



# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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**APPROVED 12/21/21**

## Summary of Actions

Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 6:30 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room, County Administration Building

**THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY VIA GOTOMEETING**

Commissioners Present:	Vice Chair Lisa Pfueller Davidson, Susan Pruden, Chairman John Peter Thompson, Nathania Branch-Miles, Royal Reff, Donna Schneider
Commissioners Absent:	Yolanda Muckle
HPC Counsel:	Bradley Farrar, Esq.
Staff Present:	Howard Berger, Jennifer Stabler, Tom Gross, Daniel Tana, Ashley Hall

<b>Guest: Name/Organization</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
Mike Arnold	C.1.

### A. Call to Order

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Vice Chair Davidson read introductory remarks about the meeting and procedures into the record. Vice Chair Davidson chaired the meeting. Commissioner Muckle had an excused absence.

### B. Approval of Meeting Summary – October 19, 2021

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the October 19, 2021 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Branch-Miles. The motion was approved by roll call vote and without objection (6-0).

### C. Historic Area Work Permit

#### 1. 2021-072, St. Ignatius Church and Cemetery (Historic Site 76B-006)

Mr. Gross presented the staff report. The applicant requested a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) to conduct structural remediation at St. Ignatius Church and Cemetery (Historic Site 76B-006). Built in 1890, St. Ignatius is a Queen Anne-style church with centered entry tower, corner buttresses, and particularly fine ornamental shingle siding. St. Ignatius was built to replace the original 1849 church on this site and is the

oldest Roman Catholic Church building in southwest Prince George's County. The church was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The scope of work presented in the subject application continues a broader campaign of structural remediation that began with emergency stabilization of the church's bell tower, which had become separated from the main portion of the church building. That work was approved under HAWP 2020-072 and completed in July 2020. A structural investigation involving selective demolition of the bell tower and front elevation of the main church structure was approved in April 2021 under HAWP 2021-014. The scope of work presented in the subject application includes the erection and reconfiguration of scaffolding and shoring to facilitate selective demolition and structural and finish restoration described below; replacement of structural elements as needed in the bell tower, using structural lumber, laminated lumber, and/or rough dimensioned lumber; removal of exterior sheathing on the bell tower (additional to what was approved under HAWP 2021-014) to facilitate adequate reconnection of the bell tower structure to the main building; installation of plywood on the entire surface of the bell tower to provide lateral stability; restoration or replacement-in-kind of trim and siding on the bell tower; removal of exterior sheathing and structural repairs on the west elevation, mostly at the sill plates and decorative buttresses; and the restoration or replacement in kind of trim and siding on the west elevation.

Although the removal of historic exterior features is generally discouraged, the application represents a thoughtful approach that will facilitate both necessary structural remediation and the restoration or in-kind replacement of the building's historic siding. Staff recommended that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) approve HAWP 2021-072 as meeting provisions 2, 3, and 4 of Subtitle 29-111(b) and Standards 1 and 6 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

Mr. Mike Arnold, the project architect, indicated that he was available for questions and provided additional details regarding the structural investigation and proposed repairs.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve HAWP 2021-072 as meeting provisions 2, 3, and 4 of Subtitle 29-111(b) and Standards 1 and 6 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*. Commissioner Branch-Miles seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote and without objection (5-0, Commissioner Reff was absent from the vote due to technical issues).

## D. Preservation Tax Credits

### 1. 2021-010, Digges-Sasscer House (Historic Site 79-019-18)

Mr. Tana presented the staff report. Fraser C. Henderson, Jr. and Betsy G. Henderson, owners of the Digges-Sasscer House (Historic Site 79-019-18), applied for a tax credit for work totaling \$67,724.66. The work consisted of the replacement of the roof with cedar shake shingles, as approved in HAWP 2020-070. The work began and was completed in April 2021. All of the work was determined to be eligible by staff. Based on the documentation of the work supplied by the applicant and the HPC's adopted tax credit policies and procedures, staff recommended the approval of a historic preservation tax credit in the amount of \$16,931.17. This credit would apply for FY 2022, the tax year following the year in which the work was completed. Staff recommended that the application be granted as meeting provisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Subtitle 29-111(b) and Standards 1, 2, and 6 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Tax Credit 2021-010 as meeting provisions 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Subtitle 29-111(b) and Standards 1, 2, and 6 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*. Commissioner Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote and without objection (6-0).

**2. 2021-011, Miller-Spicknall House (Historic Site 68-010-87)**

Mr. Tana presented the staff report. Kayleigh R. Kulp and Jacob J. Munch, Jr., owners of the Miller-Spicknall House (Historic Site 68-010-87), applied for a tax credit for work totaling \$5,760.70. The work consisted of painting the wraparound porch floor and porch doors, interior painting and plaster repairs to ceilings and walls, and replacement of shed roof as approved in HAWP 2019-055. The work began in January 2020 and was completed in June 2021. All of the work was determined to be eligible by staff. Based on the documentation of the work supplied by the applicant and the HPC's adopted tax credit policies and procedures, staff recommended the approval of a historic preservation tax credit in the amount of \$1,440.18. This credit would apply for FY 2022, the tax year following the year in which the work was completed. Staff recommended that the application be granted as meeting provisions 1, 2, and 3 of Subtitle 29-111(b) and Standards 1 and 2 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Tax Credit 2021-011 as meeting provisions 1, 2, and 3 of Subtitle 29-111(b) and Standards 1 and 2 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*. Commissioner Pruden seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote and without objection (6-0).

**E. Update from Department of Parks & Recreation**

Mr. Gross presented the update from the Department of Parks & Recreation.

**F. Commission Staff Items**

**1. HAWP Staff Sign Offs**

There were no further questions.

**2. Properties of Concern**

Mr. Gross presented a brief description of the list of Properties of Concern. Dr. Stabler provided a brief update on the current condition of the Arthur Magruder House (Historic Site 70-030) and the Skinner Family Cemetery (Historic Site 86B-004).

Chairman Thompson indicated that the Spalding-Rigoli House (Historic Site 70-089) should be added to the list of Properties of Concern.

**3. Referrals Report**

There were no further questions.

**4. Correspondence Report – No Correspondence Report**

**5. New Business/Staff Updates**

Chairman Thompson indicated that the City of Bowie is no longer interested in ownership of Williams Plains (Historic Site 71B-003) and plans to potentially either sell it or may seek to demolish the building.

Public comments followed and were off the record.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Pruden moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schneider. The motion was approved by acclamation and without objection (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ashley Sayward Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Sayward Hall  
Principal Planning Technician  
Historic Preservation Section