

**CECIL COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 5, 2016**

**Present:** Dawson, Mike; Diggins, Milt; Dixon, Mike; Edwards, Ron & Audrey; Folk, Patricia; Simpser, Nancy; Sennstrom, Eric

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Chairperson Folk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Old Business:** Chairperson Folk inquired as to whether the County had received any submittals of nominations for historic designation. Director Sennstrom indicated that no nominations had been received. Chairperson Folk reported that she had spoken with an individual who may be interested in nominating his property for designation.

**New Business:** Chairperson Folk initiated a discussion of the presentations from Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) and the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC) to the HDC at their 10/6/15 meeting. Ms. Folk stated that she thought both presentations imparted valuable information and worthwhile ideas for community involvement and education. Chairperson Folk queried as to whether the HDC had suggestions on how to move forward to capitalize of the available options. Director Sennstrom offered to follow-up with the MHT and the MAHDC to explore the Certified Local Government Program and the training opportunities to see if these items would be beneficial to the HDC in the discharge of their duties. He also noted that Melanie Lytle of MAHDC was interested in holding one of her organization's social hours in Cecil County in the spring. Ron Edwards suggested using the Wellwood Club in Charlestown due to its abundant historical presence and record. The HDC requested that Director Sennstrom contact the MHT and MAHDC to further discuss these matters.

Mike Dawson reflected that certain business in North East and Elkton have photographs prominently posted that depict Cecil County's history. He suggested that these businesses should be contacted to ascertain whether they might be interested in partnering with or assisting the HDC with its efforts to educate and heighten the public's awareness of our local historic heritage.

Discussion ensued on the general malaise associated with individuals willing to volunteer to serve on historic preservation boards and the lack of emphasis in the education system regarding local, state, and national history.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson Folk adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 5, 2016, 3:00 p.m., 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD

Respectfully submitted:

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Eric S. Sennstrom, Director – Planning & Zoning