

Gloucester Historical Commission
Gloucester City Hall, 3rd floor conference Room
October 30, 2018, 6:30 pm

Present: Mary Ellen, Peter Lawrence, David Rhineland, Holly Clay, Sandy Barry, Bob Whitmarsh
Guests: Patti Page, Laurel Tarantino,

1. PAL Research Documents: The Dogtown Historic and Archaeological District Report and the Archaeological, Cultural, and Historical Reconnaissance Survey (disc too), including the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, have been forwarded to the City Clerk for onward transmission to City Council.

This satisfies requirement for submitting more information to the Planning & Development (P&D) Committee (Val Gilman, Paul Lundberg, Jen Holmgren) in advance of making application for National Register.

2. Survey & Planning Grant, FY 2019: Letter of intent to MHC is due November 17. Mary Ellen forwarded a letter to City Council soliciting their choices on sites to be in GHC application for Survey and Planning Grant. Their choices would be based on a GHC list of possible projects sent to the P&D Committee.

- GHC wants to see properties listed in MACRIS and wants to see individual, culturally significant properties nominated to the National Register. Participation in the Survey and Planning nomination process is a requirement for continued certification as a Certified Local Government (CLG).

3. High Cliff Lodge and Twin Light Manor: GHC has connected with the Developer who is seeking to demolish the two structures. Bob will contact the developer and invite him to next meeting.

4. GHC-HDC (Historic District Commission) meeting with Library Building Committee.

- The contractors want to tear down the Monell wing (structurally unsound will not hold required number of books) and take out tree and garden. The current grant, including demolition of the Monell wing, is for \$9 million worth of programming; the Library would have to raise \$13-15 million in order to satisfy the requirements of the grant. The Library would be out of use for two to three years; St. Ann's School may serve as a temporary replacement.

- HDC chairman David Porper believes a new structure will not fit in the Historic district; The HDC would probably not give a permit for demolition.

- It is possible for them to change their plan and renovate the Monell wing; they'd have to resubmit their grant proposal to the state. Compliance would require structural work to Monell wing.

- The committee decided to save the Saunders House, but it cannot be connected to library, as it cannot be used for library programs. Bill Remsen and the Saunders

House committee are considering meeting rooms on the first floor and staff offices. The building can be made handicap accessible.

5. Finalization of Demo Review Package and Slide Presentation
6. 5 Cemetery Advisory Committee report and historic cemeteries TV Podcast
7. 400th Anniversary meeting of October 16 and grant for roadside historic markers
8. Brief follow-ups:
 - a. Dogtown National Register Nomination
 - b. Closeout and posting of FY 2017 Survey and Planning Dogtown
 - c. Response to UMass archaeologists' recommendations for Stage Fort Park
 - d. Dogtown Advisory Committee activities
9. Scheduling of GHC/HDC joint meeting for screening of MHC CLG program
10. Acceptance of Minutes of September 24
11. Public Business and new business not on the Agenda

Next Meeting: Monday, November 26, 6:30 pm, 3rd floor in City Hall