

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING**

Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Banneker-Douglass Museum
84 Franklin Street
Annapolis, MD

Pursuant to notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) was held at the Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, Maryland.

Trustees present: Mmes. Filkins, Linder, and Paca; Messrs. Alberg, Poffenberger, Robinson.

Area Representatives present: Mme. Uunila; Messrs. Brown, Callan, Camlin and Charlton.

Maryland Department of Planning: Robert McCord, Secretary.

Office of the Attorney General: Paul Cucuzzella.

MHT Staff: Elizabeth Hughes, Kathy Monday, Anne Raines, Rachele Green, Marcia Miller, Barbara Fisher, Jessica French, and Nell Ziehl.

Guests: Chanel Compton, Executive Director - MCAAHC.

K1 CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Poffenberger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. A quorum of Trustees was not present. A quorum of the Executive Committee was not present.

Mr. Poffenberger thanked Chanel Compton, Executive Director of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and Director of the Banneker-Douglass Museum, for hosting the Board of Trustees. Ms. Compton welcomed the Board, provided an overview of the museum's activities and invited Board members to tour the museum following the meeting.

K2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No action was taken on the minutes as a quorum was not present.

K3 PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present to provide comment.

K4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

K100 Capital Programs

No report

K200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums
K201 Architectural Survey Data Analysis Project - Presentation

Marcia Miller, Chief of the Office of Research, Survey and Registration, introduced staff members Barbara Fisher and Jessica French who provided an overview of the Architectural Survey Data Analysis Project. Funded in part by the MHT Board of Trustees, this project involves the analysis of architectural survey data gaps and the identification of re-survey needs and strategic opportunities for new survey work. This work will support MHT efforts to enhance our searchable database – a task that also requires examination of the state’s existing architectural data and includes adding the capability to search and quantify information based on “descriptive” categories (architectural style, construction date, materials, current and historic use, etc.).

K202 JPPM Report

Rachelle Green, Acting Director of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, provided an overview of current and upcoming JPPM activities.

K203 Flood Mitigation Guide - Report

Nell Ziehl, Chief of the Office of Planning, Education and Outreach, explained that MHT provides training and assistance in hazard mitigation planning, disaster response and recovery, and climate planning and adaptation. In support of these efforts, she announced that MHT has published a new online tool entitled *Flood Mitigation Guide: Maryland's Historic Buildings*, produced by Dominique Hawkins of Preservation Design Partnership, LLC in partnership with MHT. This Guide is intended to help local governments and preservation advocates plan for and adapt historic buildings and districts threatened by flooding from tides, coastal surges, flash floods and sea level rise. It will also help inform our agency’s programs as we move forward. The Flood Mitigation Guide was developed with support from the National Park Service’s Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief Fund.

K300 Management & Planning
K301 Litigation & Legal Issues

Mr. Cucuzzella reported that there are no litigation or legal issues at this time.

K302 Budget & Legislation

Ms. Hughes reported that MHT budget for FY2020 includes \$1 million for the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program, \$600,000 for the Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program, \$6 million for the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Grant Program, and \$9 million for the competitive commercial state historic tax credit program. While the budget does not include an appropriation for the Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program, budget language that was passed during the 2018 session of the General Assembly permits the Maryland Department of Planning to use up to \$300,000 of the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

appropriation for the Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program. At this time, this is the Department's intent.

Ms. Hughes reported that the only Administration legislation being sponsored by MHT is SB51 – Maryland Heritage Areas – Target Investment Zones – Repeal. This bill deletes the requirement that MHAA capital grants be restricted to award within Certified Heritage Area Target Investment Zones only.

There are two additional bills of interest so far this year. One of these is a bill sponsored by Delegate Lierman and Senator Ferguson that will make changes to the state historic tax credit program. The bill is not yet available for review.

The second bill, SB255 – Abandoned Property in Possession of a Museum, outlines the process by which a museum may acquire title to property that is: 1.) on permanent loan to the museum or that was loaned for a specific term that has expired; 2.) on loan with no specific expiration date; 3.) undocumented and held by the museum for at least 3 years; and, 4.) an unsolicited donation found on museum property by giving notice that the museum is terminating the loan of the property. SB255 also empowers a museum to apply conservation measures to property on loan to the museum without receiving the lender's permission or giving the lender formal notice if certain conditions are met. This bill will assist museums and other collecting institutions such as the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Lab to address the issue of "orphaned collections."

Announcements

Mr. Charlton reported that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case about whether the nearly 100-year-old, cross-shaped war memorial in Maryland known as Peace Cross violates the Constitution's required separation of church and state sometime in the spring of 2019.

Ms. Hughes reported that the Azola Companies recently published a book entitled *Rebuilding Baltimore*, a retrospective of historic preservation projects undertaken by the firm over the course of its 50-year history. The Board congratulated Marty Azola on the production of such a well-illustrated and important publication.

Secretary McCord reported that he appeared before the Senate Executive Nominations Committee on Monday and that the Committee voted in favor of his confirmation as Secretary of the Department of Planning.

Ms. Hughes reminded the Board that the May 16th meeting would take place in Baltimore City. The location is still being finalized.

Meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Mr. Brien Poffenberger, Chair

Elizabeth Hughes, Director