums since mid-2015 and is booked into the end of next year. The Artifacts of Outlander online exhibit went live on December 8th.

Diagnostic Artifacts in Maryland website will shortly have updated and expanded sections on German stoneware, English brown stoneware and a new section on porcelain – Chinese, Japanese and European hard paste porcelain, English soft paste porcelain and bone china have been added. A new section on table glass is in progress.

We will be accepting applications for the Gloria King Research Fellowship for 2017. Applications are due in mid-January.

We have been very fortunate this year to receive a great deal of attention from the Department of General Services in the form of some much needed repairs at the lab. We recently received remediation for some environmental issues and we are optimistic that new fiber cement siding will be installed to replace the rotting siding currently on the building.

Review and Compliance Activities Report — Beth Cole and Dixie Henry

SHA is continuing their 10 Phase II's for the MD404 project on the Eastern Shore. Beth went on two site visits with Rick Ervin and none of the sites that were visited were recommended as eligible. There are four other sites that the reports haven't come in on and Beth expects that some of the sites may be eligible. Charlie, Dennis and Beth saw a demonstration that Kirstie Uunila is working on which is a draft archeological survey app for recording archeological site data while out in the field. The consultants have started on the archeological research on the Annapolis Post Office and expect the report in December.

Dixie did a lot of work on outreach this fall, being involved in the presentation to DNR park managers. She did a presentation on the review archeology review process. Elizabeth Hughes received a nice letter from the Superintendent of Parks thanking MHT for their staff involvement. Dixie also gave a presentation at the Annual Seminar for Grant Recipients, with DGS and the Comptroller's office, for all the folks who are awarded Bond Bills from the General Assembly. Dixie and Troy participated in the quarterly coordination meeting with the Corps of Engineers, in an effort to improve our coordination. One of the things they will be working on is an anticipated finds protocol that can be included into the issued permit, so that when there are finds that arise there is not a scramble to figure out what we do next. This was generated by a find of three canons at one of the Baltimore pier projects.

Beth and Elizabeth Hughes have been asked to give a presentation to MDOT's planning council from all of MDOT's modal agencies; SHA, MTA, MD Transportation Authority, Aviation, the Port, etc., about the role Historic Preservation plays in transportation project planning. With the new administration, this will be an opportunity for Elizabeth, as Director, to have some face time with new people and reconfirm our partnership with MDOT.

Research and Synthesis Project — Dennis Curry and Matthew McKnight

Matt McKnight added another 20 post-2009 reports to the Archeological Synthesis project. Prince Georges County is now finished and only Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City remain to be done on the second pass-through for the project (probably around 40 reports remaining to be synthesized).

The 26th Annual Workshop in Archeology is scheduled for March 25, 2017. Although the program is still being finalized, anticipated topics include the slaves of Mount Vernon, Dismal Swamp, hazard mitigation for archeology, colonial fortifications, basic lab procedures, the Ellicott City flood and MHT's response, and new research on the Higgins Paleoindian site.

Trust staff will be presenting papers at the Middle Atlantic Archeological Conference in March 2017 in Virginia Beach. A session on the Biggs Ford site will include Charlie Hall (a history of the site's investigation) and Matt McKnight (an unexpected Contact component at the site). And

Jen Sparenberg is organizing a session on how archeology is threatened by shoreline erosion and how to deal with it in the Chesapeake region.

Staff continued to monitor two grant projects: Pig Point and related sites (funded by the Maryland Legislature) and Anne Arundel County sites affected by erosion (funded by NPS Hurricane Sandy money).

The map-based version of Medusa (incorporating standing structure inventories, archeological site files, and the synthesis project) is expected to be launched early in 2017.

The MHT Library reorganization is still pending (a recurrence of mold has stalled work), and while some reorganization of the archeology lab has begun, more concerted reorganizing and creating a space for field equipment storage is awaiting release of basement rooms to the Trust.

Matt McKnight is preparing a site report (geared for *Maryland Archeology*) on the Primrose site in Caroline County. The site, an Early Woodland basecamp featuring Accokeek ceramics, was tested by Charlie Hall and the Archeological Society of Maryland in 2010 and 2012.

Dennis Curry, Greg Brown, Mary Kate Mansius, and Sara Rivers Cofield will be participating in a seminar at Stratford Hall, Virginia in May. Organized by Julie King and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the seminar will develop chapters for a book detailing the NEH-funded research on the “Colonial Encounters” in the 17th century Potomac valley.

Other Business

None.

Selection of next meeting date — Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 10:00 a.m. (note the time change)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m., in a motion made by Marian Creveling and seconded by Tom Forhan; the motion was carried unanimously.