

Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture
Regular Meeting
Minutes of August 7, 2017

A regular meeting was held on Monday, August 7, 2017 at the Calvert Marine Museum, 14200 Solomon Island Road South, Solomons, Maryland 20688.

The meeting was called to order at 11:17 a.m. by Madam Chairwoman Lyndra (née Pratt) Marshall. The following commissioners were in attendance: Donna Cypress; H. Russell Frisby; Vice Chair Dale Glenwood Green; Marilyn Hatza; Edwin T. Johnson; Melvin Kelly; Michael Kent; Lopez Matthews; and Cheryl McLeod.

Proof of Public Notice

Accepted by general consensus.

Welcome

LeRonn Herbert, Special Assistant for the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC), introduced MCAAHC meeting host: Commissioner Michael Kent who gave the formal welcome to the MCAAHC meeting. Commissioner Kent thanked the public for their great attendance to this meeting in his jurisdiction of Calvert County. He then thanked Mr. Richard Dodd, Curator of Education at the Calvert Marine Museum, for being his contact to host the meeting. Commissioner Kent then introduced Sherrod Sturrock, Director Calvert Marine Museum, who welcomed the MCAAHC and the public to Solomons, Maryland and their facility.

Chairwoman Marshall thanked the public for coming to the MCAAHC meeting. She shared that this is the largest group that the MCAAHC has had in its 48 years of existence. Chairwoman Marshall then opened the meeting by giving Mr. Tony Spencer room to share words.

Mr. Tony Spencer thanked Chairwoman Marshall and the MCAAHC for the opportunity to speak. He said that he has strong family roots that extend back three generations in Anne Arundel County and is currently being considered to be an MCAAHC commissioner for Anne Arundel County. Tony said that he looks forward to working with the public and the MCAAHC in the near future.

Chairwoman Marshall also took a moment to recognize Ms. Sharon Parker, who was a former MCAAHC commissioner that represented Calvert County. Sharon said that she was glad to serve her two terms with the MCAAHC, is a native of Calvert County, and was glad to make a presentation about her new book at this meeting.

Chairwoman Marshall also recognized and gave room for Mr. Winston Wilkinson, Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. Mr. Wilkinson thanked Chairwoman Marshall for the time to speak, thanked the Calvert Marine Museum, and the public for their great attendance to the MCAAHC meeting.

Minutes of June 5, 2017 Meeting

Chairwoman Marshall called for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous MCAAHC meeting of June 5, 2017. Commissioner Melvin Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Edwin T. Johnson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Chairwoman Lyndra Marshall took a moment in the meeting to share some of the recent events of the Banneker-Douglass Museum (BDM). She said that the museum had trying times similar to the trials and triumphs of what African Americans have faced in their history. She shared that the museum has faced many situations but has obtained many victories.

Chairwoman Marshall shared that the Banneker-Douglass Museum and the MCAAHC are about to obtain a great leader in Ms. Chanel Compton, Executive Director of the Prince George's County African American Museum and Genealogy Center who brings an extensive background of knowledge and experience in African American history.

Chairwoman Marshall said that Chanel has an impressive record of solving staffing, program, and exhibition problems that has plagued the museum for many years. Chairwoman Marshall said that she and the MCAAHC look forward to working with her, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives in obtaining the full budget, as well as develop full plans of a timeline for preserving and solidifying the construction of part of the museum.

Chanel thanked Chairwoman Marshall and the MCAAHC for the opportunity to speak. She said that she has been afforded the great moment to speak with Chairwoman Marshall, Vice Chair Green, and Ms. Maya Davis. Chanel said that she has an extensive background as an education director, executive director, and vice chair of the board at the Prince George's African American Museum and Genealogy Center.

Chanel said that on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 she will be appointed as the new executive director of the MCAAHC and the Banneker-Douglass Museum. Ms. Compton looks forward to her new journey in working with both organizations.

Chairwoman Marshall took a moment to recognize the new parliamentarian for the MCAAHC: Commissioner Herbert Frisby who arrived at the meeting.

Director's Report

Chairwoman Marshall asked LeRonn Herbert, Outreach Coordinator of the BDM to give the Impact Report.

LeRonn presented how the museum is fairing in its visitation numbers this year to last year. He said that the museum has had an awesome summer of docent guided tours and visitation. LeRonn said that there were many groups that accounted for 600 individuals out of the 1,068 visitors that came in the month of July. He said that the: Safe Alternative Foundation, Inc., Celebree Learning Center, Franklin United Methodist Church Camp, Hillside Work Scholarship Museum, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Lyon's Family Reunion, George Washington Pre-College Students, The Amazing Race Camp and The Camp for Success came to the BDM adding to make a great month of visitation.

Beyond this, LeRonn shared that Dr. Kurt Schmoke and his wife came by for a visit during their vacation and that family members from commercials and movie endeavors seen nationally came to the BDM because of what was shared about the quality of the museum.

LeRonn also gave a report that when it comes to Constant Contact information on MCAAHC engagement to the public, 65% of the commission's followers track the commission announcements and activities via cellphones while 35% follow the commission through their computers. He shared that the MCAAHC has a 4.5% higher average than the industry standard where people are engaged to the MCAAHC.

Chairwoman Marshall asked Commissioner Michael Kent to recognize the various community leaders that were in attendance at this meeting. He recognized, Ms. Joyce Freeland who has served the Calvert County NAACP for 30 years and Mr. Guthrie Smith who was the past chair of the Maryland State School Board.

Chairwoman Marshall gave room for Commissioner Herbert Frisby to share information on a letter that the MCAAHC received from the national board of education. Commissioner Frisby first shared that, in regards to what LeRonn Herbert had said in his report, that Dr. Kurt Schmoke, President of the University of Baltimore, who he ran into, gave high regards to the commission on how he was impressed with the Banneker-Douglass Museum and its staff during his visit. Commissioner Frisby also said Ms. Terry Poisson, Director of Advance Studies and Programs for the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, sent a letter endorsing Chairwoman Marshall, Vice Chair Green, and the MCAAHC. She desires to collaborate more with the MCAAHC and its affiliates.

Report of the Officers

MCAAHC Madam Chairwoman Lyndra (née Pratt) Marshall

Chairwoman Marshall shared that she has attended 83 events since the last MCAAHC meeting. One of the many affairs she presented at was a genealogy event at the Galesville Community Center that was sponsored by the 4 Rivers Heritage Area organization. Chairwoman Marshall recognized and gave room for Ms. Gertrude Mackall, President of the Galesville Community Center to share words.

Gertrude shared that the community center initially started genealogy workshops on Maryland Day. She contacted the 4 Rivers Heritage organization that gladly invested in sponsoring two programs because there were many people very interested in cultivating their history. Gertrude said that each workshop had 25 participants and the public still wants more programming. There is a plan established to do another workshop in September where people can bring their laptops to do their research on site.

In addition to this, Chairwoman Marshall shared that the MCAAHC will be participating in the Kunta Kinte Festival that will take place September 23rd at the harbor in downtown Annapolis. This will be the 250th celebration of Kunta Kinte coming into Annapolis, Maryland.

Chairwoman Marshall said that on Saturday, July 30, 2017 she and the MCAAHC Commissioners attended Baltimore County's Henrietta Lack's program in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Gaither produced a Henrietta Lack's quilt that was displayed at the program. Dr. Gaither shared that if Ms. Henrietta Lack's was still alive, she would have been 118 years old. She admonished the public to google "HeLa cells" in any state and one will see that Henrietta's name and information significantly comes up.

Dr. Gaither said that the Henrietta Lack's quilt shows how John Hopkin's University took her cells and shared the information abroad throughout all of the states. There is a watermelon pattern that goes through the quilt sharing the trail of her life story. The MCAAHC presented a proclamation plaque to the Henrietta Lack's Organization that was given on behalf of Governor Larry Hogan.

Dr. Gaither also shared information that the Emancipation Quilt was designed by 426 people, covers 24 counties and 24 organizations. She said that \$5 million dollars of volunteer service hours was collectively given towards this project. The Emancipation Quilt was designed to spotlight Maryland's African American history throughout the whole State of Maryland. Chairwoman Marshall thanked former MCAAHC Commissioner Sharon Parker and Commissioner Michael Kent for all of their help with the Calvert County quilt square.

Chairwoman Marshall said that the MCAAHC recently attended the African American Firefighter's 7th Annual Salute Dinner. Chairwoman Marshall asked Mr. Tony Spencer to give words concerning this event. Tony shared that he was the first black paramedic and first black inspector in the State of Maryland. He said that this organization was started to recognize African American individuals that were in the community who were heroes working in this particular capacity. Tony also said that he was one of the many individuals honored that night for giving great service to African American neighborhoods and the State of Maryland. He shared that the MCAAHC is a prodigious organization that continually opens up the doors for great learning and sharing of African American history.

Chairwoman Marshall said that the MCAAHC has been blessed to assist in having 10,000 individuals come to the National Museum of African American History Museum and Culture in Washington, DC since September. She also said that the MCAAHC has been able to conduct genealogy training at the Sojourner Douglass College campus in Edgewater, Maryland. Chairwoman Marshall said that the Kunta Kinte staff has now transitioned to the Asbury United Methodist Church on 87 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland. Oral history interviews have been conducted with the Wiley H. Bates students and principals that attended the Asbury United Methodist Church to complement their training.

Commissioner Michael Kent took a moment to recognize Andy Rappaport, Assistant State's Attorney.

MCAAHC Vice Chair Dale Green

Vice Chair Dale Green began his report by sharing the legacy of the MCAAHC. He said that Senator Verda Welcome, the first black female state delegate elected to the Maryland General Assembly in 1962 and Professor Mr. Benjamin Quarles, first generational historian, from Morgan State University collaborated together to have the MCAAHC and BDM legislated in 1969. Because of their works, the MCAAHC was established. Vice Chair Green said that the MCAAHC has and covers: the Banneker-Douglass Museum, the Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation, the Friends of the Banneker-Douglass Museum, the Emancipation Quilt as well as the \$1 million dollar African American Heritage Preservation Grant (AAHPG).

Vice Chair Green gave a report on the African American Heritage Preservation Grant that is used to preserve the African American history in the great State of Maryland. It has provided \$6 million in funds over the past six years. It has also helped to preserve 100 undocumented properties as well as provide jobs to 436 individuals throughout the State of Maryland. In previous years the MCAAHC has been able to reserve 20% of the grant funds for emergency situations. If there are emergency needs, the AAHPG emergency funds are available on a rolling basis. One can contact the Maryland Historical Trust to receive an application to apply for this grant funding.

Vice Chair Green shared that there are new non capital funds supplied by Governor Larry Hogan. He made a clear distinction that the MCAAHC-AAHPG grant funds are for capital projects only. Vice Chair Green said that the MCAAHC has received \$4.6 million dollars in grant requests where the grant applications were due by July 15th. Vice Chair Green said, last year there were \$3.2 million dollars in grant request. The AAHPG requests continues to get bigger every year.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation did a national study on African American Commissions throughout the United States. Their reporting found out that there are only nine commissions of which the MCAAHC is one of the nine African American commissions in the United States.

Vice Chair Green shared that the MCAAHC has been partnering with the National Organization of Minority Architects in celebrating architecture month in October in Baltimore City. This organization will be celebrating the early black architects whose history goes as far back as 1915 in Southern Maryland. Before these findings, the first black architect was not recognized by the State of Maryland until 1970. From the association's research, there were 60 black architects registered in the State of Maryland since 1901.

Vice Chair Green said that the MCAAHC continues to work with the Middle Passage Organization where they had designated a slave port marker at Historic Sotterley Plantation in St. Mary's County. The MCAAHC has joined them in recognizing slave ports in Felts Point, the Annapolis Harbor, and now Oxford, Maryland on the Eastern Shore.

Vice Chair Green said that the MCAAHC is working diligently on the State of Maryland's Bicentennial Celebration of Frederick Douglass. The state will be focusing on three key areas for this celebration: Talbot County on the Eastern Shore where Frederick Douglass was born, Anne Arundel County, and Baltimore City. There will be numerous sites sharing in the celebration as well. The MCAAHC will be working at the national and state level for this special celebration.

Vice Chair Green shared that he was in Cumberland, Maryland Saturday, August 29th where he met with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Harvard Professor who started his career in Maryland 60 years ago at the Jane Gates house in Cumberland, Maryland.

Report of Committees

Commissioner Donna Cypress

Commissioner Donna Cypress shared that she was speaking on behalf of Commissioner Janet Sims-Wood making a report that the MCAAHC is in the process of planning its 50th anniversary. Currently the steering committee is

preparing to meet with print media companies to devise a souvenir journal. Also the committee is looking to showcase videos from the Senator Verde Welcome celebration at Morgan State University as well as the 25th MCAAHC Anniversary Celebration. Commissioner Cypress said that former MCAAHC commissioners and current commissioners will be working together for this affair. Madam Chairwoman Marshall, Vice Chair Dale Glenwood Green, Dr. Joan Gaither, Ms. Mary Sue Welcome-Senator Verde Welcome's daughter, and Commissioner Barbara Dunn are all on this steering committee. Commissioner Cypress shared that the public is welcome to be a part of this committee and can look for more information to come out in the near future.

Commissioner Marilyn Hatza

Commissioner Marilyn Hatza gave a report on the "Reflections On Pine Street" four day event that took place in Cambridge, Maryland from Thursday, July 13th to Sunday, July 16th. The affair highlighted the 50 year race riot history and civil unrest that took place to bring about a change in Cambridge. During this extravaganza weekend, there was a question and answer session with Ms. Gloria Richardson, the Queen Mother of the Civil Rights Era; a community conversation that took place to bring blacks and whites together to have a discussion on what happened in the past to try to move forward; as well as many stories and discussions shared concerning Harriet Tubman and Frederick Jackson, General of the Civil Rights Movement on the eastern shore.

During this celebratory weekend a mural, which is one of six murals in Cambridge, showed some of the notables in the city. There was some controversy about the mural because there were factions who felt that the mural was not a reflection of the total Cambridge community. The police were on standby should disgruntled individuals protest at the unveiling.

Commissioner Hatza said that the weekend finished out with a community church service that took place as well as the showing of the Emancipation Proclamation Quilt the MCAAHC and the public made that was displayed at in the downtown district. For more information on what occurred over this four day weekend please google "Reflections On Pine Street."

Commissioner Michael Kent

Commissioner Michael Kent shared that he attended the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Convention in Baltimore, Maryland at the Baltimore National Convention Center. The theme was "Steadfast and Unmovable." This conference focused on not going backwards but moving forwards. There was a concentrated focus in looking at the voting rights, the criminal justice system, and the empowerment of the youth. There were many great notables that came to this conference such as: Mayor Catherine Pugh; States Attorney Mosby; Senator Ben Cardin; Senator Chris Van Hollen; Senator Bernie Sanders; Eric Holder, former Attorney General of the United States as well as actor Danny Glover.

Commissioner Kent shared that NAACP gave money to three youth to go and film a documentary about the city of Baltimore sharing what they saw and found. The conference attendees then voted on what documentary was the best. The winner then received a \$7,500 prize. Commissioner Kent said that it was interesting to him to see how the young people viewed the city of Baltimore from their videography.

Commissioner Melvin Kelly

Commissioner Melvin Kelly shared that he continues to support the MCAAHC and has lived and covered Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and Queen Anne's County. He continues to educate and instill wisdom into young people by teaching Sunday School at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Severn, Maryland. He said that he recently took his class to: the Wye House, the National Wild Life Museum, and the Harriet Tubman Visitor's Museum. He continues to educate his Sunday School students on the rich African American History that's located in the State of Maryland.

Commissioner Cheryl McLeod

Commissioner Cheryl McLeod gave a report on racial inclusion in Howard County Maryland. She said that Howard County recently acquired a new superintendent that did some removing of the staff to help foster change of diversity in the Howard County school system. Commissioner McLeod shared that there isn't a lot of African American staff in the west part of Howard County which makes the atmosphere very different. Commissioner McLeod also said that there recently has been some diversity issues in Montgomery County where videos are being released about the issues of bullying and presenting anti-bullying. There is a major educational achievement gap in some of these counties where the inclusion committee is focusing on how things can be reformed.

Many of the Howard County students did not feel welcomed and the goal of inclusion committee is to foster an atmosphere of diversity in the classroom. There were some gaps in reading, history, and math amongst the students. To help bring about the changes that were needed, on September 16, 2017 there will be a Harriet Tubman Celebration at their school. This is the first time something like this is taking place. There are many activities that the Harriet Tubman Foundation would like to have but the Howard County Executive will review their plans and make decisions accordingly. Commissioner McLeod said that there will be many community meetings held in response to activities that will be connected to celebrations like this.

Commissioner Lopez Matthews

Commissioner Lopez Matthews shared that the MCAAHC and the Association For The Study & Life Of African American History & Culture (ASALH) has worked closely together over the past 10 years. He said that one of the founding members of the MCAAHC, Dr. Benjamin Quarles, worked directly with the Father of African American History: Dr. Carter G. Woods who was the founder of ASALH in 1915. ASALH has supported African American research since its beginning. Commissioner Lopez Matthews said the he will be making three presentations at ASALH's Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio this year. The conference begins the last week in September where its theme is "The Crisis in Black Education." Commissioner Matthews also shared that he has been voted to the Reginald Lewis Museum Board of Directors where he is serving as secretary.

Commissioner Michael Kent recognized Ms. Dorethea Holt from the College of Southern Maryland and Mr. Malcom L. Funn, W.S. Brooks High School Alumni Association, Incorporated.

Commissioner Edwin T. Johnson

Commissioner Edwin Johnson shared that on July 1st as part of Morgan State University's Sesquicentennial Celebration, Morgan State University had a program to commemorate the graduate school that was established July 1, 1975 for the university's elevation to university status. Vice Chair Green provided the occasion for this program.

Commissioner Johnson also shared that there is a united sesquicentennial celebration of nine historically black colleges and universities taking place this year. Alabama State, Barba-Scotia College, Fayetteville State University, Howard University, Johnson C. Smith University, Talladega University, St. Augustus University, Morehouse University, and Morgan State University were all established in 1865 and are being recognized at the same time. These universities will be fellowshiping and meeting together in a conference. In addition to this a sesquicentennial choir, from all nine universities will come together and provide a concert.

Commissioner Johnson said that this is a trying time for HBCU's. These institutions are fighting for their lives to stay alive and keep their accreditation. He said that the leaders are looking to come together and to talk about "The Crisis in Black Education" and what can be done to bring about a change.

Presentations

Historic London Town and Gardens

Kristen M. Butler, Director of Public Programs & Kyle Dalton, Public Programs Administrator of the Historic London Town & Gardens, located in Anne Arundel County, came to the MCAAHC meeting to make a presentation on

Almshouse and their programs they are offering. Kristen shared that the Almshouse was built in the 1680's where enslaved people, at that time, made up a significant part of the community in Historic London Town and provided commerce there. This area had a successful seaport and great juncture for time travel throughout the country. After the town died out the last colonial tavern, the Almshouse, became a major part of their colonial interpretation for over 140 years.

Kyle shared that at Historic London Town & Gardens, he was able to track down slave voyages on their site. He said that there were at least four slave ships that made their way into that area. There were 570 men, women, and children that were on a ship that came from Sierra Leone, Gambia, modern day Nigeria, and Angolia between 1708-1760. Kyle said that Michelle Kerns, historian shared that sixty percent of the Historic London Town community were enslaved individuals. Kyle shared that a report given by, Ryan Cox from the Maryland State Archives, that in 1776 there were 942 enslaved individuals that were known in Historic London Town. Of the 942 that were enslaved, only seven enslaved individuals were voluntarily freed at the death of their masters.

The Almshouse was known as a place of refuge for the poor, mentally ill, and indigent from 1823-1965. Hundreds of caulkers and indigents were separated. Black caulkers were separated from white caulkers and blacks were relegated to live in places that had dirty, soiled mattresses. Historic London Town is looking to do further studies to share their findings of the rich history on their campus. The staff welcomes the help of the MCAAHC commissioners and the public in sharing information and attending their programs.

Historic Sotterley Inc. - Historic Sotterley's Descendant Project

Jeanne Pirtle, Education Director, from Historic Sotterley Incorporated invited the public to come to area to visit and share in their offerings. Jeanne said that during their dedication of the Agnes Kane Callum Slave project in April, Historic Sotterley official announced their descendant's project. From the informational announcements and emails shared, the public has become tremendously engaged in what they are doing.

Jeanne shared that many families have come together both black and white to give their stories as well as to unite in descendant family reunions. Currently Historic Sotterley is looking for anyone that is willing to share their stories of various types of connections. Whether one's family were slave owners, laborers, relatives or individuals from the community, this organization would like to gather this information and present it with the public with one's expressed permission. Forms to participate in this endeavor can be received by reaching Jeanne at education@sotterley.org.

St. Mary's College of Maryland-Archeological Findings On Their Athletic Fields

Skip Jackson, Vice President of Business and Finance from St. Mary's College came to the MCAAHC meeting with staff: Dr. Julie King, Biology Professor and Annette Angueira, Associate Vice President of Planning & Facilities to talk about the archeological discovery of slave quarters that were found on land that St. Mary's College of Maryland acquired 10 years ago. Dr. Julie King and her team found two slave quarters.

Through the leadership of Dr. Tuajuanda Jordan St. Mary's College of Maryland the athletic fields and buildings are being moved to commemorate the lost history of the people who lived and worked on the land of St. Barber's plantation as enslaved individuals.

Sharon Parker, Author "True Synergy Works...Leading Within" Book

Sharon Parker, former MCAAHC Commissioner, came to the MCAAHC meeting to speak about her newly released book: "True Synergy Works...Leading Within." Sharon takes a moment to reflect on her humble beginnings growing up in Calvert County, asking many questions about her family life, being an African American and why it seemed people did not like or talk about African American history. From her life experiences, Sharon receives information concerning several principles that encourage the everyday person to embrace like-minded thinking within the community, business world, and reaching our youth.

Jane Cox, Chief Cultural Resources Division Anne Arundel County Planning & Zoning

Jane Cox, Chief Cultural Resources Division Manager for Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning came to the MCAAHC meeting sharing that her job is to preserve the historic resources in Anne Arundel County. She said that in looking at the various resources, only seven percent of the county's African American resources is documented.

Jane shared that there are way too many African American stories that aren't documented in Anne Arundel County that needs to be secured and written on the Maryland Historic Inventory of Properties (MHIP) list. If the information is not done through MHIP, it can't be used as official information to be shared with the public. Jane said the county has two African American programs that all are welcome to join. The first program is the Lost Towns Project, "Beaches and Ballfields: *Contested Recreational Spaces and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Anne Arundel County.*" This project was produced through a grant received from the National Park Service African American Civil Rights Historic Preservation. The goal of this project is to expand upon the oral history of the African American Hot Sox baseball team at the Galesville Community Center in Galesville, Maryland.

The second project that she is working on is preserving the African American History of Anne Arundel County where African Americans were relegated to segregated beaches, swimming pools, and certain playgrounds. Jane said that world historians will be working with Jane and Anne Arundel County to document, preserve, interpret, and share the history of what took place over the years. She also said that the county is looking forward to the community, churches, and school's help in assisting with these projects. Jane said that Anne Arundel County has received financial support from the Maryland Heritage Area.

Recognition of Guests

Chairwoman Marshall recognized the following guests who attended the meeting:

- Cassandra Okwumabua, Calvert Nature Society board member
- Winston Wilkinson, Chief of Staff, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- Alex Choi, Director of Outreach, the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
- Roger Marshall Sr., husband of Madam Chairwoman Lyndra (née Pratt) Marshall
- Dr. Joan M.E. Gaither, Documentary Story Quilter & member of the Annapolis Commission on Maryland's Constitution of 1864 overview of the Emancipation Quilt
- Jacqueline Cooley, supporter of the MCAAHC
- Jeanne Pirtle, Curator of Education, Historic Sotterley Inc.
- Anne Sunderman, Executive Director, Calvert Nature Society
- Jane Cox, Chief, Cultural Resources Division Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning
- Ronald Clark, historian
- Leu Zuzi, supporter
- Tony J. Spencer, friend of the MCAAHC
- Chip Jackson, St. Mary's College
- Annie Angueira, St. Mary's College
- Gertrude Makell, supporter of the MCAAHC
- Peter A. Friesen, support from Historic Sotterley
- Sharon Parker, presenter and former MCAAHC Commissioner
- Carl Griffith and family, supporters of MCAAHC
- Stephanie Carter, supporter of CCCW
- Kyle Da How, Historic London Town & Gardens
- Julie Hall, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum Programs
- Joyce Freeland, Calvert County, NAACP
- Chanel Compton, Executive Director, Prince George's African American Museum & Cultural Center
- Morgan L. Lloyd, representor of Senator Waugh
- Greg Hatza, husband of Commissioner Marilyn Hatza
- Sewell Griffith
- Ruth Taylor

- Malcom L. Funn, W.S. Brooks High School Alumni Assoc. Inc.; NAACP-Calvert County Branch
- Linda Buckley, writing a book on Harriet Elizabeth Brown & history of African American Education for young people
- Kristen Butler, present, Historic London Town & Gardens programming
- John Hall & Beryle Hall, Banneker-Douglass Museum Foundation Inc. Board of Directors
- James E. Smith, local resident

Chairwoman Marshall took a moment to acknowledge all the guests that came to the MCAAHC meeting. She asked them to stand and share who they were. There being no further business to come before the commission, Chairwoman Marshall, called for a motion to adjourn the MCAAHC meeting. Commissioner Herbert Frisby made a motion that the MCAAHC being adjourned. Commissioner Edwin Johnson seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRonn Herbert, Special Assistant