

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Eastern Shore Land Conservancy – Large Conference Room
114 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD

Pursuant to notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust was held at the offices of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy located at 114 S. Washington Street in Easton, Maryland.

Trustees present: Mmes. Bashiri, Ernstein, Filkins, Linder, Mears, and Paca; Messrs. Alberg, Brown, Feldstein, and Robinson.

Area Representatives present: Mme. Bailey; Messrs. Azola, Charlton, Stek, and Reed.

Ex-Officio Members: Senator Chris West; Delegate Jim Gilchrist.

Maryland Department of Planning: Robert McCord, Secretary

Office of the Attorney General: Rieyn DeLony.

MHT Staff: Elizabeth Hughes, Kathy Monday, Greg Pierce, Matt McKnight, Amanda Apple, Marcia Miller, Heather Barrett, Steve Allen, and Charlotte Lake.

Guests: Marilyn Hatza, Edwin Johnson, MCAAHC; Peter Morrill, DNR; Terry Klima, Jay Barringer, John Zebelean, and Matthew McGuigan.

AGENDA

N1 CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Laura Mears called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. A quorum of Trustees was present.

Ms. Mears asked the Board to recognize the passing of Representative Elijah Cummings with a moment of silence.

Ms. Mears congratulated Josh Brown on his appointment to the Board as a Trustee and welcomed Area Representative Marty Azola back after a long absence.

Mr. Rob Etgen, President of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, welcomed the Board to Easton and thanked the Board for their support of the rehabilitation of 114 S. Washington Street which benefited from state historic tax credits.

N2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Felstein made a motion, seconded by Mr. Reed that the July 18, 2019 Board meeting minutes be approved as submitted. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

N3 PUBLIC COMMENT

Messrs. Jay Barringer, John P. Zebelean, Matthew McGuigan and Terry Klima provided public comment, expressing their concern regarding the condition of the Baltimore City Confederate monuments and requesting that the Trust exercise its authority to require that the monuments be reinstalled in their original location or a location which would be publicly accessible.

Board members discussed the comments presented by the members of the public, expressed their dissatisfaction with the lack of progress achieved to date regarding placement of the monuments in a safe and publicly accessible location, and directed staff to contact the City of Baltimore to request that the red paint on the statues be removed.

N4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

N100 Capital Programs
N101R African American Heritage Preservation Grant Awards

Dr. Charlotte Lake provided background information regarding the history of the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program and described the application process. She noted that forty-three eligible grant applications were received by the July 1, 2019 deadline. The total funding request was \$3,508,750 with the majority of requests seeking funding for rehabilitation projects, with the remainder seeking support for predevelopment or new construction. Applications represented 16 counties and the City of Baltimore.

Dr. Lake explained that the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC) has evaluated, ranked, and recommended funding levels for eligible applicants in accordance with the program project selection criteria and that Commission staff member Marilyn Hatza would be presenting their funding recommendations to the MHT Board of Trustees for action. Following the Board's action, the recommendations will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning for final approval.

Ms. Marilyn Hatza then presented the twelve projects recommended by MCAAHC for full funding totaling \$998,250, with the remaining \$1,750 of the appropriated \$1,000,000 reserved for emergency projects.

The following motion was made by Mr. Feldstein, seconded by Mr. Reed, and approved unanimously with the exception of Mr. Joshua Brown and Dr. Barbara Paca who abstained.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees concurs with the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture in the recommendation to fund those projects in the (i) A=Recommended for Funding category and (ii) AR=Recommended for Funding should Additional Funds become Available category, as further described in Exhibit A (African-American Heritage Preservation Grant Chart for Fiscal Year 2019) to the Secretary of

the Maryland Department of Planning; and

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees concurs with the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture in the recommendation to the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning to maintain a reserve of \$3,535.00 to be used for emergency project grants during FY2020.

N102R Easement Determination: Burtis House and adjoining parcels, 67-71 Prince George Street, Annapolis, MD, (State Property Transfer)

Ms. Anne Raines reported that in 2018, the MHT Board of Trustees approved changes to the MHT Historic Preservation Easement Program easement conveyance requirements, which included instituting a new policy that MHT would not accept easements on properties that are being transferred out of State ownership which are not individually listed, or individually eligible for listing, in the National Register.

She noted that MHT has recently been requested to take an easement on property that is being transferred out of State ownership, but which does not meet the threshold for individual listing or eligibility set in the Board's current policy.

Through the Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance, MHT received notification of excess property action regarding 67, 69, and 71 Prince George Street, Annapolis (the "Property"), by the current owner, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"). The Burtis House (MIHP # AA-1152) at 69 Prince George Street is a modest, ca. 1890 wood frame house; this and the other parcels comprising the Property slated for disposal are located within the Annapolis National Register Historic District (AA-2046), which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; the Burtis House is a contributing structure within the district. Given its history, MHT staff believe that the Property also has a high potential to contain important archeological resources that have not yet been identified.

DNR held a Consulting Parties meeting regarding the disposition of the Property on August 16, 2019 which was attended by representatives of DNR, MHT, the City of Annapolis, the Four Rivers Certified Heritage Area, Historic Annapolis, and a citizens' advisory group focused on the Burtis House. The meeting was part of DNR's consultation process under both the MHT Act and the Heritage Area law, as explained below. It was the overwhelming consensus of this collective group of State and local government agencies, Certified Heritage Area, non-profit organizations and the public - that a perpetual preservation easement held by MHT would afford comprehensive considerations for the Property's cultural heritage, avoid adverse effects on cultural resources, and constitute the best tool to ensure the continued protection of its cultural resources following transfer out of state ownership.

MHT staff recommend that acceptance of an easement on the Property is warranted for two primary reasons:

1) The MHT Act, Section 5A-326(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, provides that "If it is prudent, practicable, and in the State's best interest to do so, a State unit that

transfers a surplus property listed in or eligible to be listed in the Historic Register shall ensure that the transfer provides for the preservation or enhancement of the property." Placement of a perpetual MHT easement will ensure that, after its transfer out of State ownership, the property is afforded the same level of consideration it currently has under State law. An MHT easement would provide commensurate and comprehensive consideration for the following key preservation issues:

- appropriate preservation and treatment of the Burtis House in perpetuity,
- consideration of impacts to archeological resources that are expected to be present on the Property (the standard archeological provisions in MHT's easement template afford appropriate measures for identifying and considering impacts to archeological resources that may be located on the parcel), and
- MHT review for proposed changes and alterations within the easement boundaries with consideration of any possible impacts to the Colonial Annapolis Historic District (the NHL and NR listed districts).

2) Under the Maryland Heritage Area Law, Section 13-1112(b)(3) of the Financial Institutions Article, State units must consult with certified heritage areas regarding actions that may affect the heritage area. The law states that State units must "When conducting a review of activities under §§ 5A-325 and 5A-326 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, assure that the activities will not have an adverse effect on the historic and cultural resources of the certified heritage area, unless there is no prudent and feasible alternative." MHT acceptance of a perpetual preservation easement on the Property will help DNR ensure avoidance of adverse effects on historic and archeological properties as a result of the Property's transfer out of State ownership. The MHT easement is a prudent and feasible alternative.

Ms. Raines explained that once the Board of Trustees has made its decision regarding acceptance of an easement on the Property, staff will formally respond to DNR with a request to continue consultation under the MHT Act.

The following motion was made by Ms. Bailey, seconded by Ms. Linder, and approved unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees supports MHT's acceptance of a perpetual historic preservation easement on the parcels at 67, 69, and 71 Prince George Street, Annapolis, MD, upon transfer of the property out of State ownership.

N200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums
N201R Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grant Awards

Dr. Matt McKnight and Ms. Heather Barrett reported on applications to the Non Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program. In FY2020, funding totaling \$300,000 was distributed from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund to the Maryland Historical Trust to be awarded as Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grants. Twenty-nine grant applications were received by the September 3, 2019 deadline. The total funding request was \$1,092,558.64. Submitted applications represented four regional projects and eleven counties plus Baltimore

City.

A committee of MHT staff evaluated, ranked, and recommended funding levels for eligible applications in accordance with the Program's regulatory selection criteria and the Funding Priorities. Dr. McKnight and Ms. Barrett then presented those grant projects recommended for funding.

The following motion was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Alberg, and approved unanimously with the exception of Mr. Joshua Brown and Dr. Julie Erinstein who abstained.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees recommends to the Secretary of Planning the award of MHT Non-Capital Historic Preservation Grants to those projects described in Exhibit A (MHT Non-Capital Program Approved Grant Chart for Fiscal Year 2020) attached to this Resolution (the "Chart").

N202R Heritage Preservation Fund Project Requests for FY2020 (Round 2)

Ms. Anne Raines reported that at the May 16, 2019 Board meeting, the Board approved an expenditure of up to \$204,459.81 from the MHT Heritage Preservation Fund in fiscal year 2020. Since that time, the need for funds for contractual positions at JPPM and MHT has been alleviated as certain positions have been moved into existing general funded permanent PINs. Therefore, certain prior-year and current-year Board funds, up to \$43,600, were freed up to be reassigned to new projects. A new call for proposals was issued to staff in September. The MHT Board Heritage Preservation Fund Disposition Committee reviewed staff proposals and is recommending four proposals for funding at this time.

The following motion was made by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Charlton, and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust, that an expenditure of up to \$32,747 from the MHT Heritage Preservation Fund in fiscal year 2020 to support the following projects is approved.

- Up to \$6,747 for the JPPM Patterson Center Archeologist position;
- Up to \$15,000 for the Dendrochronology Projects;
- Up to \$6,000 for a Library Internship;
- Up to \$5,000 for an Internship for an Asian American Context Study for Baltimore City.

N203R 2020 Preservation Awards

Mr. Steve Allen reported that the Survey, Registration, Community Education, and Museums Committee met in Crownsville on October 3, 2019 to review 18 nominations received by the Maryland Historical Trust for the 2020 Maryland Preservation Awards. Six members participated; one member provided written comments prior to the meeting. Based on the strength of the nominations and the category criteria, the Committee selected ten nominations for recommendation to the Board.

The following motion was made by Mr. Feldstein, seconded by Mr. Reed, and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees approves the 2020 Maryland Preservation Awards recommendations of its Survey, Registration, Community Education, and Museums Committee. The recommendations are as follows:

EDUCATION and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Excellence in Community Engagement

-Laurel History Boys (Prince Georges County)

Excellence in Media & Publications

-Lost Towns Project Inc. and Anne Arundel County (Anne Arundel County)

Excellence in Public Programming

-Historic Sotterley, Inc. for “Building Bridges to Common Ground” (St. Mary’s County)

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Outstanding Individual Leadership at the Local Level

-Robert C. Clark (Anne Arundel County)

Outstanding Organizational Leadership at the Local Level

-City of Frederick (Frederick County)

PROJECT EXCELLENCE

Community Impact

-Town of Myersville for Myersville Trolley (Frederick County)

Preservation Partnerships

- C & O Canal Trust, Inc. for Swains Lockhouse (Montgomery County)

STEWARDSHIP

Outstanding Stewardship by a Government Agency

- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park for Conococheague Aqueduct (Washington County)

Outstanding Stewardship of a Maryland Historical Trust Easement Property

-Warren Historic Site – Loving Charity Hall (Montgomery County)

- Town of Port Deposit for Jacob Tome Gas House (Cecil County)

N204 JPPM Report

Dr. Greg Pierce, Director of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, provided an overview of upcoming programs and ongoing capital projects.

N300 Management & Planning

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MHT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 9:30 AM
Teleconference Meeting Minutes

MHT Board Executive Committee: Laura Mears, Sam Parker, Franklin Robinson, Sakinah Linder

MHT Staff: Elizabeth Hughes, Anne Raines, Charlotte Lake

Office of the Attorney General: Rieyn DeLony

CALL TO ORDER

Laura Mears, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided as no members of the public participated in the call.

ACTION ITEMS

Capital Programs

1. Term Easement Document

The current form easement used by MHT for perpetual preservation easements was approved by MHT's Board of Trustees at its December 4, 2014 meeting. At its October 18, 2018 meeting, the Board approved changes to easement conveyance requirements, which included a change from requiring a perpetual easement to requiring a term-limited easement for properties assisted through future MHT Capital Grant and Loan, African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) Grant, Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) Grant and Loan, federal grant, and legislative bond bill funding. Office of the Attorney General staff and easement program staff worked together to develop the attached new form easement for term-limited easements, which is directly based on the current form easement for perpetual easements previously approved by the Board.

Mr. Robinson made following motion which was seconded by Mr. Parker and approved unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust approves MHT's use of the standard form of term-limited preservation easement in all circumstances where MHT requires, or is obligated to require, a term-limited preservation easement.

2. Pending Easement - Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry Archaeological Preserve

The Archaeological Conservancy has been awarded a FY2019 MHT Capital Grant to acquire the property, and a 15-year term easement will be recorded at the time of closing. The property is a National Register-listed archaeological site, is an important extant Native American jasper quarry in Maryland and was a source of the red-to-yellow cryptocrystalline stone that was prized by ancient flint knappers for tool and weapon production. The property has great research potential for examining models of procurement of high-quality lithic material in the yearly rounds of ancient Native Americans inhabiting the region.

The majority of MHT's easements are primarily intended to protect a historic structure, although archeological protections are often included. As such, MHT's current easement document requires work at easement properties to conform with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which focus on standing structures. The Standards -- for preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, or reconstruction -- only address the need for protection or mitigation of archeological resources. For example, rehabilitation Standard #8 states, "Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken." Since the current easement document does not appear to contemplate or provide a path for the Director to approve research archeology on an easement property, the easement for this property would have to specifically permit it.

Ms. Linder made following motion which was seconded by Mr. Parker and approved unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the term preservation easement for the Iron Hill Cut Jasper Quarry Archaeological Preserve in Cecil County include a clause allowing for research archeology to be carried out on the site if the work is performed in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Archeological Investigations in Maryland and approved in advance by the Director.

Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums

1. Statewide Preservation Plan

Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office, MHT is mandated to produce a state historic preservation plan, pursuant to Section 101(b)(3)(c) of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended. Regulations require a plan "that provides guidance for effective decision making about historic property preservation throughout the state." In this way, the plan serves the broader preservation community, not just MHT. In addition to historic preservation, which typically refers to architecture, the plan includes archeology and cultural heritage.

MHT updates the plan every five years and the National Park Service (NPS) reviews the final document to ensure that it:

- includes significant and meaningful public participation;
- identifies significant issues affecting historic resources; and
- proposes realistic solutions and sets priorities for preservation action.

The final plan is reviewed by the Secretary of Planning and the Governor and approved by the MHT Board of Trustees prior to public release. Although *PreserveMaryland II* is intended to serve as a roadmap for the broader preservation community, and participation is encouraged, there is no mandate or requirement for individuals or organizations to adhere to the plan. MHT will use the plan to inform its agency's work over the next five years. Each year, MHT reports to NPS on its progress toward each of the goals and objectives assigned to the agency.

PreserveMaryland II was guided by an interdisciplinary advisory committee in collaboration with statewide partners, including Preservation Maryland (PM), the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC), Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA), the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. (ASM), Council for Maryland Archeology, Main Street Maryland, Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC), Coalition of Maryland Heritage Areas and Maryland Museums Association (MMA). These committee members and organizations co-hosted outreach meetings, facilitated discussions and helped bring their constituents to the table.

Begun in 2018, *PreserveMaryland II* is now complete, has been approved by the National Park Service, and is awaiting final approval by the MHT Board prior to its release to the public.

Mr. Parker made following motion which was seconded by Mr. Robinson and approved unanimously:

RESOLVED, that *PreserveMaryland II: the Statewide Preservation Plan 2019-2023*, having been approved by the National Park Service, is adopted as Maryland's state historic preservation plan, pursuant to Section 101(b)(3)(c) of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended.

Management and Planning

1. Staff Member Recognition – Kate Dinnel

Mr. Parker made following motion which was seconded by Ms. Linder and approved unanimously:

**Resolution Expressing Appreciation and Thanks from
the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees
to Kate Dinnel for 21 Years of Service**

July 18, 2019

Whereas, the Maryland Historical Trust was created in 1961 as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State, to encourage others to do so and to promote interest in and study of such matters; and

Whereas, Kate Dinnel has served MHT since 1998 at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in both the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory and the Education Department; and

Whereas, her interest in the earth and indigenous people merged to create a Woodland Indian Village garden which is both productive and evocative of another culture, in so doing she fulfilled a critical need for pollinator gardens and habitats while at the same time providing educational opportunities for young people; and

Whereas, Kate was frequently seen absconding with the maintenance riding mower but to the best of our knowledge refrained from designing crop circles in Buddy's fields; and

Whereas, over the course of her career as an archeologist she has acquired a comprehensive knowledge of material culture as well as historical and natural resources, and has provided technical advice to Education staff for the Discovering Archaeology Program; and

Whereas, Kate successfully created a buffer forest near the Village as part of Critical Area mitigation by including thousands of Calvert County sixth graders in the process, providing instruction and guidance on the importance of planting native species which has increased our ability to enhance the immersive environment at the Village; and

Whereas, Kate encouraged Archaeology Camp participants to analyze "Stinky Spoons" and smash pottery in preparation for mending activities; and

Whereas, the MAC Lab Library may now have approximately 1/3 of its contents re-shelved after they've been recovered from Kate's office;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees wishes to express its deep appreciation to Kate Dinnel for her twenty-one years of service and to wish her a healthy, happy and prosperous retirement and a rewarding next phase of life.

NEW BUSINESS

1. October 2019 Meeting Location

Ms. Hughes recommended that the Board meet at the historic Kennard School in Centreville, Queen Anne's County, which has benefitted from African American Heritage Preservation Program grants from MHT. Since the October meeting will involve the Board's approval of the African American Heritage Preservation Program grants, this location would be particularly appropriate. Ms. Hughes thanked Mr. Robinson for recommending that the Board meet at Port Tobacco, Charles County, and will seek to schedule a meeting there in the spring of 2020.

2. Knights of Pythias Castle Historic Preservation Loan Application

Ms. Lake reported that the historic Knights of Pythias Castle property, located in the Hagerstown National Register Historic District, is being offered for sale at \$465,000. The appraisal states that the Property's current value is \$485,000, and post-rehabilitation value is \$600,000. MHT has been approached by an individual who is seeking a loan for \$300,000 from MHT for acquisition and a \$250,000 loan through the DHCD Neighborhood Business Development Loan Program to assist with acquisition and initial rehabilitation costs.

Ms. Lake will be seeking Board action on the loan application once the proposal has been reviewed by an underwriter. This will likely require an Executive Committee teleconference in advance of the October Board meeting. Following this conference call, information about the loan application will be shared with Executive Committee members by email. Members should direct any questions they have about the proposal to Ms. Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MHT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 3:00 PM
Teleconference Meeting Minutes

MHT Board Executive Committee: Laura Mears, Sam Parker, Franklin Robinson

MHT Staff: Elizabeth Hughes, Charlotte Lake

Office of the Attorney General: Rieyn DeLony

I. CALL TO ORDER

Laura Mears, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided as no members of the public participated in the call.

III. ACTION ITEMS

Capital Programs

1. Knights of Pythias Castle Loan Application

Dr. Charlotte Lake, Capital Grant and Loan Program Administrator, reported that the Knights of Pythias Castle is located in the Hagerstown National Register Historic District (WA-HAG-158) and in the locally designated Hagerstown Center City Historic District. As part of the Hagerstown NRHD, the Knights of Pythias Castle (MIHP WA-HAG-008) reflects the transformation of Hagerstown from the 1880s through about 1910, when the city's commercial core took on its current urban appearance. Most of the period's various architectural styles are represented in the district. Built in 1907 for the Knights of Pythias, this three-story brick building has a Renaissance Revival street façade crowned with a heavy modillioned cornice with an

ornate pendant in each corner. The ceiling of the third floor is of particular note, being a deeply coffered ceiling of embossed decorative metal.

The Property is currently for sale, and has been offered to the Borrower for \$465,000. The appraisal states that the Property's current value is \$485,000, and post-rehabilitation value is \$600,000. The Borrower is requesting a loan for \$300,000 from MHT for acquisition and a \$250,000 loan through the DHCD Neighborhood Business Development Loan Program to assist with acquisition and initial rehabilitation costs.

The Borrower plans to acquire and then rehabilitate the property in phases.

- Phase I: Window repairs, exterior painting and lighting, and HVAC and electrical upgrade. Finishing half of the basement for use as retail space by tenant currently renting a first floor retail space in the building
- Rehabilitation of the first floor, previously gutted to create two retail spaces, into a food hall with six food vendor stalls and common dining area.
- Phase II: Rehabilitation of the second floor, currently used for storage, as an expansion of the food hall or a restaurant depending on market demand, as well as life safety system improvements and installation of an elevator.
- Phase III: Rehabilitate the third floor, including the coffered metal ceiling, for use as event space.

The Borrower has demonstrated an inability to obtain financing for acquisition through the private market, although at least one private market lender has expressed potential future interest in financing capital work once the property is acquired. The Borrower is also pursuing rehabilitation funding and construction assistance through three local programs, including the City of Hagerstown's City Center Redevelopment Grant, the City of Hagerstown Partners in Economic Progress Program, and the Washington County Enterprise Zone local tax credit.

The Loan will be used to acquire the Property. The Loan will be secured by a first lien mortgage on the Property in favor of MHT, and an easement will be required as a condition of the Loan. The Loan may be structured with an indemnity deed of trust and indemnity guarantee.

Mr. Robinson made following motion which was seconded by Mr. Parker and approved unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the executive committee of the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees recommends to the Secretary of Planning a loan under the Maryland Historical Trust Loan Program of up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) (the "Loan") from the MHT Loan Fund to William D. Carroll, III (the "Borrower") for the acquisition of 16-18 West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Washington County (the "Property"). The Loan term is twenty (20) years with a two-year interest only period and remaining monthly payments of principal and interest sufficient to fully amortize the Loan over the term, at an interest rate which will be set relative to the applicable State GO bond yield.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. State House Trust - Civil War Centennial Commission Plaque

Ms. Mears informed the Committee that the State House Trust is considering the proposed removal or alteration of the Civil War Centennial Commission Plaque, located in the State House. The MHT Chair is a member of the State House Trust. Committee members discussed the proposals under consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

N302 Litigation & Legal Issues

Ms. Rieyn DeLony indicated that there are no litigation or legal issues to report at this time.

N303 Budget & Legislation

Ms. Elizabeth Hughes reported that the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) Capital Budget hearing with Department of Budget and Management staff took place on September 25th. Funding for the Capital Historic Preservation Grant and Loan Programs, the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program, and for the Patterson Center construction project and MAC Lab expansion project were discussed at the meeting. The MDP Operating Budget hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 24th.

In terms of funding for the federal Historic Preservation Fund which helps to support MHT operations, the Senate Appropriations Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee approved a bill that would increase State Historic Preservation Office apportionments by \$3 million in federal fiscal year 2020 while the House passed a version of the Interior Department spending bill which increased SHPO apportionments by \$4 million. This means it is very likely that the Historic Preservation Fund will see some sort of increase at the end of the process. When the process will end is unclear, however, as the federal government is currently operating under a continuing resolution that funds the federal government through November 21 at Fiscal Year 2019 levels.

Ms. Hughes also noted that staff are tracking H.R. 2825 – the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act. This federal bill would modify the federal historic tax credit (HTC) for certain small projects and eliminate the requirement that the taxpayer's basis in a building be reduced by the amount of the HTC determined with respect to such building. The elimination of the requirement that a taxpayer reduce his or her basis in a building by the amount of the HTC is intended to recapture value that was lost when the HTC was changed from being a 20% tax credit in one year to a 20% tax credit spread over five years. No Maryland legislators have signed onto the bill so far.

Ms. Hughes expressed concern about a proposed rule published in the Federal Register on March 1st would make significant and detrimental changes to the process of listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places. The 60-day comment period ended on April 30th and the rule is expected to be finalized "inside the calendar year." The proposed rule would do two

things of particular concern to MHT: 1. Permit those who own a majority of land area within a proposed NR district to stop the nomination from moving forward if they object to the nomination; and, 2. Permit federal agencies to determine whether or not sites on federal lands may be nominated for listing on the National Register.

Announcements

Ms. Hughes informed the Board that members have been invited to attend two upcoming events: 1. Smith Price Homecoming on November 1 at 11 AM at Asbury United Methodist Church in Annapolis; and, 2. Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary Designation Celebration on November 9 at 9:30 AM at Mallows Bay Park in Charles County.

Mr. Feldstein invited Board members to attend the unveiling of the Garrett County Pilgrimage historic marker commemorating the June 1914 campaign for women's suffrage sponsored by the Maryland Just Government League. The event will take place at 11 AM at the Garrett County Courthouse in Oakland, Maryland.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM