

**CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES OF
TUESDAY AUGUST 13TH, 2024**

LOCATION: Carroll County Office Building, Room 003 at 7p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Edwin Gregg, Kyohei Abe, Jessica Penn, Nathan Bell, Ronald Arthur.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Melvin Brennan.

OTHERS PRESENT: Timothy Dixon, Counsel; Hannah Weber, Carroll County Bureau of Comprehensive Planning; Sam Weaver, Francis Swift, Jennie Teeter, Thomas Smith. Frank Baylor.

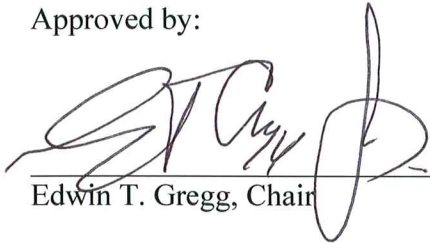
1. **Introduction of those present:** The Commission members all introduced themselves.
2. **Approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024 meeting** – Mr. Bell made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Abe seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Maryland Piedmont Reliability Project (MPRP) Discussion** – Mr. Gregg asked to first open up the meeting to discuss the MPRP. Mr. Gregg explained that he wanted to have this discussion of the MPRP project and its potential impacts to historic properties and resources. The MPRP is a 70-mile transmission line project spanning across Carroll, Baltimore, and Frederick County. Mr. Gregg explained the premise of the Maryland Register of Historic Places. In total, Maryland has over 49,000 sites on the list with Carroll County having over 1,700 places. Inclusion on the register doesn't give extra protection to the property. There is a more restrictive list with the National Register where Carroll has 62 properties included. Mr. Gregg goes over the purpose of the HPC which is to review applications submitted inside the Historic District Overlay (HDO) and make recommendations on plans and conditional uses inside the HDO. Going back to the MPRP, Mr. Gregg goes over the letter from Mr. Heyn, Director of Planning and Land Management, which includes properties that would be impacted by the MPRP that are listed on the National Register. Mr. Gregg also references the letter from the Board of Commissioners to Governor Moore requesting a halt of the MPRP as well as a meeting with Frederick and Baltimore County's to discuss the projects impacts. Mr. Gregg suggests the letters already submitted by the County will cover the basis of a HPC comment letter. Ms. Francis Swift questions why there the list of properties in the letter is so limited and if inclusion in this letter will mandate other restrictions. Mr. Gregg explains that only properties listed on the National Register were included because the state register does not offer any other restrictions. Mr. Gregg does not know if inclusion on this letter or the national register will guarantee any other protections of this project. Ms. Jennie Teeter speaks and explains that she owns the Robert and Phyllis Scott house which is listed in Mr. Heyn's letter. Ms. Teeter explains that the project will impact her property and the proposed lines are not avoiding their historical home. She also explains that MPRP is overriding land is that is currently being preserved in agriculture preservation. Mr. Thomas

Smith is from the Baltimore Sun and asks what is at stake for this powerline project on historic properties and how residents could get involved? Mr. Gregg explains that the project would be a devastating loss of historic resources, viewshed, ag pres, etc. Mr. Gregg explains that to get involved you could look into getting your property listed on the state inventory and join community groups for the MPRP.

There being no further business and no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m. by a motion by Ms. Penn, seconded by Mr. Bell and passed unanimously.

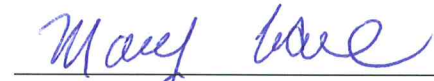
The next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2024.

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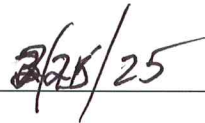


Edwin T. Gregg, Chair

Respectfully submitted:



Mary Lane, Comprehensive Planner
Bureau of Comprehensive Planning



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