

Minutes of the  
Sixtieth Meeting of the  
Maryland Heritage Areas Authority  
MD Department of Housing and Community Development  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
July 17, 2013

The sixtieth meeting of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority was held at the MD Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032 at approximately 9:40 a.m.

**Authority Members/Designees Present:** Amanda Conn, Deputy Secretary, MD Department of Planning (representing MD Department of Planning Secretary Richard E. Hall); Matthew J. Power, Chairperson of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority; Hannah Byron (representing MD Department of Business & Economic Development Secretary Dominick Murray); John Wilson (representing MD Department of Natural Resources Secretary Joseph P. Gill); Marty Baker, Ph.D. (representing MD Department of Transportation Secretary James T. Smith, Jr.); Donna Dudley (Public Member for Heritage Tourism); Ann Fligsten (recommended by the Speaker of the House); Robert D. Campbell (Governor's Appointee for Historic Preservation Expertise); Burton Kummerow (recommended by the President of the Senate); John Fieseler (MD Tourism Development Board representative); Wayne E. Clark (recommended by the President of the Senate); Peter Leshner (MD Municipal League Representative); Amy Seitz (representing MD Department of Housing and Community Development Secretary Raymond A. Skinner); J. Rodney Little (State Historic Preservation Officer); Melinda Vann (representing MD Higher Education Commission Secretary Danette Gerald Howard, Ph.D.)

**Authority Members/Designees Absent:** Marcie Taylor-Thoma (representing MD State Department of Education Superintendent Lillian M. Lowery, Ph.D.); Amy Owsley (Representative for MD Greenways); Rowland Agbede (representing MD Department of Agriculture Secretary Earl Hance); Donna Ware (recommended by the Speaker of the House); (Vacant) (MD Association of Counties representative)

**Staff Present:** Bernadette P. Pruitt, Jennifer Ruffner, Richard Hughes, Elizabeth Hughes, Nell Ziehl

**Others Present:** Roz Racanello (Chair, Maryland Coalition of Heritage Areas and Director of Southern MD Heritage Area); Jay Parker (Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area); Mary Ann Lisanti and Brigitte Carty; (Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway); Peggy Erickson, (Montgomery County Heritage Area); Liz Shatto (Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area); Jeff Buchheit (Baltimore National Heritage Area); Dawn Hein (Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area); Dee Dee Ritchie (Canal Place Heritage Area); Gail Owings (Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area); Marci Ross (Maryland Tourism); Carol Benson (Four Rivers Heritage Area); Amanda Fenstermaker (Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area); Sarah Rodgers and Gavin Miculka (Anacostia Trails Heritage Area)

## **Call to Order/Introductions**

Mr. Power called the meeting to order at approximately 9:40 a.m. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

## **Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2013**

Ms. Fligsten offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED, that the Authority approves the April 18, 2013 meeting minutes as presented.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dudley and approved unanimously.

## **Appointment of MHAA Vice Chair as required by Article V, Section 2 of Bylaws**

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chair of the MHAA. Ms. Dudley nominated Ms. Byron for Chairman. Mr. Clark called to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Ms. Seitz and approved unanimously.

## **Action Items**

### **Review & Approval: FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests**

Mr. Power directed members to refer to the two grant charts; 1) TAC recommendations – FY 2014 MHAA grant awards, and 2) FY2014 MHAA Grant Application Summary

The Chairman called for questions regarding the grants in each heritage area, beginning with Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. The group discussed those applications about which members had questions. Once the review of each heritage area's applications were completed, Ms. Seitz offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED that, except for grants approved by a separate resolution, the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a series of grants for the management of Certified Heritage Areas, and for projects and activities located within the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Baltimore National Heritage Area, Canal Place Heritage Area, Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area, Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area, Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area, Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Heritage Area, Montgomery County Heritage Area, Southern Maryland Heritage Area, and Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled "Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014."**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon grant recipients (Grantees) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the Authority's statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the**

disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in the event that other program funding becomes available (e.g. through lower than anticipated project costs or cancellation of previously awarded grants) and an additional spending authorization is approved subject to requirements of law and regulations, the Authority approves grants designated as “Reserve List” in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014.”

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grants in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014.” Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Byron and approved unanimously.

Funding Request: FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to the Historic Annapolis, Inc. for the Renovation of 1 Martin Street: Planning and Development

Mr. Clark offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED**, that the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a grant to Historic Annapolis, Inc. for the Renovation of 1 Martin Street: Planning and Development project under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014.”

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this approval is contingent upon the grant recipient (Grantee) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the Authority’s statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grant in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

**Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014.” Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Leshner and approved unanimously.

Funding Request: FY-2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to the Maryland Historical Society for the Enoch Pratt House project

Mr. Fieseler offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED, that the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a grant to the Maryland Historical Society for the Enoch Pratt House project under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014.”**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon the grant recipient (Grantee) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the Authority’s statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grant in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014.” Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Byron and approved unanimously. Mr. Kummerow abstained.

Funding Request: FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. for the 2014 **MANAGEMENT** Grant for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Ms. Seitz offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED, that the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a grant to the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. for the 2014 Management Grant for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014.”**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon the grant recipient (Grantee) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the Authority’s statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grant in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014.” Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved unanimously. Mr. Fieseler abstained.

Funding Request: FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. for the 2014 **MARKETING** Grant for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Mr. Kummerow offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED, that the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a grant to the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. for the 2014 Marketing Grant for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014.”**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon the grant recipient (Grantee) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the**

Authority's statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grant in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled "Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014." Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and approved unanimously. Mr. Fieseler abstained.

Funding Request: FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service, Casselman River Bridge State Park for the Casselman Bridge Bicentennial

Dr. Baker offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED**, that the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a grant to the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Park Service, Casselman River Bridge State Park for the **Casselman Bridge Bicentennial project under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled "Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014."**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this approval is contingent upon the grant recipient (Grantee) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the Authority's statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grant in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled "Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014." Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to

requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Dudley and approved unanimously. Mr. Wilson abstained.

Funding Request: FY 2014 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant to the Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, Inc. for the JPPM Exhibit Building Project

Ms. Byron offered the following motion:

**RESOLVED, that the Maryland Heritage Area Authority approves a grant to the Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, Inc. for the JPPM Exhibit Building project under the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program as detailed and in accordance with the amounts and terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: FY 2014.”**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon sufficient funding being made available in the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is contingent upon the grant recipient (Grantee) providing written documentation to Authority staff of the availability of cash matching funds and in-kind contributions dedicated to the project, as required by the Authority’s statute and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, prior to the disbursement of grant funds. Documentation may consist of financial statements, commitment letters, or other proof acceptable to Authority staff. Disbursements of grant funds may not exceed the total amount of the grant award, or the amount of documented available cash matching funds and in-kind contributions as required by law and regulations and detailed in the grant agreement, whichever is less.**

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is authorized to prepare any documents necessary or useful in order to carry out the Grant in conformance with the terms set forth in the chart titled “Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Requests: Fiscal Year 2014.” Staff is further authorized to make adjustments to the scope of work, timetable, and budget, including the specific allocation of Authority grant funds and the amount of matching funds that must be provided by the Grantee, subject to requirements of law and regulations, and provided that these adjustments do not appreciably alter the programs, work, activities or products of the grant project as approved by the Authority.**

The motion was seconded by Dr. Baker and approved unanimously. Mr. Little was not present during the vote.

## **Management Report**

### **Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund (R. Hughes)**

Mr. Hughes reported the MHAA financial balance as of April 30, 2013 is \$473,181.33. There is an increase due to grants that came in under budgeted and or grants that were cancelled.

A reserve list of additional projects totaling \$127,790.00 was created for possible funding. However, the projects cannot be funded until an additional spending authorization over the MHAA appropriation is approved by the General Assembly

### **Status of Statewide Heritage Area certification and propose boundary amendments**

(R. Hughes)

Mr. Hughes reviewed the background of the Patapsco Heritage Greenway (PHG), a recognized heritage area, that is continuing efforts to move forward with certification.

MHAA approved (by paper ballot) a two phase approach to the management plan revision. Phase 1 was funding for a public workshop and Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) directed by the Urban Land Institute (ULI). Phase 2, will fund a consultant to update the management plan, and is dependent on approval to move forward from MHAA.

Mr. Buchheit participated in the ULI TAP process, and reported on his experience, which he felt was very positive overall.

Ms. Racanello will invite representatives from PHG to send a representative to the next MCOHA meeting.

### **Canal Place Heritage Area (Allegany County) – Management Plan Update and proposed boundary amendment (R. Hughes)**

Mr. Hughes indicated that Canal Place has been working on the management plan update over the past year. They have a working group and public meetings have been held and consultant Makin Engineering has submitted a couple of different drafts.

The update is made up of components to update the heritage area management plan to look at the desirability and feasibility of expanding the heritage area within Allegany County. Currently the heritage area is located solely within the city of Cumberland.

Mr. Power reiterated the importance of city, county, financial and political support. The expansion can increase the opportunity for partnerships and/or conflicts and the state should not be solely responsible for funding.



## **MHAA Strategic Plan Implementation - Status Report (J. Ruffner)**

Mr. Power is pleased with the progress that is being made with the strategic plan and thanked everyone for their continued work.

Ms. Ruffner reported that the main focus in the past quarter has been on the grants approval process, so there hasn't been as much movement on the MHAA task list for the strategic plan. The Heritage Areas have been moving forward with a number of areas, including the creation of development plans.

## **Grants Lifecycle Management Software - Update on Status (J. Ruffner)**

The implementation of the grants lifecycle software is scheduled to begin in July, with the goal that it will be live for the FY 2015 MHAA grant round.

## **Maryland Coalition of Heritage Areas (MCHA) Report**

Ms. Rancanello first presented Mr. Power with a certificate of merit and indicated that Maryland has the best heritage area program in the country due to the board members and heritage area directors that have held MHAA to a higher standard.

Ms. Rancanello and Mr. Buchheit met with Delegate Maggie McIntosh to strategize how to begin working for increased funding for the Heritage Areas Program. They anticipate a multi-step process, first requesting a change in the funding cap in the legislation, and then a request for increased funding in 2016.

The MCoHA was present at MACO and MML and was well received. The group discussed the possibility of an MHAA brochure, and the possibility of MHAA paying the booth fees for the Coalition to participate in these types of events.

## **Heritage Area Directors Reports**

### **Southern Maryland Heritage Area**

Ms. Roz Rancanello reported that funding was received from the National Park Service to produce "War of the Chesapeake," a traveling exhibit which is already booked for the first year. Next they will be working on the big 1812 commemorations in the summer of 2014.

### **Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area**

Ms. Liz Shatto first thanked MHAA for the 2014 grant funding. She brought literature and, The Sentinal Magazine, a National Park Service magazine that included two articles from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, which is great exposure for the program.

Recent mini grants awarded by the heritage area include a Frederick County heritage bicycle tours brochure and a 2014 commemoration of the Ransom of Middletown.

Ms. Shatto reported on the numerous events and commemorations that were happening in the heritage area relating to the Gettysburg campaign, as well as events relating to the War of 1812 and Francis Scott Key.

#### Canal Place Heritage Area

Ms. Deidra Ritchie thanked MHAA for funding the management grant and Amanda Fenstermaker for all of her assistance.

She reported on a variety of projects taking place in Canal Place, including a fall festival, a farmer's market, a playground at the train station, and work on the Footer Dye Building. They are also working to increase their social media presence, and have been working on developing packaged tours.

#### Garrett County Heritage Area

Ms. Dawn Hein reported that they started a successful mini grant program that sparked a lot of interest. They had a successful online preservation month promotion photo contest that focused on heritage resources. Early fall they have fall foliage tours throughout the county to get people out into different areas and it was coordinated with the Autumn Glory Festival. They are updating their website, and have also begun coordinating with the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area that covers Garrett, Allegany, and part of West Virginia, and is working to become a National Heritage Area.

#### Heart of the Chesapeake Country Heritage Area

Ms. Amanda Fenstermaker reported that on March 13<sup>th</sup> the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harriet Tubman's death was celebrated with a ground breaking ceremony that was well attended at the Maryland State Park, a byway tour and wayside unveiling.

President Barack Obama announced the designation of a National historic monument in Dorchester County in honor of Harriet Tubman. There is lots of interest and many people are coming to the visitor's center with 70% wanting to know about Tubman in addition to on line requests for information.

They received a Scenic Byways grant to fund a series of 10 murals along the Byway.

#### Lower Chesapeake Heritage Area

Mr. Jay Parker was happy to report that they moved to a new more spacious office. The Lower Chesapeake Heritage Area awarded twelve mini grants this year. Presentations were made at sixteen heritage events throughout Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico counties. A successful program "A Boot Camp for Survival" for small heritage areas and non-profits was held with speakers from the national NEA and the National Trust participated. Twenty five people attended and due to the demand, another half day seminar is planned.

#### Four Rivers Heritage Areas

Dr. Carol Benson reported that the Four Rivers Heritage Area's most recent newsletter, *Currents*,

focused on the Annapolis commemoration of the War of 1812. She reported on the successful conference *From Enemies to Allies* (FETA) was held in Annapolis and that one of the keynote speakers was filmed by C-Span.

She reported on dynamic workshops, collaborative programs, educational sessions, projects, walks and sites that are being created and undertaken by various Four Rivers Heritage Area committees.

For the first time, the Four Rivers Heritage Area is now a line item in the budget of the City of Annapolis.

#### Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area

Ms. Gail Owings reported on commemorations of the War of 1812. They are participating in a major event is being held at Cox Field and they worked very hard by participating in the Harriet Tubman events that were held in Caroline county.

Ms. Owings reported on the success of the Kennard School rehabilitation project and the awarding of mini grants to several organizations that have moved on after being taught about writing and managing grants.

They are holding a vintage photo contest that will be used to create a calendar and all of the vintage photos will be included in a photo archives / data base that will be made available with information, it importance and significance to the heritage area. She thanked MHAA for their funding.

#### Baltimore Heritage Area

Mr. Jeff Buchheit thanked MHAA for the projects funded in Baltimore.

The 1812 Passport kick off was held at the MD Historical Society with the Mayor in attendance. With the support of a MHAA marketing grant, the successful Baltimore National Heritage Area Map and Guide was completed.

The BHA continues to move forward with its comprehensive management plan, obtaining necessary signatures and approvals for Federal designation.

A team is developing the new website that is expected to be completed by years end.

#### Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Heritage Area

Ms. Mary Ann Lisanti reported that a lot projects and public events have been implemented over the year.

The Annual Environmental River Sweep was held over a two day period with 800 volunteers and Perryville Middle school participating all day.

Two mini grants enabled the creation of a public arts programming with the Main Street in Havre de Grace. A War of 1812 event "*The Burning of Havre de Grace*" was held with St. John's

Episcopal Church which included the original sermon from that day. At least 30,000 participants wore costumes and attended a religious service at the church.

#### Anacostia Heritage Area

Ms. Sarah Rodgers reported that the Anacostia Heritage Area is focusing on the War of 1812 by doing series of events through the end of August. Banners are being put up on the battle road in Bladensburg. They are working with the bike trail people to connect trails in the area. Intern Gavin Miculka is working on visitor experience surveys.

#### **State Historic Preservation Plan**

Ms. Nell Ziehl thanked all of the heritage areas for participating in the surveys and public forums that promote the plan. This will help everyone to gather around key goals and strategies over the next five years to work together better. The plan is currently in the analysis and drafting phase. Ms. Ziehl and project manager Mr. Tim Leahy will provide a sneak preview of key concepts and recommendations at the July 24<sup>th</sup> Preservation Maryland Summer School in Annapolis. Everyone will be made aware when a draft of the plan will be available for public comment in September 2013.

#### New Business

Mr. Hughes was contacted by the Pennsylvania Heritage Area that is facing some challenges and wanted to meet with the staff and heritage area directors. They are looking for ways to make their program more successful and to model it after the state of Maryland's program.

In addition to an appreciation award the meeting closed with many thanks and well wishes extended to Chairman Matt Power for his work with the MHAA program to make it a success.

Mr. Power thanked everyone for their time, and shared how he enjoyed working with the MHAA program and will continue to follow its future success.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.