



## MINUTES

# Annapolis Heritage Commission Wednesday, January 4, 2023

The William Paca House, Annapolis, MD

5:00 pm Meeting

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 4, 2023. **Chair** Dr. Taylor Thoma called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

**Members Present:** **Chair** Dr. Marcie Taylor Thoma, **Vice Chair** Robert Worden, David Haight, Karen Theimer-Brown, Samuel Biddle, Todd Powell, Reid Bowman

**Others Present:** John Tower, Chief of Historic Preservation, Robin Gower, Historic Annapolis, Mary-Angela Hardwick, Historic Annapolis, Cara Garside, Historic Annapolis

### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF COMMISSION**

**Chair** Taylor Thoma read the AHC's purpose into the record. The AHC should advise on and facilitate the development of the programs and activities that increase public awareness, appreciation and preservation of the cultural heritage of the City of Annapolis.

### **B. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2022 MINUTES**

Mr. Worden moved to approve the minutes of the November, 2022 meeting as amended. Mr. Haight seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

### **C. NEW AND RETURNING BUSINESS**

#### **1. Planning an Oral History Project for Parole Community**

Members of the Historic Annapolis Education Department Robin Gower, Mary-Angela Hardwick and Cara Garside attended the meeting and shared ideas about the logistical elements of the proposed oral history project. Specifically, the interview, setting and

method, recording, transcription, curation and storage of the material and how to make it accessible were addressed, and ideas were presented on ways to manage each element. Grant funding opportunities were discussed as well.

The next step is to meeting with Mark Hildebrand about ways to host the files online, and then to schedule the first in-person listening session for members of the community to share their stories. Subsequent one-on-one interviews would be arranged after that.

## **2. The People's Park Project**

No report.

## **3. The Annapolis Friends of Lafayette**

Mr. Haight gave an update from the last meeting of the Annapolis Friends of Lafayette. Items of discussion at that meeting centered on signage – number, location and wording, the possibility of involving the schools and creating a brochure with clickable links.

### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Connecting with the Art in Public Places Commission**

**Chair** Thoma has emailed the Art in Public Places Commission and invited members to an AHC meeting, but has not received a response. Mr. Tower should ideally make contact with that Commission before the WR3 sign can come down.

#### **2. Parole Project (Cecil Memorial Church)**

No report. Mr. Tower will follow-up with Alderwoman Pindell-Charles about funding for this sign replacement project.

#### **3. WR3 Signage Removal Update**

Chair Thoma reiterated that the National Chairwoman wants the sign removed. Mr. Tower is to remove the sign and the post structure. Funding for new signs is not presently available from the National Park Service.

### **E. MISCELLANY**

Mr. Worden announced that on February 9, 2023, Saint Mary's Catholic Church will host a Bicentennial celebration of the opening of the first St. Mary's Church with a special Mass, exhibit and a small reception afterward.

Ms. Theimer-Brown announced Hands-On History Day at the Museum of Historic Annapolis on Sunday, January 8, 2023. This program will continue on a monthly basis.

Also, HA is hosting a Preservation Happy Hour on January 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Brice House, and all members of the Commission are invited.

### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business before the Commission, Mr. Worden moved to adjourn. Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

The next meeting of the Annapolis Heritage Commission is scheduled for March 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Kimberly Consoli, Recorder