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MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHAEOLOGY
(MACA)

September 2, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance

Jane Cox
Bruce Terrell
Bob Wall

Staff in Attendance

Beth Cole
Dennis Curry
Jan Gowing
Charlie Hall
Dixie Henry
Elizabeth Hughes
Troy Nowak
Patricia Samford

The Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

Review of the minutes of September 12, 2015

The minutes were reviewed but there was no quorum to vote on them.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Introduction and welcome of new member. Bruce Terrell

Bruce is Chief Archeologist for NOAA's Maritime Heritage Program, in the office of National Marine Sanctuaries. He has worked at the Museum of Confederacy in Richmond, Curated the Federal Naval collection, went to Louisiana on a CZM grant and developed an action plan for their

underwater resources, and has been with NOAA since 1992 in the Sanctuary program, working with Section 106.

The members of the Committee and staff then introduced themselves.

Memorandum of Understanding between MHT, SHA and DNR – Elizabeth Hughes

This MOU deals with whether or not State Highway Administration (SHA) would need to submit to MHT for an archeology permit for research archeology that is unrelated to work that's required for State highway projects. This includes work that is done on DNR land. It was determined by MHT's attorney that their statute allows SHA not to request a permit from MHT. This MOU is between MHT, SHA and DNR, to make clear that we are all in agreement on the requirements. At this time, it hasn't been signed by everyone.

Underwater Activities report – S. Langley

Troy reported in Susan's stead.

Mallows Bay: Troy was involved in the participatory GIS in anticipation of the Notice of Intent from NOAA in early July. Notice was received that the Notice of Intent would be received either in late August or early October. Susan will be speaking about it with Deborah Marx from the Stellwagon National Marine Sanctuary, who submitted the NR nomination. It was entered on the National Register on April 24, 2015 and announced on October 6, 2015 and reported at the Maritime Cultural Landscape Symposium in Madison, WI in mid-October.

Susan was voted "Volunteer of the Year", for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. She is also reviewing five applications for NPS Maritime Heritage Grants; repair of Dove dock; the preservation of the superstructure of the Liberty Ship, John W. Brown; Chesapeake Oysters from Skipjack to Shucker, a Maritime Heritage Experience; Learning Lab at the education center at the Annapolis Maritime Museum; Development of the Skipjack museum and heritage center in Chance, Maryland.

Levin J. Marvel: Troy and Susan finished side scan imaging of the remains and with volunteer John Fortenbaugh's assistance, dived the site. A nomination has been submitted to place it on the National Register. The 60th anniversary commemoration of its loss was held in North Beach and a standing display was created and is being loaned to Bayside Historical Museum, and another presentation was made at Herrington Harbor and at the Maryland Historical Trust.

The flint/chert project is moving ahead with all the SEM work done at UMBC. The analyses are underway and the last of the XRF work will likely be done by the time of the meeting with just comparison and some additional analyses to go. There is still the actual visual sorting section for which Susan will need volunteers to sort a 100 samples into either European origin or North American origin by sight and touch. Please contact Susan if you are willing to volunteer.

Troy reports that the first NAS training for the public has been completed. There were two days of classroom lectures, a tour of the MAC Lab. There was a chance find of a number of cannon

during construction at Fells Point from a Section 106 Compliance perspective, and ongoing coordination with the Corps of Engineers. There will be another field session at Janes Island at the end of September, to include some survey work in what used to be called Winter Refuge. We will also be looking at some historic farmsteads.

Terrestrial Activities report – C. Hall

Charlie reported that this has been the summer of the Bald Friar petroglyphs, located in the Susquehanna River, which is possibly the largest group of petroglyphs in the Eastern United States. They would have been less than 55 feet of water once the gates of the Conowingo Dam were closed in 1927. The Maryland Academy of Science removed the petroglyphs with dynamite and then pieced back together and exhibited and were stored in Baltimore, then lost. The State took custody and care of the stones in June 2006 and where stored at the MAC Lab. The most recent exhibit was established by the Chesapeake Conservancy and the Dept. of Natural Resources at Susquehanna State Park, which is the closest to its original location. It is one of six exhibits that are presently on display. Charlie gave a presentation on the petroglyphs at the ESAF conference in Solomon's last year. The Aqua Kids is an educational show, aimed at four to seven year olds, that focuses on aquatic wild life. Charlie was invited to be part of the filming of an episode on Bald Friar petroglyphs. There are three groups of petroglyphs on the Susquehanna River and only one of these groups is not inundated by a hydro dam. He was also interviewed by phone, by MPT who is doing a special on the Conowingo Dam and will include the petroglyphs as part of their story.

Charlie and Becky Morchouse have been tasked with drafting the Archeological Collections Policy, under the MHT general collections policy. The Committee will be receiving drafts of the policy. Charlie and Mark Sheik have been drafting a collections policy for the Mount Claire collection.

Along with Troy, Charlie was part of the team participating in the NAS training. This is the 13th year of the voluntary archeology lab. At present there are two high school students participating regularly. Archeology Month committees are being formed and the committee will be receiving our proposal form for ideas about the theme. It was proposed that the theme should mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the St. Mary's City archeology program.

Charlie expects to coordinate with our Native American Tribes, regarding our MAC Lab inventory, within the next month or two.

MAC Lab Activities report – (P. Samford)

The Public Archeology Month at the St. Leonard's site focused on the slave quarter area. There were a lot of small finds, one of which looks like a partial piece of jewelry with a lot of chipped garnets in kind of a diamond shaped pattern.

In terms of our Transportation Enhancement grant and our MAC Lab collections database, we were able to interview five people for the two Project Archeologist positions and we hired Annette Cook and Alice Glass who were already part of the MAC Lab, extending their contracts. The database structure was developed and we made data sheets for about 50 to 60 archeological sites. Over all, we plan to do about

250 to 300 in the current project. We are working with Elizabeth Hughes to get additional funding through State Highways to expand this project through another year.

The Outlander exhibit is still traveling around to libraries in Southern Maryland. There has been interest from the STARZ network and the costume designer, who would like to give attention to the exhibit. It will be displayed at the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology conference in Fredericksburg and a paper will be presented about the project to the Society for Historic Archaeology meeting in Washington, D.C. The MAC Lab is in the process of making this into an online exhibit.

The Mac Lab just received 12 out of 60 cannon from a church parking lot in Valley Forge, to be conserved. The lab is housing the 18th century shipwreck from the Nanticoke River and is waiting to see what will be conserved and what is going to happen with the rest of the ship.

The Baltimore Center for Urban Archaeology collection acquisition is under way and Baltimore City has promised the money for the conservation. These were artifacts that were damaged in a steam pipe break in the building they were stored in. They were under a curatorship with the Maryland Historical Society, who no longer wants the curatorship. Insurance paid to re-house the collection in archival conditions and some conservation. Attorneys are presently trying to figure out who owns the collections...some of which belong to Baltimore City and some of them are on private property. What they can't find out will be turned over by a Quit Claim Deed.

The Trust was contacted by Historic Annapolis as to whether the MAC Lab could be used for temporary storage for some of the Historic Annapolis Foundation Collections. There is over a thousand boxes that JPPM have been given a list of and actually seen. The cost may have been too high for the Foundation to even consider.

Patricia has given three talks in the last six months on how to identify beach or sea pottery. She attended the National Sea Glass Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. Patricia spent two days identifying the glass and also gave a lecture to a packed room of over 200 people.

Review and Compliance Activities report – (B. Cole/D. Henry)

Beth reported that she and Patricia have been working on the Making Archeology Public Project (MAPP), which is the national collaboration in honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Each state is supposed to come up with the idea of doing a ten minute film for the public about how archeology ties in with NHPA. Patricia started a group of about five people who have been meeting and have come up with two sites that we will focus on, L' Hermitage at Monacacy National Battlefield and the Melinda Jackson Homestead site, which SHA excavated for data recovery for the ICC project. There is a general outline for a script, but a problem with funding and who is putting together the actual video.

As for Compliance, there are a couple of large projects with State Highways...one of which is the US 219 project in Garrett County, which is a project to connect West Virginia and Pennsylvania. SHA will be doing a basic archeological survey with the alternatives under consideration with a special focus on Braddock's Road. Another project is the dualization of Maryland 404 from the Denton bypass to US 50. This is the number one top transportation priority and we are told that this road will be constructed by 2017. There are ten Phase 2's in that area.

Compliance participated in a Webinar that the Advisory Council put on, on Cultural Landscape Identification and Effects Assessment as part of their online 106 training with emphasis placed on archeological sites. Beth is on an MHT working group tied in with the Hurricane Sandy grant funded

activities. MHT has hired a consultant who will develop strategies for historic properties in flood prone areas, not necessarily just for archeology.

A small group of archeologists are meeting with members from the Council for Maryland Archaeology who have requested the meeting to discuss the whitepapers that the Council have been putting together to discuss best practices in archeology. The first round has been drafted but Beth isn't sure if the papers have been vetted for purity.

Dixie reported on a sizable project, begun in 1999 that is coming back to life in Queen Anne's County, is the Four Seasons development. At the time, it was determined the development would have an adverse effect on three archeological sites, mostly pre-historic, but one had a late 17th century, possibly early 19th century component to it. An MOA was executed and a Phase 3 data recovery fieldwork was completed in 2006. The project came to a halt and nothing was done to complete it. Now the project has to obtain a new permit from the Corps of Engineers and a meeting was held with Compliance to decide on how we proceed. We will be drafting a new MOA, laying out which requirements still need to be fulfilled to be able to go forward with the project.

Compliance had their quarterly coordination meeting with the Corps of Engineers. The Corps is in the process of drafting their MDSPGP5, the fifth installment of the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit, an agreement that establishes interagency cooperation between the Corps and MDE. It streamlines the permit process for projects that are impacting waterways in Maryland, including a 106 project, both State and Federal. There will be some training opportunities, in which the Trust will be part of that training. We also discussed a possible programmatic approach to artificial reef projects off of Maryland. The Corps is also developing a new template for their MOA's.

On October 27, 2015, the Annual Bond Bill workshop that is put on by DGS and the Comptroller's office will take place. Compliance will participate and present the 106 training.

Research and Synthesis Project - (D. Curry)

Dennis received an issue of *Archaeology of Eastern North America* which has his summary of mid-Atlantic ossuaries, covering the area from Cape Henlopen to Cape Fear. There are three other Chesapeake related articles, including one from Lost Towns Projects on Pig Point pipes and ritualism.

The Synthesis Project looks at all the Phase 2 and Phase 3 reports that have been done in Maryland and to synthesize what's known of each site. We've gone through the entire State and now have gone back to catch up with the newer additions and are almost done on our second pass. Matt will be presenting a paper on this at the SHA meeting and it is online now and getting heavy use.

An email was received asking users of Access to justify the need for it. Access is the backbone of many projects within the Trust and Dennis is pretty certain that we have a good argument for keeping it.

There are three archeology grants that are being monitored by us; the Sandy Grant, the Lost Towns folks are at the Peuleche site, the Zekiah Fort Heritage Trail, will begin their search for the 17th century Patuxent Indian fort in Merkle Wildlife Refuge, and the Pig Point Project, had a day long symposium, bringing people in from the Ohio Valley and the surrounding area, to talk about what it means to Adena and Hopewell archeology.

The Trust is planning to expand in the building, which will consolidate much of Archeology in one area, including files, ASM's library, a place for field equipment in the basement and our new conference room will be large enough for our MHT Board to meet in. We will once again be able to hold our Archeology

Workshop and the Spring Symposium in the building. The MHT Board has given us money to complete this expansion.

Other Business

None

Selection of next meeting date – December 2, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at in a motion made by Bruce Terrell and seconded by Jane Cox the motion was carried unanimously.