

Memo to: The Mayor and Commissioners of Cambridge

From: Commissioner Steve Rideout

Date: February 7, 2019

Re: Appointment of a representative from the City of Cambridge to be on the Heart of the Chesapeake Heritage Area Board of Directors

I have been contacted by Julie Gilberto-Brady, who is Manager of the Heart of the Chesapeake Country Heritage Area. She has asked that the City Council appoint someone to represent the City on this Board and has suggested that the City consider appointing Herve Hamon, who is staff to the Historic Preservation Commission. Amanda Fenstermaker has spoken to Mr. Hamon about the position and its responsibilities, and his work with the HPC aligns with the mission of the Heritage Board.

I am advised that the Heritage Area's Bylaws state that

"Each of the six municipalities within the heritage area shall have one representative on the board. Each municipality's council shall appoint one of its members, its mayor or a designated representative to serve on the Management Board."

If there is interest in serving by one of the City Commissioners or the Mayor, I would ask that we make that appointment at our next meeting on February 11th. In the alternative, if there is no interest by the Mayor or one of the City Commissioners to serve, I would ask that we appoint Herve Hamon to that position.

I am advised that the Heritage Board will be making some important decisions in the next couple of months. In March they will be reviewing and ranking the 12 applications from our Heritage Area partners that were submitted for FY 20 MHAA Grants. Last year 11 HCCHA projects and programs received more than \$400,000 in matching grants from MHAA.