

# MINUTES

## TALBOT COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

2 August 2010

### I. ROLL CALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3:05 pm on Monday, 2 August 2010. Those members in attendance were Mr. Steven K. Hack, Chairperson, Mr. Ward Bucher and Ms. Peggy Pickall. Mr. Eric Lowery was absent. (The other three Commission seats have not yet been filled by the County Council.) Representing the County were Mr. Martin Sokolich and Ms. Florence Ball.

### II. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. REVIEW MINUTES OF 12 JULY MEETING – The minutes of the 12 July TCHPC meeting were read. Mr. Steven Hack said there was one correction: that Dirck Bartlett was in favor of the Demolition Delay Ordinance, and that the “not” should be deleted. *Mr. Ward Bucher moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Steven Hack and it was carried.*

B. MILLER’S HOUSE IN WYE MILLS (T-70) - Mr. Ward Bucher said he has been working with Elizabeth Beckley (Preservation Maryland) regarding preservation of the Miller’s House, and that there has been some discussion regarding cost. It was also discussed that the Miller’s House should be placed on the State of Maryland’s list of Most Endangered Historic Structures, and that it must be nominated by a civic or governmental entity to qualify.

*MOTION: Mr. Steven Hack moved to nominate the Miller’s House to be added to the State of Maryland’s List of Most Endangered Historic Structures. Mr. Ward Bucher seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.*

Mr. Martin Sokolich said he will find out what forms are required, and he will draft a letter of nomination for approval by the Commissioners.

C. TCHPC BROCHURE – Mr. Martin Sokolich distributed copies of the latest version of the brochure. He also presented the cover letter he drafted. The Commissioners felt the brochure was very well done, but noted that one line of information had been accidentally cut off by a photo. The missing line will be reinserted before running final copies. Mr. Sokolich produced a mailing list he had compiled, and suggested the best way to handle the mailing would be to take it to a mailing service. He recommended Blue Heron, a mailing service with which he has had previous dealings. The Commissioners felt that is a good approach. Mr. Sokolich will contact Blue Heron to obtain a price quote and arrange the mailing. He will email the Commissioners with his findings.

*MOTION – Mr. Ward Bucher moved that the cover letter and the brochure be approved with the noted corrections. Ms. Peggy Pickall seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.*

- D. SCENIC BYWAY – This topic was not discussed during this time.
- E. TCHPC MISSION STATEMENT AND DUTIES - This topic was not discussed during this time.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. TCHPC SITE VISITS – Mr. Steven Hack said Clays Hope (T-189) in Royal Oak was visited on Monday, 19 July. The property was found to be well maintained. No further comments were offered about the site visit at this time.

Mr. Steven Hack announced the site visit for Monday, 16 August will be at Wakefield (T-362). Those attending are to meet in the Acme parking lot in Easton at 9:15 am. Mr. Hack said he had telephoned Deborah Kuba, owner of Crooked Intentions (T-48) to try to arrange a site visit, but was only able to leave voice messages, to which she has, to date, not responded. He will continue to try to contact her, and if successful, will make arrangements to visit that property as well.

- B. SOCIAL EVENT FOR HDO PROPERTY OWNERS – Mr. Steven Hack said the main purpose for this event is to give owners of Historic District Overlay properties the opportunity to meet other HDO property owners and to meet the TCHPC Commissioners, who are currently charged with overseeing the protection of the County's historic resources. It will be an opportunity to share information about maintaining the properties, and discuss with the Commissioners any problems or questions they may have. Mr. Ward Bucher said he thinks there would be more interest in attending such an event if the participants would have an opportunity to see one of the Historic District Overlay properties other than their own.

Mr. Steven Hack said he wants to contact Mr. Dean Dunaway, caretaker of Fairview (T-60) to see if the owner, Mr. Burda, would be amenable to opening Fairview one weekend day in the fall to host a social event for Historic District Overlay property owners. Sunday, 3 October was targeted as the tentative date for the soirée. Various suggestions were discussed regarding details such as invitations and types of refreshments that might be appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Steven Hack said he would draft the invitation and the Commissioners could provide their comments and approval via email. It was discussed that the written invitations should include RSVP and be followed up with phone calls shortly before the event. It was suggested that the refreshments should be elegant, but light fare, and that perhaps it would be best to have a caterer provide them. Ms. Peggy Pickall said she will contact some caterers for ideas and price quotes, and will share the information with the rest of the Commissioners through email.

*MOTION – Mr. Steven Hack moved to contact the owners of Fairview to ask if they would be willing to host the social event for Historic District Overlay property owners, tentatively on Sunday afternoon, 3 October, and if agreeable, proceed with plans for the event and send out invitations to all of the HDO property owners. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ward Bucher and was unanimously approved.*

#### **IV. OPEN FLOOR**

- A. HDO PLAQUES – Ms. Peggy Pickall said she tried to call the vendor about the plaques that had been ordered for George Brooks House (T-1120) and Bolton (T-336), but had a hard time making contact. She was eventually able to talk to the vendor, and found out that the plaques are ready, but since the vendor is not available full time, she had not been able to get them to her. Mr. Steven Hack said he would be willing to pick them up if Ms. Pickall will arrange for the vendor to leave them out for him. Ms. Pickall said she will call the vendor and will let Mr. Hack know when he can pick them up.
  
- B. PRESERVATION MARYLAND SUBSCRIPTION – Mr. Martin Sokolich informed the Commissioners that TCHPC has subscribed to Preservation Maryland for many years, and it is time to renew the subscription if TCHPC wants to continue it. The Commissioners agreed that the membership should be continued. Mr. Sokolich will send in the renewal request.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13 September 2010 at 3:00 pm in the Bradley Room in the South Wing of the courthouse. (The first Monday, 6 September, is Labor Day.)

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

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