



**HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION
COMMISSION MEETING
September 17, 2022**

Public Relations Building
18401 Rosecroft Road
St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Commission Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2022 · 10:00am – 3:00pm

Members Present: Mr. Tim Heely, Chair; Ms. Bonnie Green, Vice Chair; Mr. William Drew, Mr. Don Cropp, Mr. William Hall, Mr. Owen Lewis, Honorable Robert Neall, Mr. Kyle Harmon, Mr. Aaron Tomarchio, Ms. Lucille Walker, Ms. Rosemary Hinkle, Dr. Julie Schablitsky, Ms. Judy Fillius, Ms. Heidi Fleming,

Members Absent: Fr. Ron Anton, SJ; Ms. Adrienne Dillahunt, Father Bill George, Foundation President

Staff Present: Dr. Regina Faden, Executive Director; Mr. Joseph Kangas, Mr. Peter Friesen, Mr. Douglas Hunter, Dr. Henry Miller, Ms. Jennifer Osborne, Ms. Sharol Yeatman, Ms. Jessica Edwards, Ms. Porzia Purves

Staff Present Remotely: Dr. Travis Parno, Mr. William Grube

Guests Present: Ms. Elena Langrill, Attorney General

10:00 a.m. Board Meeting

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Heely called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Confirmation of Approval of March 19, 2022 Minutes – Chairman asked for a motion to accept the minutes of March 19, 2022, Ms. Green Motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Lewis, Motion Carried Unanimously.
- III. Introduction of Commissioners – Chairman Heely requested members of the board introduce themselves. Following up with staff introductions.
- IV. Director's Report - Dr. Faden gave an update by department including budget review. Adding that we have just received news that HSMC has received another IMLS grant for conservation. Upon completion Mr. Neall asked if we have reported to the legislators how we have spent the additional funds provided before we ask for more. There was significant conversation regarding funds received by HSMC. Dr. Faden referred the board to the budget sheet and continued explanation.

Mr. Neall suggested we have documents ready for the incoming administration to prepare them on who we are and what we do. The incoming administration needs to know we know what we are doing. Multiple suggestion regarding moving forward to prepare to include presenting the 2034 plan, have our top ten needs in order of priority, and we should be sharing the master plan

Follow up questions from previous meeting were discussed we are working with the AG for the transfer of properties to HSMC, nine properties in all. We will keep on top of this.

Dr. Faden reviewed the need for the performance audit. Chairman Heely added we are being held to a special audit based on recent findings from the local Southern Maryland Delegation. Mr. Neall added this is necessary housekeeping.

- V. Committee Appointment Discussion – Chairman Heely reviewed the committees with the board, adding he will send information out to the members. Mr. Lewis added it looks as if we are building committees as operation vs. execution.
 - A. Finance & Administration
 - B. Governmental Relations
 - C. Research
 - D. Education and Marketing
- VI. Foundation Report – Dr. Faden explained the history of the foundation to the board, to educate the new members. She reviewed events such as 1634, BeerFest and upcoming events. The Foundation is also transitioning and will be creating new committees.
- VII. Working Groups Discussion – This report was presented by Mr. Lewis, he indicated members of the commission toured the properties and added this is an active process. The team would like to discuss a plan with Mr. Kangas and with DGS. Mr. Tomarchio stated there is more value in the land, have we considered returning the land back to the owners. Dr. Schablitsky asked if there has been thought about affordable housing. Mr. Drew added there are ways to look at housing that doesn't involve commission management. Mr. Tomarchio added that HSMC is not in the housing business. Mr. Lewis indicated they will continue to work on an action plan. Mr. Tomarchio indicated the working group should use the Master Plan.

Finally, Mr. Hall indicated the Branding Committee is still discussing the findings. Discussion ensued.

- VIII. Discussion of Amended Bylaws –The board is not yet ready to discuss the amended bylaws.
- IX. Action items
 - A. Approval of process to develop MOA with Foundation – Discussion ensued, Ms. Langrill added the Foundation is not governed by the state and there is no clear levitative relationship other than the chairs sit on each board. She added HSMC

