



# HOWARD COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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## November 2021 Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 2021; 10:00 -11:00 a.m.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board was held in the Ilchester room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; Chip Plitt; Fred Dorsey

**Staff Present:** Beth Burgess, Lauren McDonald, Mary Kendall

**Public:** none

### Board Updates

Minutes – Ms. Larney asked if the members present had read the September 2021 minutes, and if there were any corrections or a motion to approve them. Mr. Plitt moved to approve the September 2021 minutes. Mr. Dorsey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### General Updates

- Vote to approve the 2022 meeting schedule – Ms. Burgess presented the proposed 2022 meeting schedule. Mr. Plitt moved to approve the 2022 meeting schedule. Mr. Dorsey seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Ellicott City 250 anniversary – EC250 would like to set up a tour of St. Johns cemetery as one of the EC250 events. They asked if members of the Board would be willing to help lead tours of the cemetery for the event. The date and time have not been chosen for the event. Mr. Dorsey was particularly interested in helping and knows the person who maintains the records at St. Johns. In general, the Board was interested in helping with this event. Ms. Burgess will follow-up with EC250, learn more, and share with the Board at the next meeting.
- Baltimore County Genealogical Society Cemetery Mapping – The Board received a meeting invitation for November 18<sup>th</sup> to be a part of the Statewide effort to map cemeteries in a consistent manner with one resource. The Board supports this initiative especially if multiple surrounding jurisdictions are involved in the effort. Ms. Burgess will forward the meeting invitation to the Board members if they are available to attend. Staff will also provide the Board with meeting minutes following the meeting.

### Cemetery Updates

- Asbury United Methodist #48-3 and Mt. Moriah Oddfellows Lodge 7 #48 – Ms. Kelly, Ms. Burgess, Ms. McDonald, and Mr. LaRose from DPZs Zoning department conducted a site visit on September 14<sup>th</sup> and we met with Ms. Moore. It was determined that construction equipment was not infringing on the

burials but was adjacent to the site. Therefore, there was no zoning violation. They took the opportunity to update the two inventories and walk the properties.

- Quaker Hill Cemetery – Mr. Tom Hill passed away this past August. Ms. Burgess is seeking a new contact for this cemetery. There are still accessibility concerns with this cemetery. Ms. Larney offered to help with the effort to find a new contact for the cemetery.
- 13471 and 13551 Triadelphia Mill Rd – Ms. Burgess was contacted by a concerned citizen regarding a cemetery off Triadelphia Mill Rd. The cemetery is not currently in our inventory. Relatives of the concerned citizen remember the general location of the cemetery but recall a person removing headstones from the site. Staff plans to conduct a site visit soon and Mr. Dorsey would like to join. Staff will conduct additional research on the potential cemetery and report back to the Board with their findings.
- African American burials survey – Ms. Larney received an email last Friday from the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites about a historic African American cemetery survey. Ms. Larney will send to Staff and the Board.

**FY22 Grant Cycle:**

- Grant update – Ms. Burgess said the Genealogical Society confirmed they will provide two people to serve on the grant committee. The timeframe of outreach will move forward with the approved two-month delay and letters will go out before the holidays. The grant program will remain open through the holidays and into January. The intention is to select grant recipients in late January. The Board approved the letters last spring, but Staff will send the final versions to the Board for approval before sending out.

**Closing:**

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

**Reminders:**

The next meeting will be January 11, 2022 at 10am both virtual and at George Howard Building.