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NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, April 3rd, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Conference Room 1.100A, First Floor, DHCD in Crownsville.

Committee Meetings 9:30 a.m.

Survey, Registration, Community
Education & Museums – OPS Open Area

Management & Planning, Room 3.114

Capital Programs, Room 3.120

Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Lunch 1:00 p.m.

This notice given March 5th, 2014.

J. Rodney Little
Director

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
April 3, 2014**

**Conference Room 1.100A, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD
Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.; Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- K1 CALL TO ORDER
- K2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- K3 COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - K100 Capital Programs
 - K101R African American Historic Preservation Grant Reassignment
 - K102 Hurricane Sandy Grant Application Process
 - K200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums
 - K201R CLG Grant Award Reassignment
 - K202R Designation of Mallows Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary
 - K203 2014 Preservation Awards – Wrap Up Report
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 - K302 Litigation & Legal Issues – Report

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
April 3, 2014
100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032**

Pursuant to notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT or Trust) was held in Conference Room A of the Department of Housing and Community Development, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD on April 3, 2014.

Trustees present: Messrs. Edson, Gibson, Luckenbach, Lighthizer, Parker, Stek and Mmes. Bailey and Tilghman.

Ex Officio: Deputy Secretary of Planning Amanda S. Conn.

Area Representatives present: Messrs. Azola, Brown, Callan, Camlin, Charlton, and Reed.

Office of the Attorney General: Rieyn DeLony.

MHT Staff: Rodney Little, Elizabeth Hughes, Michael Day, Anne Raines, Marcia Miller, Casey Pecoraro, Nell Ziehl, and Kathy Monday.

**Committee Only*

K1 CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Edson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

K2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Reed made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the February 4, 2014 minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

K3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

K100 Capital Programs

K101R African American Historic Preservation Program (AAHPP) Grant Reassignment

Anne Raines reported that from time to time, grant funded projects are completed under-budget. Such was the case with the \$57,000 FY2012 AAHPP grant to the City of Frederick for improvements to the Laboring Sons Memorial Ground. This project was successfully completed with cost savings in the amount of \$30,024.84. She noted that the Maryland Department of Budget and Management has advised that in such cases, leftover funds may be redirected to other AAHPP projects funded in the same fiscal year, subject to BPW approval and modification of those grant agreements.

Ms. Raines explained that the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture took action by conference call on March 25, 2014 to recommend redirection of the City of Frederick/Laboring Sons Memorial Ground project unused grant funds to the Greater Mt. Zion Community Organization, Inc., for the rehabilitation of the Mt Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church. This project was partially funded with AAHPP grant funds in the amount of \$16,000 previously. The original funding request for the Mt. Zion AME Church project was \$70,000. If this funding increase is approved, the total grant for the Mt. Zion AME project will total \$46,024.84.

Ms. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stek, to approve the following resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees concurs with the recommendations of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, and contingent upon Maryland Board of Public Works approval, recommends to the Secretary of the Department of Planning a \$30,024.84 increase of the \$16,000 FY2012 AAHPP grant to Greater Mt. Zion Community Organization, Inc. for the Mt Zion AME Church project, for a grant in the total amount of \$46,024.84.

K102 Hurricane Sandy Grant Application Process

Anne Raines reported on the competitive application process to award grant assistance to Hurricane Sandy-affected properties, areas, districts or jurisdictions in Maryland through the Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Assistance Grant Program for historic properties. The program, made available by the National Park Service, will fund grants between \$10,000 and \$150,000. Applications are due May 2, and no matching funds are required. To date, Ms. Raines has led grant workshops in Annapolis, Crisfield, and Cumberland.

K200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums

K201R CLG Grant Award Reassignment

Nell Ziehl reported that in July 2014, the MHT Board approved the award of up to \$9,000 to Montgomery County to continue the Residential Energy Audit, through which 20 historic residential properties received energy audits, by testing out and re-auditing those properties to document energy savings. To date, the county has been unable to encumber these grant funds. These federal funds must be expended by September 30, 2014. If they are not expended, they will be lost.

Ms. Ziehl explained that Montgomery County has agreed to cancellation of the grant award. MHT staff are recommending reassignment of the grant to MAHDC. MAHDC will use these funds to 1) develop mini-workshops on three-four topics of concern to commissions, including sustainability and design; 2) update the current 3-hour workshop series with Land Use Article information and other sections as needed; and 3) host two 3-hour workshops (Design Review & Law/Procedures) for groups of 25. Funds will also cover educational costs of up to \$750 for St. Mary's County and up to \$750 for Frederick

County, which MAHDC will administer. All projects will all be completed by August 15, 2014.

Mr. Luckenbach made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tilghman, to approve the following resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees approves cancellation of the FFY2013 Certified Local Government grant of \$9,000 to Montgomery County and reassignment of those funds to the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC).

K202R Designation of Mallows Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary

Charlie Stek described the history and significance of Mallows Bay. This small bay, located on the Maryland side of the Potomac River in Charles County, is a ship graveyard that is home to more than 100 WWI-era wooden vessels constructed in over 50 shipyards in 20 states. These vessels represent a period during which the United States emerged as a world leader in shipbuilding and witnessed the establishment of the Merchant Marines.

Mr. Stek explained that Mallows Bay is easily accessed through Charles County's Mallows Bay Park which is located adjacent to the site. The shallow nature of the bay encourages kayak and canoe explorations of the ship ruins.

Mr. Stek noted that an alliance of preservation and conservation minded stakeholders are seeking designation of Mallows Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary (NMS). The NMS System is designed to recognize and promote the conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, research or aesthetic values of special areas of the marine environment. Designation of Mallows Bay as an NMS would focus national attention on this resource. There is strong local, regional, State and national support for this nomination. The Maryland Historical Trust Board is being invited to express its support for the nomination.

Mr. Luckenbach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lighthizer, to approve the following resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION to support the designation of Mallows Bay on the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland as a National Marine Sanctuary.

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will be soliciting nominations of areas of the marine environment having nationally significant historical, ecological, research, recreational or aesthetic values for consideration as new National Marine Sanctuaries; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Historical Trust's mission is to preserve and interpret the legacy of Maryland's past; and

WHEREAS, conserving and promoting Mallows Bay on the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland is important to the Maryland Historical Trust's mission as a place of National significance, rich in America's maritime and cultural history; and

WHEREAS, Mallows Bay is unique, but largely unknown, as the location of the largest and most varied extant collection of historic shipwrecks in the United States from the Revolutionary War to the present, including the largest assemblage of World War I wooden steamship remains; and

WHEREAS, these shipwrecks and the related shipbreaking operations that occurred at this site from 1922 – 1945 have created a unique marine and terrestrial ecosystem that offers tremendous opportunities for education, conservation, public access, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, a National Marine Sanctuary designation for Mallows Bay would be the first in the Chesapeake watershed and help focus national attention on this treasure and provide a new catalyst for conservation, education, public access and tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Maryland Historical Trust hereby strongly supports the nomination and designation of Mallows Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary in accordance with Subpart C—Designation of National Marine Sanctuaries § 922.20-.25 (Standards and procedures for designation);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution are sent to the Governor of Maryland, members of the Maryland Congressional Delegation and General Assembly representing Charles County, the NOAA Administrator and the Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.

K203 2014 Preservation Awards – Wrap Up Report

Nell Ziehl reported that on the evening of Wednesday, February 4, 2014, the Board hosted its annual MHT Awards event at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. This is the third time that the awards event has taken place outside of the annual Maryland Preservation and Revitalization Conference. The awards program included both an "MHT 2013 Year in Review" presentation as well as the awards presentation.

Over 190 people registered for the event using the online registration tool; 77 awardees and guests registered by phone; and 52 legislators registered by phone. The total preregistration count was 319, excluding staff (compare to 180 for 2013). About 200 people were recorded as having attended, including the 10 legislators listed below (compare to 130 for 2013). Staff of Senator Cardin also attended the event and provided certificates to awardees.

Severe weather predictions for the evening kept many guests from attending – particularly those travelling from western Maryland. We heard reports that late meetings in the legislature kept many who planned to attend in session for the event. A week after the event, MHT staff met for a debrief and identified a number of changes that would improve the event for next year. One major suggestion was to change the venue, possibly to the Senate building, for the 2015 event.

K300 Management & Planning

K301 FY2014 Budget & Legislation - Report

Rodney Little reported on the FY2015 budget. He noted that the only reduction that is being considered at this time is the elimination of a vacant Grants Manager position at MHT. So far, no other reductions have been proposed to MHT's operating or grant program budgets.

Mr. Little reported that reauthorization of the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program has been the focus of much effort during this legislative session. The bill (HB510) has passed the House and is now being considered in the Senate. The only change of substance to the bill that was proposed by the Administration is a proposed aggregate cap of \$4 million for the new small commercial component of the program. Mr. Little thanked Board members Sam Parker and Marty Azola for testifying at bill hearings in the House and Senate.

K302 Litigation & Legal Issues – Report

Rieyn DeLony reported on two litigation issues.

On January 31, 2013, the Board authorized the Director of the Trust to institute legal action to enforce the Preservation Easement held by the Trust on the property known as Bellefields in Prince George's County. Ms. DeLony reported that the Trust filed suit in Prince George's County Circuit Court several weeks ago against property owner Jerry Holly. The suit has not yet been served. Paul Cuccuzella received the summons back from the Court on 4-2-14.

Also on January 31, 2013, the Board authorized the Director of the Trust to institute legal action to enforce the Preservation Easement held by the Trust on the property known as Oliver House, in Baltimore County. Ms. DeLony reported that, after some difficulty, the property owners were served by the Sheriff several weeks ago. They have not yet filed an answer.

Announcements

The Board welcomed new employee Casey Percoraro, Inventory Registrar, to the Trust.

Elizabeth Hughes noted that April is Archeology Month and invited Board members to pick up Archeology Month posters and booklets at the conclusion of the meeting.

Ms. Hughes noted that the Maryland Humanities Council is hosting Maryland History Day on May 3, 2014. A Board member is sought to award the Board's History Day prize as part of the History Day award ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Mr. Charles L. Edson, Chair

J. Rodney Little, Director