



TALBOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING
215 BAY STREET, SUITE 2
EASTON, MARYLAND 21601

PHONE: 410-770-8030

FAX: 410-770-8043
TTY: 410-822-8735

Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes
Date: 08/13/2018
Location: Conference Room #1 - Department of Planning and Zoning – 215 Bay Street, Easton, MD

HPC Members		
Name	Attended	Comments
Ronald Mitchell	+	
Marsha Kacher	+	
Victor MacSorley	+	
Robert Mueller	+	
Cindy Schmidt	+	
Janice Pifer	+	
Holly Baldwin	+	

Staff and Guests
Talbot County Department of Planning and Zoning, Miguel Salinas, Martin Sokolich & Doug Reedy

Agenda and Notes
Call to order – 3:00 p.m.
I. Roll Call
A. Attendance
B. Review minutes from July 9 meeting Amended to include Mr. Victor MacSorley and Ms. Holly Baldwin in attendance Motion of approval by Ms. Marsha Kacher and approved by all.
II. Old Business
A. Site Visit Report Judith's Garden is up for sale. The official name should be Knox in records. The building is in good condition and repair and minor features are noted in the report.

B. Presentation to Talbot County Council at Zoning Ordinance Comments Session

Mr. Ron Mitchell and Holly separately addressed the County Council before a full house at the Talbot Public Library on July 29. The Council held a public hearing to take comments on the zoning ordinance updates under Council consideration.

Holly and Ron's comments asked that the Council consider granting the HPC additional responsibilities for designating and overseeing historic structures and sites, consistent with the HPC letter submitted to the Council. The Council may consider the request outside of the zoning ordinance update process.

Mr. Miguel Salinas discussed the legislative process and items to be addressed when considering modifications to HPC powers and duties. The legislative calendar allows some time to develop a concrete proposal and build public support for the agenda.

C. Work Plan Ideas

The HPC discussed Holly's progress with obtaining university intern assistance to archive historical documents and HPC's work as universities are between academic years and it is a good time to explore ideas with institutions.

Interns were the first of a long list of potential items to be prioritized and decided. Ron suggested continuing one of the first projects; fundraising through grant applications.

Outreach for dissemination of information to the public was the next item on the work plan. Mr. Doug Reedy considered the possibility of combining flood hazard mitigation with historic preservation for the purpose of community outreach. One important aspect is how to brand the effort for Talbot County so that the public face of the HPC and its outreach draws together planning, preservation, mitigation and other cooperative entities.

Victor suggested that the strength of the HPC is the wealth of advice and information that can be available to property owners through the website. Miguel pointed out that County web capabilities are limited but it was something staff could look into. Doug stated that he created some improvements to the County floodplain web page.

A reception event was suggested by Ron for the fall where the invitation list could include all County Council candidates and well as town Planning Commissions. The HPC suggested a Thursday evening in October. There was some discussion about the form and list for the event and how to frame the invitation.

D. Talbot Boys statue

Following on Mr. Merrill's presentation in July on the Talbot Boys statue, the Commission felt it would be premature to opine on the proposal.

III. New Business

A. August Site Visit

A site visit to Clay's Hope will take place on Thursday August 23, at 3 PM.

IV. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 4:10 PM.