

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Accomplishments for FY22 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Regulatory and Review

- Conducted 15 Certificates of Approval Reviews. All 15 were approved.
- Conducted 7 Evaluation of Significance Reviews for the purpose of demolition. None were recommended for historic designation. 2 properties were recommended for historic designation by a third party. One was designated by the Mayor and Council, and one was not designated.
- Conducted 3 Courtesy Reviews for the benefit of applicants.
- Reviewed and recommended 14 Montgomery County Tax Credit Applications for approval.

Public Education and Outreach Staff Actions

- Sent Tax Credit reminders and applications to all historic property owners.
- Sponsored a State Tax Credit workshop for HDC Members.
- Served on the Board of Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC).
- Served on MAHDC Annual Symposium Committee.
- Served on Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) Board of Trustees.
- Served on the MHT Board Confederate Monument Committee.
- Served on the MHT Board Heritage Fund Disposition Committee.
- Reviewed Peerless Rockville's application for Frieda's Cottage (Dr. Frieda Fromm-Reichmann), Rockville's first National Historic Landmark.
- Reviewed text and installed new historic signage on the grounds of Historic Chestnut Lodge, including one for Frieda's Cottage.
- Reviewed text and installed new updated Civil War Trails signs.

HDC Member Activities

- Attended National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) *Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (Camp) Training*.
- Attended HDC training with Gaithersburg and Laytonsville, *Connecting with Your Community: Communication, Education and Outreach*.

HDC Administration Staff Actions

- Administratively approved 8 Certificate of Approval Applications.
- Completed Historic Preservation section for Comprehensive Plan Implementation.
- Completed Certified Local Government FFY21 Annual Report.
- Created procedures that allowed the HDC to continue to review applications remotely during the pandemic.
- Served on Development Review Committee.
- Completed Signoffs on projects in Project Plan/MGO.
- Prepared HDC meeting agendas, reports, and minutes.
- Reviewed Natural Resources Inventory/ Forest Stand Delineation for historic preservation impacts.
- Attended National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Webinar *Lessons Learned from Thirty Years of Defending Preservation in Nashville, TN*.

- Filed 2 Map Amendment Applications.
- Presented 2 HDC Map Amendment Applications at Planning Commission meetings. The Planning Commission recommended the Mayor and Council designate 1 property. The Planning Commission agreed that the 2nd property met the historic preservation requirements of the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, however, they did not recommend historic designation.
- Presented at Mayor and Council meetings in support of HDC Map Amendment Applications.

Objectives for FY23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Regulatory and Review

- Review Certificate of Approval Applications.
- Review Evaluation of Significance Applications.
- Conduct Courtesy Reviews.
- Review and recommend Montgomery County Tax Credit Applications.
- Adopt Revised Rules of Procedure.
- Review and provide comment for West End Design Guidelines.
- Review and provide comment for Lincoln Park Design Guidelines.

Public Education and Outreach Staff Actions

- Sponsor a Joint State of Maryland and Montgomery County Tax Credit Workshop - September 2022.
- Update Historic Preservation Webpage
- Develop historic signage panels for King Farm Farmstead.
- Reinstate historic plaque program for homeowners.

HDC Member Activities

- Attend Maryland Association of Historic Districts (MAHDC) Design Review Training.
- Attend joint training with Gaithersburg HDC - Spring 2023.
- Attend National Trust Past/Forward Conference - Fall 2022

HDC Administration Staff Actions

- Complete the Historic Resources Management Plan (HRMP) including:
 - Survey City to identify recent past; and
 - Create a list of potential recent past resources for designation.
- Review and provide comment for MDOT SHA, Federal Highway Administration I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study.
- Review and provide comment for MDOT SHA, Veirs Mill Road (MD 586) Bus Rapid Transit Project Section 106 Review.