

# **RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAM – LAHEY LOST VALLEY**

## **May 17, 2018 PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

A public meeting was held at Westbriar Elementary School on May 17th, 2018 to introduce the community to the Resident Curator Program and the Lahey Lost Valley House as a candidate for the program. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. and was facilitated by Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer, FCPA. The names of 7 attendees were captured on the sign-in sheet. Also in attendance were:

- Cindy Walsh, FCPA, RMD, Division Director
- David Buchta, FCPA, Heritage Conservation Branch Manager
- Stephanie Langton, FCPA, Resident Curator Program Manager
- Chrissy Meade, FCPA, Public Information Administrative Assistant
- Margaret Puglisi, FCPA, Heritage Resource Technician

### **OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS**

Judy Pedersen welcomed all in attendance and asked everyone to sign in to stay informed as the project moves forward. Judy explained that the meeting's purpose was to discuss the curator program and Lahey Lost Valley's potential as a Resident Curator property.

Judy introduced Park Authority staff. She then explained the schedule of the meeting. Due to the small group, the public comment period could be more of a conversation.

David Buchta took the podium to discuss the Resident Curator Program. He provided an overview of the program. He highlighted the role of the program in caring for the County's historic properties and the opportunity it provides to curators who can occupy the property in exchange for their commitment to rehabilitate and maintain it during the length of the lease.

David then introduced Stephanie Langton to present the details of the program.

### **PRESENTATION**

Stephanie's PowerPoint presentation began with a brief background on the program, including how it came about in the County and the status of the properties involved in the program currently. Next, she presented an overview of the application and evaluation process for curatorship, describing the steps in the application process and the criteria for evaluating the eligibility of the applicants. Stephanie then focused specifically on the historic Lahey Lost Valley property. She reviewed the history of the site and discussed the potential for its use as a Resident Curator property. To conclude, Stephanie announced the open house scheduled for Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the tentative deadline for the Lahey Lost Valley application.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

At the end of the presentation, Judy opened the floor for questions from the audience.

A question was raised about the type of revitalization work expected of the curator. Does the Park Authority have an idea of the type of work they would like to see at the property or is it up to the curator to decide?

David explained that each property in the Resident Curator Program has a Historic Structure Report and Treatment Plan developed by a third party consultant. These documents report on the condition of the property and provide treatment strategies. The curator is responsible for developing a work-plan for the property that is based on the information provided in these documents. Currently the Historic Structure Report and Treatment Plan for the Lahey Lost Valley property is being developed and will be ready in July. David noted that interior infrastructure work is required at the property, including HVAC, plumbing, and electrical improvements.

With regards to the use of the property by the curator, David discussed the Lahey's collection of art and antiques. Part of the Lahey will and deed requests that the Park Authority create an environment to showcase the Lahey collection. David explained that the curator will be asked to provide opportunities for the public to view displays at the property.

The final question was about the possibility of an organization like Boy Scouts applying for curatorship of the property.

David explained that any private person and organization is able to apply. He reiterated that a public comment period is held during the application review process.

With no additional questions, Judy thanked everyone for attending and invited guests to call or email if they develop any questions in the future.

The meeting concluded at 7:30 p.m.