

NEW CASTLE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKING GROUP

May 20, 2019

4 – 6 P.M. Rockwood Carriage House

Agenda:

- Welcome – New Castle County Council Members Dee Durham & John Cartier
- Overview of working group goals for today and future
- State of the state & federal –
- State of historic preservation in NCC & surrounding governments – Betsy Caufield
- City perspectives – Compare/Contrast/Challenges - Debbie Martin
- Open discussion on potential mechanisms and initiatives to strengthen preservation of historic resources in NCC, and prioritization of those
- Next steps/meeting date

CURRENT

CARROTS/INCENTIVES	STICKS/REGULATORY
FEDERAL	
Tax credits – Commercial Projects, Housing	Section 106 & 4f
National Register of Historic Places	
STATE	
Tax credits – Commercial Projects, Residential	PLUS (Preliminary Land Use Service)
Historic Marker program	
NEW CASTLE COUNTY	
HZ - Historic overlay zoning	Demolition permit delay – 9 months
Historic & Scenic Byways	Demolition by neglect (HZ only)
Resident Curatorship Program	Byway overlay ordinance (being drafted now)
Education/Awareness (web site)	DRACs
PRIVATE/NONPROFIT	
Delaware Preservation Fund grants	
UofD CHAD	

POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES?

- Strengthen demolition permit ordinance
- Grant program(s)
- Enhance education and incentivize homeowners to proactively pursue H zoning
- Reinstate NCC tax exemption program
- Resident curatorship program enhancements
- NCCC Historic Marker program
- Enhance NCC web site resources & educational programs
- Establish Brandywine Hundred Historical Society
- Sherriff’s sale properties – NCC owned historic properties – H overlay
- preserving primary historic farm buildings as part of a major subdivision project
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