

## MINUTES

### TALBOT COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2 July 2012

#### I. ROLL CALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3:00 PM on Monday, 2 July 2012. Those members in attendance were Mrs. Marsha Kacher, Ms. Alice Marie Gravely, and Mr. Ron B. Mitchell. Mr. Ward Bucher and Mr. Robert Amdur were not present. (Ms. Peggy Pickall has resigned from the Commission as of 30 June 2012.) Representing the County was Mr. Martin Sokolich. Ms. Florence Ball was unable to attend.

#### II. CURRENT BUSINESS

- A. REVIEW MINUTES OF 4 June 2012 TCHPC MEETING – The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mrs. Marsha Kacher said they looked fine, and there were no additional comments. Because a quorum was not present, the minutes will be formally approved at next month's meeting.
- B. SAMPLE SURVEY MAILING STATUS - Mr. Martin Sokolich said he has compiled a list of approximately 340 names which are formatted to put on mailing labels. He said there are not enough TCHPC brochures to insert with the survey letters, but he can print more of them. He said he has not had much time to devote to getting the letters ready to mail because he has been working on a project that has a deadline that ends on 2 July. The cost of sending the letters was discussed in light of the low budget with which the Commission has to operate. Mr. Sokolich said the postage is the main cost since he will copy the letters in the office. The cost of postage will come out of the TCHPC budget. Mrs. Marsha Kacher suggested letting the Commissioners know once the letters, brochures and envelopes are ready so some of them can come in and stuff envelopes.
- C. FY 2012 ANNUAL BUDGET AMOUNT - Mr. Martin Sokolich said he has not heard anything about any modifications to the approved TCHPC budget, although Mr. Ward Bucher had sent a letter to the County Council.
- D. CONTINUING EDUCATION TO SATISFY CLG EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS – It was discussed that Mrs. Marsha Kacher, Ms. Alice Marie Gravely and Mr. Robert Amdur attended the MAHDC design workshop in Easton held in Easton. The seminar can be credited toward their continuing education requirements for maintaining the CLG status of the Commission. She said the attendance was good; there were eighteen or nineteen people present representing nine different historic district commissions.

Included in the presentation were three case studies, with one about installing solar panels on historic structures, and how various historic preservation commissions were setting up guidelines to cover the installation of environmental elements. Many

alternatives that are more sympathetic to preserving the historic integrity of structures than the units that many vendors handle were displayed and discussed.

- E. STATUS UPDATE ON THE MILLERS HOUSE (T-70) – Mr. Ron Mitchell reported that the geothermal work cannot begin until the Section 106 archaeological survey is completed. Mrs. Marsha Kacher said she would like the Commissioners to visit the site once the archaeologists start digging since it would be fascinating to see what might be found.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION OF JUNE SITE VISIT AND DESTINATION FOR JULY SITE VISIT - Pleasant Valley (T-84) was visited on 11 June. Attending were Mr. Ward Bucher, Mrs. Marsha Kacher, Mr. Robert Amdur and Mr. Ron Mitchell. There was no discussion about the site visit at this time.

Mr. Martin Sokolich said Mr. Robert Amdur has scheduled a visit to Clays Hope (T-189) for Monday, 16 July 2012. Those Commissioners attending are to meet at the Acme parking lot in Easton at 2:45 pm.

### **IV. OPEN FLOOR**

- A. TCHPC MEMBERSHIP – Mr. Martin Sokolich said he has not yet heard from the County Council about new appointees to the Commission. He said he will call Susan Moran, Administrative Assistant to the County Council, to see if any new appointments can be expected in the near future.
- B. UPCOMING TOWER PROJECTS – Mr. Martin Sokolich said the wireless communications tower proposed in Bozman will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting on 5 July 2012. Their recommendation will be sent to the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals must approve the height of the tower.

Mr. Sokolich said there is a federal government tower project proposed at Black Walnut Point to replace an existing tower. Although they are exempt from requiring a Talbot County permit, they asked if TCHPC would be interested in providing comment. The Commissioners said they did not think it would have an adverse impact on the nearest HDO property which is in Fairbanks.

Mr. Sokolich said there is an application in requesting a modification of the Talbot County Zoning Code for a stealth building to hide an antenna in Tilghman. The structure would be located in the park opposite the Tilghman Firehouse.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 6 August 2012, 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 4:00 pm.