



HOWARD COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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May 2021 Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2021; 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Due to the State of Emergency and to adhere to social distancing measures, the bi-monthly meeting of the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board was not held in the Ilchester room on the 2nd floor at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043 but was conducted as a virtual web meeting/conference call. All cases are public meetings unless otherwise indicated. All inquiries should be made to: 410-313-2350.

Members Present: Liz Larney, Chair; Fred Dorsey; Chip Plitt; Michael Bennett; Roberta Kelly

Staff Present: Beth Burgess; Kim Pruum, County Staff

Public: none

CPAB Updates

- Minutes: Ms. Larney asked if the members present had read the March 2021 minutes, and if there were any corrections or a motion to approve them. Mr. Dorsey moved to approve the January 2021 minutes. Mr. Bennett seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- CPMBS conference update: Ms. Larney said the Coalition hosted a virtual conference on May 1st in a similar format to its typical annual event. It was a 4.5 hour event that offered an open forum, rolling chat and a variety of speakers which were all recorded and will be accessible on the website, cpmb.org.
- EC250: Mr. Dorsey is seeking volunteers or ideas for the events related to the EC250 year-long celebration. CPAB will consider and discuss at the July meeting to confirm interest or ideas no later than September to meet EC250 deadlines for website and publishing.
- Website: The County is planning the launch for May 19th so we will plan on a website page to review at the July meeting.
- Vice-Chair: Mr. Plitt moved to approve Ms. Kelly as vice-chair. Mr. Dorsey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved with Ms. Kelly's recusal.
- Hands on History: Mr. Dorsey is seeking clarification from Ms. Chamberlain about any programs for the Howard County Fair scheduled for August. Ms. Kelly volunteered to participate.

Cemetery Updates

- Miller Cemetery: Tina Simmons and Dennis Green contacted Mr. Dorsey about the condition of the cemetery off rt 108. Mr. Dorsey said Ed Zepp had done some clean-up in the past but there are concerns for a tree removal. The Board was not aware of these issue after all the development had been handled appropriately. Cemetery was placed into a separate lot that is not owned by the HOA.
- Whippes: Mr. Dorsey shared how Aleta Gravelle has retired from the organization. Because of Covid, the master gardeners have not been working on the cemetery and the Friends of Whippes are focused on a specific part of the site but not the whole. It is not clear how their maintenance will continue. Board discussed the need for more funding to assist all cemeteries.

- Ten Oaks cemetery: Follow up that the reinterred were placed at St. Mark's in Highland where other Scrivnor family members are buried.

FY22 Grant Cycle Review of Drafts

- The Board reviewed the grant documents and approved them for the FY22 cycle. The Board discussed the eligibility such as non-commercial cemeteries that are older than 50 years. Discussed the database and the need for owners to share their updates with the County since knowing updates for each cemetery is a challenge. There is currently not a cross referencing system with land records or tax records to assist our efforts. Discussed the mailer and how communication is handled when a grant is available. Ms. Kelly to work with Ms. Burgess on database records she is aware of. CPAB agrees that a subcommittee should be formed to work with the non-profit partners. Discussed the subcommittee grant role and Ms. Larney and Ms. Kelly volunteered. Mr. Plitt will be a backup.

Mr. Plitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dorsey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021