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MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHEOLOGY
(MACA)

September 20, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

Joy Beasley
Jane Cox
Marian Creveling (by phone)
Bob Wall

Staff in Attendance

Beth Cole
Dennis Curry
Charlie Hall
Matt McKnight
Patricia Samford (by phone)

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Review of the minutes of June 14, 2017

The minutes were reviewed and accepted in a motion made by Bob Wall and seconded by Jane Cox; the motion was passed unanimously

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

Elizabeth Hughes reported that while the fiscal year 2018 Non Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program appropriation of \$200,000 had been identified for elimination as part of the Board of Public Works' September budget reduction action, the Governor removed the program from the list of cuts under consideration due to the successful advocacy efforts that preceded the BPW meeting.

Ms. Hughes reported that work on the fiscal year 2019 budget is underway and she is optimistic that the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant program will be fully funded at \$6 million. She is less sure about whether the MHT Grant Fund will be fully funded at the \$1.5 million level.

She is not aware of any developing Administration legislation that will be introduced during the 2018 session of the General Assembly. She is aware that the Maryland Coalition to Protect Burial Sites is interested in proposing some form of cemetery protection legislation.

Finally, she noted that the process of updating of Maryland's State Historic Preservation Plan will begin this fall. Outreach to archaeology interests and stakeholders will be an important part of this process.

Appointment of David Alberg -

Dr. James Delgado, who served on the MHT Board in a slot dedicated for a trustee qualified in underwater archaeology, recently resigned from the Board due to his relocation to Florida. David Alberg, who oversees the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary for NOAA, was recommended by Dr. Susan Langely to replaced Dr. Delgado.

The statutory language for MHT Board appointments, stipulates that "The Secretary of Planning shall advise the Governor on the appointment of trustees qualified under (1) [the archaeology provision] after consulting with the Advisory Committee on Archaeology."

A formal resolution of support for the appointment of David Alberg to the MHT Board is desirable in order to move this appointment forward. Appointment of David Alberg to the MHT Board: Move to approve resolution: Jane Cox. Second: Joy Beasley; the motion was passed unanimously.

Underwater Activities Report — Susan Langley and Troy Nowak

MACA Report

Maritime Archaeology Program

Troy and Susan tender their apologies for missing the MACA meeting but are participating in a real-time oil spill exercise in Harford County from Sept. 19-22. Susan worked with the Coast Guard for the past year as a Creator/Designer and will be a Controller/Evaluator in the Unified Command and SIMCELL (where situations and injects in the exercise are controlled). Troy will be a Player, representing State response if this had been a real incident. Our involvement stems from a Nationwide Programmatic Agreement that includes the ACHP and the NCSHPO for the protection of heritage resources during federal response to oil and hazmat spills. Maryland has been actively involved since 1999 and is frequently held up as the best example of SHPO involvement in contingency planning. It has also lead to cooperation and facilitation of other agreements regarding buoy placement/management for the U-1105 Historic Shipwreck Preserve, and in the consultation for the proposed Sanctuary (addressed below).

On July 22 and 23 in Yorktown, Virginia, MHT's Maryland Maritime Archeology Program worked with the recently formed Maritime Heritage Chapter of the [Archeological Society of Virginia](#) to present the [Nautical Archaeology Society](#) course "Introduction to Foreshore and Underwater Archeology." The Yorktown Library and the [Watermen's Museum](#) hosted the classroom and practical sessions which included over 12 hours of presentations and practical exercises related to archeological ethics and law, survey and documentation methods, and archeological conservation. Participants traveled up to 320 miles to attend from North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. In addition to presentations by MHT's Troy Nowak, the course included guest lectures by Greg LaBudde ([Virginia Department of Historic Resources](#)), who explained the archeological permit process for work in Virginia waters, and Marcie Renner, an archeological conservator, who gave a fascinating talk on the role of the conservator and the conservation of wet and waterlogged archeological objects. The Maryland Maritime Archeology Program would like to thank the Yorktown Library, The Watermen's Museum, Greg LaBudde, Marcie Renner, John Broadwater, Bruce Terrell, Bill Utley and all the participants for making this event a great success.

Since the June MACA meeting, the National Marine Sanctuary nomination for Mallows Bay-Potomac River has continued to move along in sorting and drafting responses to the public input through the two public scoping meetings and the Federal Register, and consultations are underway with diverse stakeholders including DoD. On September 13, Elizabeth Hughes, Secretary Mark Belton (DNR), President of the Charles County Commissioners, Peter Murphy, and NOAA HQ staff met to discuss the progress of the nomination and the current Administration's perspective from the State level. All agreed that, while aggressive, aiming for establishing the Sanctuary next April (2018) would be the goal.

Troy and Susan undertook some electronic remote sensing survey for a week on Charleston Creek a tributary of the Wicomico River. This is part of a larger survey and is partially in cooperation with work being undertaken by Dr. Julie King at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Finally, there will be a Get Into Mallows Bay Day on Oct. 7 (rain date Oct. 8); a family-oriented day of activities that include the 4th annual trash pick-up, bird and history walks, exhibits, a scales and tales display by DNR, a seine netting demo, kayaking tours of the WWI wrecks and more. (See flyer).



Get into Mallows Bay Day!

4th Annual Trash Clean Up and Family Fun Activities

Saturday, October 7, 2017

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Rain Date: October 8 at 1:00-6:00p

Mallows Bay Park

1440 Wilson Landing Rd, Nanjemoy, MD

Activities include:

4th Annual Trash Cleanup

Bring/rent kayaks or walk the shoreline

Kayak rentals at www.atlantickayak.com

The first 100 volunteers receive a free cooling towel from Charles County!

For more info: <http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/3740/show>

Family Kayak Tours

Nature and Bird Watch Hike

Net Seining and Fish Identification

Food Truck

Mallows Bay History Walks

Exhibits

(WWI history, MD DNR Scales and Tales, Fossil ID, MD archaeology, and Wreck Mapping Simulation)

Event Sponsors



For more information visit www.friendsofmallows.org

Terrestrial Activities Report — Charlie Hall

Maryland Archeology Month 2018.

- Beginning planning.
- Anticipate sending surveys this week to
 - ASM Chapter Presidents to discover how they liked the products (mini-posters, magnets), and what they did with full sized posters/booklets
 - Event Sponsors to determine how they rate their event.
 - Historic District Commission staff to get their sense of the Commissioner's reaction to the mini-poster and booklet, and to gauge their effectiveness.
- Anticipate distributing the Theme Proposal form through the Council for Maryland Archeology this week.
- One theme proposal has been submitted by Susan Langley: Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program (MMAP) Celebrates 30 Years of Projects & Partnerships.

Terrestrial Archeological Permits. Four permits have been issued in since the last meeting on June 14th, 2017.

- One to St. Mary's College of Maryland for Phase III archeological investigations associated with the Jamie Roberts Stadium Project.
- Three on lands of the Department of Natural Resources, one for Point Lookout Lighthouse Restoration Project, and two for gas pipelines in Prince George's and Allegany counties.
- Total permits for 2017 to date is eight.

Outreach to Native American tribes. Anticipated Activity.

- There has been no activity associated with our outreach regarding the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act inventory update, and our anticipated disposition of those remains in our collection that we have identified as culturally affiliated with the non-federally recognized Piscataway tribes. Anticipated activity includes a third attempt to contact Delaware Tribe of Indians (this is the only tribe that responded to our initial mailing in February 2016). A second letter will be sent by November to all 18 tribes previously contacted requesting any comments prior to sending our inventory update to the National NAGPRA office for publication in the Federal register by Christmas.

National Park Service Sandy Recovery Grant. Update.

- The following activities are underway or completed:
 - ASM hired a consultant to perform geological threat assessments of the three sites included in their study (Lower Brambley, Calverton, and River Farm sites). Report is due by September 30.
 - ASM hired a consultant to write business-style case studies of the investigations and threats to the three sites. Case studies and PowerPoint presentations due by September 30.
 - Dr. Tim Horsley's geophysical survey of the Lower Brambley site was

- completed on February 20th (report pending).
- Calvert County has issued an RFP for a consultant to analyze and report on the Field Session investigations of the Calverton Site.

Archeological Collections Policy. Update

- Policy under development by Charles Hall and Becky Morehouse.
- Anticipate circulating draft to Chief Archeologist and Director of MAC Lab (responsible positions) in November.
- Present to MHT Collections Committee to ensure conformance with MHT Collections Policy.
- Submit to MHT Director for review and comments.
- Present to MACA (December?) for review and comments.
- Seek approval from MHT Board of Trustees and Secretary of Planning.

Guidance for Planning, Survey, Excavation, and Recovery for Flood-Threatened Archeological Sites. Anticipated Activity.

- The MHT Hazard Response Officer, Jen Sparenberg, is preparing a guidance document of recommendations for the treatment of flood-threatened archeological sites.
- In addition to broad outreach to those who are engaged in researching this issue, Jen anticipates an extensive literature review.
- I will serve in an advisory capacity.

Basement Lab and Equipment. Ongoing.

- Under the direction of the Chief Archeologist, we are working in our lab to:
 - Deaccession and dispose of dilapidated furniture.
 - Disburse the River House collection to appropriate locations.
 - Curate orphan collections.
 - Purchase needed equipment/furniture.
- Under the direction of the Chief Archeologist, we are working in our new equipment storage room (in the basement across from the lab) to:
 - Purchase storage equipment (e.g. shovel racks)
 - Purchase needed equipment
 - Fix dilapidated equipment
- As part of the equipment initiative, we also are working to:
 - Recover desirable equipment from Firehouse storage facility.

MAC Lab Activities Report — Patricia Samford

Lab and park staff members are working with Ann Raines to prepare the Part II Capitol plan for the MAC Lab expansion. The current schedule for this work has design work in 2020 and construction in 2021/22.

Updates are being prepared for the “Maryland Unearthed: A Guide to Archaeological Collections at the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory” website as new collections come into the lab. These updates will be posted, working with Greg Brown, once or twice a year.

Becky met with Julia Schablitsky and Aaron Levinthal from the SHA Archeology Group and Karen Hutchins-Keim from RK&K to discuss the creation of a standardized artifact inventory database that SHA will require archaeological contractors to use for SHA projects.

Public Archaeology completed the 2017 season in early July, with a total of 178 people contributing 674.75 hours of their time. These numbers are actually higher than the 2016 totals, and the participant count is higher than 2015 as well.

Curation staff has begun to rehouse the collections picked up this spring from Catholic University. These collections, primarily prehistoric sites, had been excavated by Bill Gardiner over the years he taught there.

A new section entitled “Beginner's Guide to Historic Ceramic Identification” has been added to the Diagnostic Artifacts in Maryland webpage. New upcoming sections for the website include North American stoneware, table glass and toys.

In conservation news, Monica Martinez began a six month internship with us in July. Monica is a graduate student in conservation master’s degree program at the University College of London and an internship is required for her degree. Julie Flynn completed her 12-week contract to clean and document the Bald Friar petroglyphs.

Personnel – We completed interviews for the vacant contractual conservator position recently vacated by Francis Lukezic when she was promoted to the full-time permanent position formerly held by Cait Shaffer. Heather Rardin, who had previously worked as an intern in the lab back in 2013, has been hired to fill that position and she will be starting on October 4th.

Review and Compliance Activities Report — Beth Cole and Dixie Henry

- The Review and Compliance Unit handled a high volume of reviews over the summer, including review of individual projects and Phase I and II archeological reports. They participated in numerous project specific meetings/site visits as well as targeted outreach efforts to improve agency/program coordination. Dixie expedited review of several Ellicott City Flood recovery projects receiving federal and state assistance/permits.
- Beth continued coordination with SHA, FHWA, and the ACHP to negotiate amendments to Maryland’s Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Minor Highway Projects. The signatories executed an interim amendment to the PA to extend its duration for another year while all parties finalize amendments and complete coordination with other consulting parties, including federally recognized tribes. The fully amended PA will extend the duration of this effective agreement and provide further efficiencies in the agencies’ consultation efforts under Section 106.

- Beth participated in two large interagency meetings and site visits with federal agencies who are beginning master plan update initiatives, both of which will include historic preservation components to their plans and updated Section 110 archeological investigations. The two federal installations include:
 1. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg and
 2. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Consolidated Campus in White Oak.
- Beth attended a biennial meeting and site visits with the C&O Canal National Historic Park to discuss current and upcoming projects, planning initiatives, and general Section 106 coordination.
- Beth coordinated with NPS Fort McHenry to develop a Memorandum of Agreement to address the effects of necessary BGE gas main upgrades within the park. NPS made a concerted effort to design the project with BGE in a manner that avoids and minimizes impacts to historic and archeological properties. NPS is implementing selective archeological testing as well as monitoring to ensure that archeological resources are not inadvertently damaged during construction.
- Beth met with staff from St. Mary's College of Maryland and Historic St. Mary's City to discuss the College's proposed mitigation strategy to resolve adverse effects on construction of the new athletic fields complex on archeological resources. The College has developed plans that will avoid impacts to some of the resources. MHT awaits submittal of project plans and a revised data recovery plan from the College for review. Julie King is handling the archeology on this project for the College.
- Dixie and Beth resumed consultation with the NRCS in the development of the ACHP's Prototype Programmatic Agreement (PPA) for its Maryland's program after a nearly two-year hiatus due to staff limitations. NRCS and MHT are working to reach consensus on placing their activities into three categories: 1) activities exempted from further review because the actions are unlikely to affect cultural resources; 2) activities that NRCS will review using MHT's online Medusa and if the project area is within an inventoried resource, NRCS will submit it to MHT for review; and 3) actions that have the potential to affect historic and archeological resources and require further review by MHT. NRCS and MHT met in early Sept. to discuss the project list, draft PPA and next steps. MHT is revising the current activity list and draft agreement.
- Beth has been working with Greg Brown on updates to the Project Review and Compliance Log database. Upgrades include revisions to fields, incorporating standard dropdowns to improve accuracy and consistency of data entry, and general data cleanup. Next steps include development of an online search interface, so program customers can readily check on the status of their submittals. The online search interface is one of MHT's current Customer Service initiatives and slated for completion later this fall.
- MHT and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been able to resume their quarterly coordination meetings. Beth, Dixie and Troy met with Corps staff (from both their

Regulatory and Planning Divisions) to discuss a wide range of policy and coordination issues, as well as a number of individual projects requiring Section 106 consultation. Topics included tribal consultation, MHT's involvement in the review of proposed mitigation bank sites, the effective tracking of MOA's (tracking on which stipulations need to be fulfilled, monitoring which MOA's are going to expire, etc.), potential adverse effects on an early 19th c. gunpowder mill site as a result of the Powder Mill Run sewer project, and the assessment of a proposed development's impacts on Doughoregan Manor.

Research and Synthesis Project — Dennis Curry

Matt McKnight added or significantly revised 13 synopsis reports for the archeological synthesis in June and July, exclusively in Anne Arundel County. In August, he worked to publish a significant update of additional reports to the online database, which now consists of 1,243 synopsis reports compiled from some 1,350 projects.

In August and September, Matt began working on an overview report which will "mine" the Synthesis database in an effort to provide baseline statistics on what types of sites, contexts, locations, etc. have been looked at throughout the state at the Phase II or III level. Work on this project will continue for the next few months.

Recently, much of Dennis's and Matt's time was devoted to the FY2018 Non-Capital Grants program. Both attended grant software training sessions, participated in public meetings designed to answer questions and encourage applications, and reviewed and ranked all 37 proposals received.

The MHT Library is currently undergoing mold remediation. Upon completion (expected mid-October or so), the final steps of painting, re-carpeting, and physical reorganization of the library will take place. The reorganization aspect will include moving all of the archeological site files from their current file cabinets to file boxes to be stored on shelving units in the library.

Following mold remediation in the basement archeology lab at Crownsville, we have begun to clean out and reorganize the space. A list of tasks to be accomplished, and who is primarily responsible for each task, has been prepared; we are currently developing a work schedule. Unfortunately, additional mold was recently found on furniture and equipment in the "wet lab." The Department of General Services is dealing with this new mold, and is implementing a de-humidifying plan to prevent recurrence.

Our new storage room for field equipment in the Crownsville basement now houses most of our field equipment. Any remaining equipment in the leaking and collapsing portion of the old "firehouse" building will be transferred to the new space next week. Some underwater equipment (mostly that containing gasoline) will remain in the relatively sound and secure section of the firehouse.

Ryan Miranda (BA in Anthropology from Washington College) was selected for the MHT 2017 Summer Internship in Archeology. Ryan kicked off the internship by attending the Annual Field Session in Maryland Archeology at the Calverton site, where he oversaw the field laboratory.

Upon return from the field, he organized and cataloged all of the Calverton artifacts, and helped clean and store our field equipment in our new storage room in the basement of the Crownsville building. In July, Ryan accompanied Troy Nowak to Yorktown, Virginia, where Troy taught a two-day course entitled “Introduction to Foreshore and Underwater Archeology.” He also assisted Troy with some maritime survey work, and helped on several Section 106 field checks. In addition, he continued work with Charlie Hall on analysis of oyster shells from the Willin site. Ryan has just started the MA program in Maritime Studies at East Carolina University.

And last, after 40 years with the state archeology office, I have decided to retire at the end of October. I hope that the MACA committee and existing archeology staff will work closely with Elizabeth Hughes to plan a successful future for MHT archeology. And I am thankful for the opportunities afforded me over the past four decades.

Other Business

None.

Selection of next meeting date — Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m., in a motion made by Joy Beasley and seconded by Bob Wall; the motion was unanimously approved.