

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Teleconference

Pursuant to notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust was held by teleconference.

Trustees present: Mmes. Bashiri, Ernstein, Filkins, Mears, and Paca; Messrs. Brown, Buchheit, Feldstein, Little, Neall, Parker, and Robinson

Area Representatives present: Mmes. Linder, Sasser and Uunila; Messrs. Azola, Camlin, Reed, Spikes, and Stek.

Maryland Department of Planning: Robert S. McCord, Secretary.

Office of the Attorney General: Paul Cucuzzella, Rieyn DeLony.

MHT Staff: Andrew Arvizu, Bonnie Baden, Casey Dehaven, Collin Ingraham, Kate Jaffe, Elizabeth Hughes, Marcia Miller, Greg Pierce, and Anne Raines.

Guests: Hannah Burstein and Hamza Walker, LAXART; Eric Holcomb, CHAP; Jessica Feldt, Preservation Maryland; Sue Steinbrook.

AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hughes reported that Sue Steinbrook had signed up to provide public comment.

Ms. Steinbrook shared information about the publication of a book entitled "Historic Homes of Annapolis" which she is authoring. She also expressed concern about fencing that was being erected by the Navy on Greenbury Point in Annapolis.

Y1 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Laura Mears called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Y2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Reed made a motion, seconded by Mr. Little, that the October 21, 2021 Board meeting minutes be approved. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Ms. Hughes reported that this agenda item would be discussed in closed session, pursuant to State Government Article § 3-305(b)(7), “to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.” The specific topic to be discussed is the on-going litigation in Maryland Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. v. MHT, Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County.

The following motion was made by Dr. Earnstein, seconded by Mr. Feldstein, and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust will enter into closed session pursuant to §3-305(b)(7), State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, in order to consult with counsel regarding a matter that is subject to on-going litigation.

Following approval of the motion, live streaming of the Board meeting on the MHT YouTube channel ceased. The Board returned to open session and live streaming of the Board meeting on the MHT YouTube channel resumed.

Y100 Capital Programs Committee

Y101 Monuments Relocation Working Group – Presentation by LAXART

Franklin Robinson, Chair of the Monument Relocation Working Group, introduced Hamza Walker, Director of LAXART and co-curator of the MONUMENTS exhibition, and Hannah Burstein, MONUMENTS Project Manager. Mr. Walker presented background information on the LAXART proposal to Baltimore City which seeks to secure a loan of Baltimore’s Confederate Soldiers and Sailors monument, the Confederate Women of Baltimore, and the double equestrian statue of Lee and Jackson. The statues would be included in an exhibition whose working title is MONUMENTS. Baltimore City has not yet responded to the LAXART proposal. A response from Baltimore City is needed within 6 to 7 months in order for the Baltimore statues to be included in the exhibit. Mr. Walker described those monuments sought from other locations for inclusion in the exhibit, provided examples of the types of contemporary artwork that would be commissioned for display as a response to the Confederate statues, and discussed the impetus for the exhibit. Mr. Walker indicated that the statues would be displayed inside the Geffen gallery in downtown Los Angeles and would be free to the public. The statues would be transported by professional art handlers and would be protected by security on site.

Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. Walker for his presentation and invited questions from the Board. Mr. Robinson indicated that the Monument Relocation Working Group would meet in advance of the January 27th Board meeting to discuss Mr. Walker’s presentation and develop a recommendation for the Board’s consideration.

Y102R Easement Modification – All Saints Church, Reisterstown, Baltimore County

All Saints Episcopal Church and Belfry (MIHP #BA-1262, BA-2212) was constructed in 1891. Designed by the architecture firm Longfellow, Alden & Harlow, the church and

its distinctive, separate, round bell tower represent one of Maryland's outstanding examples of the Romanesque Revival style. The property is a contributing resource to the Reisterstown Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The source of the Easement was an MHT Capital Grant in 2000 for the purpose of funding the exterior rehabilitation of the church, including replacement of the roof. The Easement, which covers only a portion of a large parcel, protects the church, bell tower, archeological resources on the property, and the surrounding 1 acre of land. The remainder of the parcel is outside the Easement boundary, and contains the parish hall, parking lot, and rectory. Currently, the western Easement boundary line runs down the center of an existing asphalt access drive which provides common access to all structures.

The property owner wishes to subdivide the larger parcel and sell the two resulting parcels. The property owner wishes to shift the western Easement boundary line to the eastern edge of the drive, to align with the new subdivided property line, as it is not desirable either (a) for the new property line to run down the center of the drive, or (b) for a small area of the Easement to fall under separate ownership. The effect of this change will be that a portion of the driveway will be removed from the Easement area.

MHT staff have evaluated the proposed Easement boundary amendment and recommend approval of the request with a condition that the eastern stone gate feature remain in the easement boundary. The proposed amendment is administrative in nature; is permitted under current law; is consistent and compatible with the intent and purposes of the original easement; and does not weaken the protection of the Easement with respect to the protected structures. The modification of the Easement boundary requires the consent of MHT's Board of Trustees.

The following motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Brown, and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust ("MHT") approves the modification of the perpetual Deed of Easement encumbering the property known as All Saints Church and Belfry located at 203 E. Chatsworth Avenue, Reisterstown, Baltimore County (the "Easement"), to shift the western boundary line of the area encumbered by the Easement from the center line to the eastern edge of the property's asphalt access drive, so as to align the boundary with a newly subdivided property line, provided that the stone gate feature situated on the eastern side of the driveway entrance remain within the Easement boundary.

Y103 Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program for FY2022 – Report

Ms. Hughes reported that Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program staff have taken a number of steps to improve equity and outreach for the program in the FY2022 grant round. The application and guidelines have been revised for consistency, accuracy and ease of use by applicants and the outreach strategy has been reviewed in an effort to reach a wider audience. Outreach partners for the program include Preservation Maryland, heritage area directors, county planners/Historic Preservation Commissions and the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives which oversees all of the state's ethnic commissions. Recommendations for additional outreach

partners are welcome. The “annual theme” for FY2022 favors funding of projects representing diverse resources and projects that were under-represented in past grant rounds will receive greater point values. In addition, less emphasis will be placed on perceived administrative capability. Finally, staff is requesting that the Chair consider appointing two members of the Board’s Capital Programs Committee to participate in the rating and ranking of capital grant applications.

Y200 Survey, Registration, Community Education & Museums Committee

Y201 PM/MHT Heritage Preservation Fund Annual Report

Ms. Hughes reported that a Grant Agreement was entered into on December 15, 1994, and subsequently extended in 2002, 2004, and 2017, by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and Preservation Maryland (PM) to establish a fund (the “Fund”) held and managed by PM and dedicated for historic preservation projects throughout the State. Interest earned on the Fund supports the Preservation Maryland Heritage Grant Program.

The Agreement stipulates that PM must provide to MHT on an annual basis a report documenting the management and investment of the Fund including: 1.) interest and dividend earnings and all other income attributable to the Fund, 2.) grant disbursements; and 3.) all other transactional activity that has occurred during the reporting period. The document “Heritage Fund Program Report: Fiscal Year 2021” was submitted by PM and included in the MHT Board meeting packet in fulfillment of this requirement.

Jessica Feldt, Preservation Initiatives Manager for PM, thanked the Board for their continued support of this joint program and provided a brief overview of the performance and use of the Fund. She indicated that the Heritage Preservation Fund Selection Committee, consisting of MHT and PM Board members, would be considering the purpose and impact of the Fund in the coming year and may make recommendations for changes to the Heritage Preservation Fund Grant Program.

Y202R Heritage Preservation Fund: Additional Project Selection for FY2022

Ms. Raines presented a request for an expenditure of up to \$3,500 to purchase computer peripherals (wireless mice, wireless keyboards, external CD/DVD readers) and carrying cases for MHT and JPPM staff. Currently, MDP staff work in the office three days a week and at home two days a week. To facilitate the transition to this hybrid telework environment, MHT / MDP have so far been able to use state funds to purchase laptops and docking stations for all staff, which are currently being phased in and will replace desktops. However, at this time there are not sufficient state funds to also purchase the peripherals and accessories that staff need to go along with their laptops.

Based on the Maryland Heritage Preservation Fund Disposition Policy, total approvals for expenditures from the Fund for FY2022 shall not exceed six percent of the value of the Fund (contributions to the Fund, income, and appreciation) based on a four-year rolling average of the Fund’s market value minus any prior commitments not yet expended and by any restricted funds

and interest earned on these funds that are included in the Fund. Funds that remain available for expenditure in FY2022 total \$53,747.28.

The following motion was made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Ernstein, and approved unanimously.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust, to approve an expenditure of up to \$3,500 from the MHT Heritage Preservation Fund in fiscal year 2022 to support purchases of computer peripherals and carrying cases.

Y203 JPPM Report

Dr. Greg Pierce provided an overview of recent activities at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

Y204 MHT Report

Ms. Raines provided an overview of recent activities at the Maryland Historical Trust offices in Crownsville.

Y300 Management & Planning Committee

Y301R Resolution of Appreciation – Dr. Charles L. Hall

The following motion was made by Ms. Uunila, seconded by Mr. Little, and approved unanimously.

**Resolution Expressing Appreciation and Thanks from
the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees
to Dr. Charles L. Hall for 29 Years of Service
to Maryland Archaeology
December 9th, 2021**

Whereas the Maryland Historical Trust was created in 1961 as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archaeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State, to encourage others to do so and to promote interest in and study of such matters; and

Whereas Dr. Charles L. Hall has served the State of Maryland since 1993, and the MHT since 2001, and

Whereas he was Archaeology Group Leader with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), and directed the SHA archaeology program from 1993 to 2001, and

Whereas he became the State Terrestrial Archaeologist with the Maryland Historical Trust in 2001 and has served in that role with distinction until the present time, and
Whereas, he has overseen or assisted in the completion of several archaeological field reports, and presentation, and led numerous archaeological field projects throughout the state, recorded at least 17 archaeological sites within the state and fielded hundreds of questions from the general public about isolated artifact finds, and

Whereas, he has served as the chief liaison between MHT's archaeological research program and the Archeological Society of Maryland and has marshalled the annual celebration of Maryland Archeology Month every April since time immemorial, and

Whereas, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Trust with the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs, the Maryland Advisory Committee on Archaeology, the National NAGPRA Program of the National Park Service, the MHT Easement Committee, and others, and

Whereas, he has staffed twenty Annual Field Sessions in Maryland Archaeology beginning in 2002, investigating 12 archaeological sites in 8 counties, and

Whereas, in addition to teaching field technique to innumerable members of the public, he has trained the next generation of professional archaeologists, serving as Lecturer at the University of Maryland - College Park from 1999-2003, and as an Instructor at Towson University from 2001 until the present, and

Whereas, by these and other professional accomplishments has demonstrated a commitment to Maryland archaeology, furthering its professional rigor, and fostering a high standard of scientific research within MHT's Archaeological Research Program, and

Whereas, he wishes to retire to his country estate to pursue gardening and chicken raising, and

Whereas, his archaeological knowledge, breadth of expertise, clear guidance and attitude of service have been critical to the success of MHT's program of research

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees wishes to express its deep appreciation to Dr. Charles L. Hall for his twenty-nine years of service and to wish him a healthy, happy and prosperous retirement and a rewarding next phase of life.

Approved and adopted this 9th day of December 2021 by the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees.

Y302R Resolution of Appreciation – Peter Kurtze

The following motion was made by Dr. Earnstein, seconded by Mr. Little, and approved unanimously.

Resolution Expressing Appreciation and Thanks from

**the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees
to Peter Kurtze for 35 Years of Service
to Maryland's Architectural and Cultural History
December 9th, 2021**

Whereas the Maryland Historical Trust was created in 1961 as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland for the purpose of preserving, protecting, and enhancing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archaeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State, to encourage others to do so and to promote interest in and study of such matters; and

Whereas Peter Kurtze has served the State of Maryland since 1979; and

Whereas Peter Kurtze began his illustrious career surveying “the end of the earth,” better known as Calvert County, he was not to be deterred and moved on to become Assistant National Register Coordinator. He then became the Survey Coordinator, a consultant to MHT, and ultimately gained oversight of the National Register Program in Maryland, a position he has held for the last 26 years; and

Whereas his encyclopedic knowledge of the National Register, the buildings of Maryland, and survey process will never be duplicated or replaced; and

Whereas he crossed boundaries and departments, providing determinations of eligibility on thousands of resources, explaining the how and why of things done in the olden days of the Trust, offered both formal and informal opinions to the countless questions by staff, is the longest serving member of the Easement Committee, and has an uncanny ability to deal with people in all walks of life and viewpoints, always with a smile on his face; and

Whereas as a masterful wordsmith with a peerless vocabulary, he has never failed to bring clarity, meaning, and subtle humor to his communications, whether written or conversational, from National Register nominations and roadside historical marker texts to missives between agencies, the public, and staff; and

Whereas Peter should be nominated under Criterion A for his association with the broad patterns of MHT history, he derives additional significance under Criterion B for his association with lives significant to MHT, both personal and professional, Criterion C for representing the work of a master, in particular the arcane skill of playing the mandolin, a stringed instrument of the lute family usually played with a plectrum, and Criterion D for the potential to yield information important in MHT history. In all criteria he possesses the highest degree of integrity; and

Whereas Peter has achieved fluency in “bureaucrat;” and

Whereas he has left his mark on hundreds of documents, his being one of the best known and most sought after signatures in the office; and

Whereas he has expertly navigated the NPS process, presided over the distinguished Governor's Consulting Committee meetings, and successfully listed approximately 452 properties on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees wishes to express its deep appreciation to Peter Kurtze for his 35 years of service and to wish him a healthy, happy, and prosperous retirement and a rewarding next phase of life.

Approved and adopted this 9th day of December 2021 by the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees.

Secretary McCord expressed congratulations to Dr. Charles Hall and Peter Kurtze on their long and successful careers as well as his deep appreciation for their service to the State of Maryland.

Y303 Investment Committee Report

Mr. Parker, Chair of the Investment Committee and Treasurer of the MHT Board, reported that the investment portfolio is up 25% over the year, and Brown Advisory is comfortable with the asset allocation.

Mr. Parker reported that the Committee approved a reallocation of both the MARPAT Fund and Patterson Fund investments so that 75% of the funds are invested in equities, 25% invested in fixed income products, and 0% held in cash.

He also reported that the Committee has created a subcommittee to study ESG (environmental, social, and governance) factors and whether they should be applied to the Board's investments.

Y304 Equity Working Group Report

Mr. Parker, Chair of the Equity Working Group, reported that the group had met with Terri Freeman, Executive Director of the Reginald Lewis Museum, to discuss ways opportunities for partnership. The group is continuing to work on a racial equity assessment tool to be shared with MHT Board and staff members.

Y305 Budget & Legislation

Ms. Hughes reported that the Maryland General Assembly convenes on January 12 and the Governor will be introducing the operating and capital budget no later than January 19, 2022.

Ms. Hughes expects that there will be legislation introduced by members of the General Assembly to make changes to the competitive commercial, small commercial, and residential components of the Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program.

Y306 Litigation & Legal Issues

No report.

Y307 Meeting Calendar for 2022

The Board reviewed a draft meeting calendar for 2022 Board meetings. No meeting conflicts were identified. Ms. Hughes will send calendar invites to all Board members for the 2022 meetings. The full Board will continue to meet from 10 AM until 12 PM with Committee meetings preceding the full Board meeting when meetings are held in person.

Meeting dates include the following:

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Announcements

Ms. Hughes announced that Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program Webinars have been scheduled for the following dates:

General Overview Webinar - Thursday, December 9th from 1pm - 3pm

General Overview Webinar - Friday, January 7th from 10am - 12pm

Q&A Session - Wednesday, January 19th from 3pm - 5pm

Q&A Session - Tuesday, February 15th from 10am-12pm

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.