



Maryland Department of Planning  
Maryland Historical Trust

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
February 4, 2014**

**Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD 21401  
No Committee Meetings; Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

- J1 CALL TO ORDER
- J2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- J3 COMMITTEE REPORTS
- J100 Capital Programs
- J101R 2220 St. Paul Street, Baltimore City – Right of First Refusal Waiver Request
- J200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums
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## Maryland Historical Trust

### NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis.

Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Lunch 1:00 p.m.

This notice given January 7, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Rodney Little'.

J. Rodney Little  
Director

Please respond by e-mail [kathy.monday@maryland.gov](mailto:kathy.monday@maryland.gov) or phone (410) 514-7603 by January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING**

**February 4, 2014**

**Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD 21401**

Pursuant to notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT or Trust) was held at the Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD on February 4, 2014.

Trustees present: Messrs. Edson, Poffenberger, Luckenbach, Lighthizer, Parker, Delgado, and Turner.

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

Area Representatives present: Messrs. Azola, Brown, Callan, Camlin, Charlton, Spikes and Ms. Tilghman.

Office of the Attorney General: Rieyn DeLony, Paul Cucuzzella.

MHT Staff: Rodney Little, Elizabeth Hughes, Michael Day, Amy Skinner, and Kathy Monday.

Guests: Rob Arthur

*\*Committee Only*

J1 CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Edson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

J2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Azola made a motion, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the October 3, 2013 and December 5, 2013 minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

J3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

J100 Capital Programs

J101R 2220 St. Paul Street, Baltimore City – Right of First Refusal Waiver Request

Michael Day explained that the Trust holds an historic preservation easement on the property located at 2220 St. Paul Street, Baltimore City, Maryland. The deed of easement includes language that affords the Trust with the right of first refusal at the time that the property owner wishes to offer the property for sale.

The current owner, The Lab School of Washington, Inc., has reached an agreement to sell the property to Baltimore Lab School, Inc., and has requested that the Trust waive its right of first refusal in order to permit the sale to proceed.

Mr. Luckenbach made the following motion which was seconded by Mr. Callan and approved unanimously.

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust that the Maryland Historical Trust waives its right of first refusal, under the Deed of Easement recorded March 11, 1985, to purchase the property known as Old Goucher Hall, located at 2220 St. Paul Street in Baltimore City, Maryland, on the terms offered to MHT by letter dated January 24, 2014.

J200      Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums

J201      Preservation Awards Event - Report

Ms. Hughes reminded the Board that the 2014 Preservation Awards event will begin at 4:30 pm at the Governor Calvert House Ballroom located on State Circle. Approximately 340 people have registered for the event. Board members are encouraged to arrive by 4 pm.

J202R    MHT Summer Internship Program

Ms. Hughes reported that at the December meeting of the Board Mr. Callan had presented this proposal on behalf of the Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums Committee. Since there was not a quorum of members present at the December Board meeting it was not possible to take action on this item at that time. The item is being resubmitted to the Board for action today.

The MHT Summer Internship proposal would support two paid 10-week summer internships at the Trust for recent graduates or graduate students in historic preservation or a related field in 2014. Sufficient funds exist to support this \$5000 request.

Ms. Tilghman inquired if eligibility for the internship was restricted to Maryland students only. Ms. Hughes indicated that there was no such restriction currently envisioned.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust approves an expenditure of up to \$5,000 from the MHT Heritage Preservation Fund in fiscal year 2014 to support two paid summer internships for recent graduates or graduate students in historic preservation or a related field in 2014.

J300 Management and Planning

J301 Interim Actions of the Executive Committee – Report

MHT Board Interim Conference Call  
January 29, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

MHT Board Executive Committee: Edson, Chair; Luckenbach, Bailey, Poffenberger

MHT Staff: Rodney Little

Rodney Little reported that the MHT Board of Trustees did not have a quorum of members present at the December 5, 2013 Board meeting. At that meeting, the Board recommended action on two items of a time sensitive nature which must be finalized prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Mr. Little explained that as per Article IX, Section 2.a. of the Bylaws of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee of the Board has “the express authority to act on behalf of the Trust at the request of the Director when such action is required prior to the scheduled meeting of the Trustees.” He then requested that the Executive Committee take action on two time sensitive items recommended by the Board at the December 5, 2013 Board agenda: 1.) the tax credit denial reconsideration submitted for 1523 Bolton Street, Baltimore, MD; and, 2.) the 2014 Maryland Preservation Awards.

Mr. Luckenbach made a motion to approve the following two resolutions presented at the December 5, 2013 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bailey and was unanimously approved.

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee approves the recommendation of the Board to reverse the tax credit denial for 1523 Bolton Street, Baltimore, MD.

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee approves the recommendation of the Board to approve the 2014 Maryland Preservation Award recommendations of the Survey, Registration, Community Education, and Museums Committee. The recommendations are as follows:

**EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Excellence in Media & Publications**

- “Crossroads of War: Maryland and the Border in the Civil War”

**Excellence in Education**

- Huntington High School Historic Investigations

**Excellence in Community Engagement**

- 150th Anniversary of the Maryland Campaign (Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area)

**Excellence in Programming and Exhibits**

- Seas, Lakes & Bay: The Naval War of 1812 Exhibit at the U.S. Naval Academy

## STEWARDSHIP

### Outstanding Stewardship of an Easement Property

- Trustees and Staff of Ladew Topiary Gardens

## PROJECT EXCELLENCE

### Excellence in Commercial/Institutional Rehabilitation

- Rita R. Church Community Center
- Rockville Police Headquarters

### Preservation Partnerships

- 2013 Field Session in Maryland Archeology, highlighting landowners William and Barbara Crum

## LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

### Individual Leadership

- Sharon Kennedy
- Gale Yerges

### J302 FY2014 Budget & Legislation - Report

Mr. Little reported that the Trust's operating budget hearing took place on January 29 and 30. The Trust's capital budget hearing is scheduled for February 11 and 12. So far, the Department of Legislative Services has proposed no significant cuts to the agency's budget. The budget includes \$3 million for the Maryland Heritage Areas Program, \$1 million for the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program, and \$10 million for the commercial side of the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program. No funding has been included in the budget for the Capital and Non Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program or the Museum Assistance Grant Program.

Mr. Little reported that the legislative issue of greatest interest to the Trust during the 2014 session of the General Assembly will be reauthorization of the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit. Introduced as House Bill 510, the bill would reauthorize the existing program for five more years and create a new category for small businesses that want to complete small projects on historic properties. The new "small commercial" credit provision would allow small commercial or mixed use projects to receive tax credits similar to those currently offered to home owners. Like the home owner credit, the small business credit is subject to maximum project costs (\$500,000) and tax credit limits (\$50,000). This small commercial credit provision would be limited to certified historic structures located in designated Sustainable Communities.

Discussion of the tax credit followed.

### J303 Litigation & Legal Issues – Report

Mr. Cucuzzella reported that the Department has filed suit against Sharon and Stephen Crum, the owners of Oliver House, which is in breach of easement.

Announcements

Dr. Delgado reported that comments are being sought by the Navy in regard to proposed regulations for the implementation of the Federal Sunken Military Craft Act. As Maryland's waters contain resources that would be affected by these regulations, he recommended that the Trust's attorneys review these draft regulations. The comment period for these regulations ends in early March.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Mr. Charles L. Edson, Chair

J. Rodney Little, Director