

MINUTES

TALBOT COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

5 November 2012

I. ROLL CALL

The Commissioners welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Jacob Laureska. Mr. Laureska holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: College of Architecture and Urban Studies. He is currently employed by Atelier 11, a local architectural firm which manages a large number of historic renovation and restoration projects.

The regular monthly meeting of the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3:17 PM on Monday, 5 November 2012. Those members in attendance were Mr. Ward Bucher, Chair; Mrs. Marsha Kacher, Mr. Robert Amdur, Mr. Ron B. Mitchell and Mr. Jacob Laureska. Ms. Alice Marie Gravely was not present. Representing the County was Mr. Martin Sokolich. Also present were Mr. Richard Tilghman, and Ms. Elizabeth Beckley in support of the TCHPC Work Permit Application for proposed work on the Orangery at Wye House (T-54).

II. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. REVIEW MINUTES OF 1 OCTOBER 2012 TCHPC MEETING – The minutes of the 1 October meeting were read, and no corrections or additions were noted. Mr. Ron Mitchell moved to approve the minutes as amended; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Marsha Kacher and was carried.
- B. SAMPLE SURVEY MAILING STATUS – Mr. Martin Sokolich reported that there have been a few more responses to the mailing since last month. It was discussed that a follow-up mailing should be sent out as soon as possible to those who responded. Since several of the letters were returned as undeliverable, the Commission needs to update the mailing list. It was recommended that the follow-up mailing should occur in the new budget year which begins 1 July 2013.
- C. STATUS UPDATE ON THE MILLERS HOUSE (T-70) – Mr. Ron Mitchell reported that the archaeology and the engineer's geo-tech report revealed the need for underpinning to stabilize the end wall, and that more funds need to be raised to continue the repairs. Elizabeth Beckley said there may be some people who might contribute some funding for that work. Mr. Ron Mitchell said there was no storm damage from Hurricane Sandy, other than a door that had been dislodged and blown off its hinges.
- D. PROGRESS ON THE SALE OF DONCASTER (T-178) – Doncaster is still listed for sale; however there was nothing new to report.

- E. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – Mr. Martin Sokolich distributed information regarding recertification credits. He announced that there will be a Maryland Department of Planning Seminar on 4 December 2012.
- F. TCHPC MEMBERSHIP STATUS – Although Jacob Lareska has joined the Commission as a member, TCHPC is still one member short. It was suggested that Robert Bollman may be interested.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. REVIEW OF WORK PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED CORNICE AND ROOFING WORK ON THE ORANGERY AT WYE HOUSE (T-54) – Ms. Elizabeth Beckley, Eastern Shore Field Director for Preservation Maryland and Mr. Richard Tilghman, owner of Wye House presented to the Commissioners a work permit application to replace the cornice on the Orangery and to replace roofing shingles on the east wing. The entire cornice has been carefully inspected by Ms. Beckley and Michael Bourne (a noted architectural historian). Ms. Beckley, describing the Orangery as basically a greenhouse, said the exterior cornice needs to be replaced as it has rotted in several places and is no longer functional. The sections of the existing cornice, which replaced the original, are not appropriate to the architectural period of the structure. Three portions of the building are to receive new Honduran mahogany cornice milled to match the historically appropriate sections of original cornice. A new cedar ³/₄ sawn shingle roof is planned for the east wing, which is an in-kind replacement for shingles damaged due to poor drainage and age. All but a single length of original bed molding on the south side of the east wing will be replaced prior to the roof work. The original bed molding, which is historically correct, will remain on the building.

MOTION: Mrs. Marsha Kacher moved to approve the work permit to replace the cornice and roof shingles as presented. Mr. Robert Amdur seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- B. SITE VISITS – There was no site visit in October. Mr. Robert Amdur said he has been trying to reach the owner of Crooked Intentions (T-48) for the next site visit; however, to date there has been no response. He will let the Commissioners know by email if he has been successful in scheduling a site visit for November.

NEXT MEETING: There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, 7 January 2013, at 3:00 pm in Conference Room One of the Talbot County Office Building at 215 Bay Street in Easton.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:50 pm.

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