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**Annapolis Heritage Commission**  
March 6, 2019

The Annapolis Heritage Commission (AHC) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 6, 2019 at 145 Gorman Street Conference Room 3. **Chair** Mack called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND READING OF THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION**

**Commissioners Present:** **Chair** Theodore Mack, **Vice Chair** Robert Worden, Robert Clark, Karen Engelke, Marcie Taylor Thoma, Alma Cropper, Constance Ramirez, Linnell Bowen

**Staff Present:** Roberta Laynor-Chief, Historic Preservation

**Guest Present:** David Haight

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1. January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Clarke moved approval of the January 9, 2019 meeting minutes as revised. Ms. Engelke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 5-0. (Cropper and Taylor Thoma abstained from the vote)

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion on the three Memorandums by Commissioners Engelke, McWilliams & Worden Heritage Commission Authority, Removal of the W3R Marker near Spa Creek Bridge and Historic Preservation Commission Rule Change for Heritage Commission Sign Review.**

The AHC discussed when the Annapolis Historic Markers Commission was formed and it was determined that it was in 2008 and perhaps the name was changed to Annapolis Heritage Commission in 2011. The AHC went through the three documents and made edits that Mr. Worden agreed to incorporate into a final document to distribute to **Chair** Mack for signature.

Ms. Ramirez moved to accept the changes in the three letters and Chair Mack ensure they are delivered. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 11-0.

**2. Susan B. Campbell Park – Replacement of Signs by Chesapeake Conservancy**

Ms. Laynor received an email from the Chesapeake Conservancy regarding the condition of the markers located in Susan B. Campbell Park and said that they had \$14,000 to replace the markers. She spoke with an employee at Chesapeake Conservancy who indicated that the National Park Service created the signs in 2005 as a gateway. The Chesapeake Conservancy is still trying to determine who made the signs. They also need to spend the funding before the new fiscal year and they have a writer who is willing to rewrite some of the wording on the markers but need help with getting the proper photographs. Ms. Laynor suggested establishing another subcommittee to work with the Chesapeake Conservancy/National Park Services to work on the text and photographs. Mr. Worden believes that the AHC should review the finished document so suggested that Ms. Laynor requests a preliminary draft from Chesapeake Conservancy/National Park Services.

The AHC decided on a subcommittee of Linnell Bowen, Karen Engelke, Connie Ramirez and Robert Worden to work with the Chesapeake Conservancy/National Park Service on this project. Ms. Ramirez volunteered to draft criteria for signs to share with the AHC for comments.

The AHC requested that staff investigate who owns the signs and if they can be removed. She will also ask if the Chesapeake Conservancy/National Park Service is willing to provide a draft of the text and photographs to the AHC for review.

**3. School Teacher's Walking Tour**

Ms. Taylor Thoma has been meeting with AACO Social Studies teacher and showed them the walking tours. They expressed an interest in having a training session for the teachers on the walking tour. She agreed to take the lead on this project. She believes that this will help inform them of the histories. Ms. Ramirez suggested that share the project that Mr. Haight has been working on regarding histories of the schools. She is requesting permission from the AHC to investigate with the school system if the AHC could train the teachers and if so will start with Eastport to report back to the AHC. Mr. Haight agreed to send her any information he has on the Eastport school history.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. St. Clair Wright Marker**

Ms. Taylor Thoma said that the AHC approved the wording for the St. Claire Wright marker and it was approved to be placed on Main Street. Mr. Minor Carter was supposed to process the HPC application and contact her regarding the status. She has not heard from him to day. She noted the family has agreed to come if there is an event and they are pleased with the wording.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mr. Worden moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47pm. Ms. Engelke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0

**The AHC's next meeting is May 1, 2019 at 5:00pm in Conference Room 3 at 145 Gorman Street.**

Tami Hook, Recorder