



HOWARD COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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September 2021 Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021; 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board was held in the Ilchester room on the 2nd floor at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043 but was also 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; Roberta Kelly, Vice-Chair; Chip Plitt; Fred Dorsey

Staff Present: Beth Burgess, Lauren McDonald

Public: none

Board Updates

- Introduction of Ms. Lauren McDonald, Planner I for RCD
- Minutes: Ms. Larney asked if the members present had read the July 2021 minutes, and if there were any corrections or a motion to approve them. Mr. Plitt moved to approve the July 2021 minutes. Ms. Roberta seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

General Updates

- Hands on History- Ms. Burgess said it was a successful day because of the networking with other non-profits and the meeting and greeting of citizens is always helpful. Ms. Kelly said it was a great event. People were very personable and wanted to understand what the Board does. The giveaway was successful; several people took keys that had a meaningful saying. Mr. Dorsey said there were more children than expected with the camps closed. Ms. Kelly confirmed having CPAB contact info is helpful for giveaways. Ms. Kelly brought up that many citizens assume that only cemeteries are located at churches so education and clarification is always useful. The Board discussed attending this event in the future.
- Ellicott City 250 anniversary- The Board discussed ideas or means to volunteer to support the 2022 year long event. The EC250 proposed events were shared. The Board discussed having a cemetery display at some of the events; VE Day at the B&O in May was one example. Ms. Larney suggested the Columbia Arts Council could have artists photographing historic cemeteries as one of the activities. Mr. Dorsey volunteered to host a cemetery display at the Tourist center in 2022. A table could be manned at one of the events at the Historical Society either during their lecture series or gallery events. Mr. Dorsey previously lectured at the Historical Society with his topics being art within the historic cemeteries and the history of cemeteries. Both lectures were well attended with more than 50 people and were very successful. The Board has flexibility with attending specific EC250 events where the cemetery Board presence is made. Ms. Burgess will follow up with the EC250 committee.

Cemetery Updates

- Asbury United Methodist #48-3 and Mt. Moriah Oddfellows Lodge 7 #48-2. A citizen registered a concern for equipment infringing on the cemetery, #48-2. Mr. Dorsey gave an update on the Mt. Moriah Lodge and the roof grant given by Preservation Howard County at 10422 Guilford Road and shared the history of when Guilford Road was widened on the east side and not impacting the King cemetery on the west side of the road. In response to the registered concern, Ms. Burgess is conducting a site visit this afternoon with Zoning staff to determine a zoning violation case needs to be opened. The site visit will include both cemeteries with plans to get updated inventories for both sites. If construction is being done on the site, this may become a November meeting agenda. Ms. Kelly said that Asbury United Methodist has a cemetery committee. Ms. Burgess requested the committee's contact information for the grant opportunity.
- Veterans- Ms. Kelly said she knows a person compiling a list of veterans from different cemeteries throughout the County. Ms. Kelly is providing the woman with veteran's names from her church cemetery and she will share her information. The Board was receptive of knowing more on the efforts of documenting veterans.

FY22 Grant Cycle:

- Grant update- Ms. Burgess said the plan was to reallocate FY21 funds for the cemetery grant but in August that the Cemetery funding was not approved for this year as planned. The DPZ Director decided to allocate \$5,000 in FY22 funds so that the grant could continue as planned. With the new funding approved, Ms. Burgess is seeking Board approval to launch the grant program for fall and then extend the window of the grant program since the grant outreach did not go out in August as planned. The Board discussed and agreed some work is best done after the first frost and that the grant program should not be rushed. Ms. Larney suggested to shift the grant program by 2 months. Mr. Dorsey motioned for the 2 month shift for the grant. Mr. Plitt second. Extension of the grant program was approved.

Closing:

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

Reminders:

The next meeting will be November 9, 2021 at 10am both virtual and at George Howard Building.