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February 16, 2016

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
City of Cambridge  
P.O. Box 255  
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Dear Mayor Jackson-Stanley,

I am the Executive Director of the Choptank Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. and we are seeking a grant in Fiscal Year 2017 from the Maryland Historical Trust to increase the lighting on and around the Lighthouse, located in Long Wharf Park in historic Cambridge.

With this application, we are seeking grant funding to hire a lighting designer from a firm that designs lighting for monuments, historic and large scale buildings. The City has supported the Foundation on previous projects, including the construction of this replica Lighthouse and we look to you again for similar support.

This year's grant deadline is February 27<sup>th</sup> so it is a short turnaround on this proposal. We have letters of support coming from the Dorchester County Council and Cambridge Main Street. The Board and I wonder if we can count on the City, as the owner of the building, to join these organizations to help us procure funding to Light the Light and draw attention to our fair City and all of its attractions.

I am attaching the project grant description for your information and have taken the liberty of drafting a letter. If you agree to support us, please transfer the letter to your letterhead and send it to me via our post office box 1235 in Cambridge. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

With kind regards,

M. Katherine Bambrick  
Executive Director

Attachments

Agenda Item No. 19

Date 02-22-2016

**THIS ITEM WILL BE ADDED  
ON MONDAY.**

February 16, 2016

Maryland Historical Trust  
Maryland Heritage Areas Authority  
Grant Program  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032

**RE: FY 2017 MHA Capital Project Grant**

Dear Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Commissioners of the City of Cambridge, I respectfully submit this letter in support of the Cambridge Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.'s (CLF) application to the MHA for the design of improved lighting for the Choptank River Lighthouse, located in Long Wharf Park in Cambridge. We feel this first phase to design new and improved lighting for the Lighthouse is an important step to showcase the Lighthouse and draw visitors into our City. The economic impact resulting from the increased visibility of the Lighthouse could be a significant contribution to the continued revitalization of Cambridge and surrounding Dorchester County.

As the owner of the property for which a Maryland Heritage Areas Program Grant is being sought, we confirm our willingness to support the project and, if required, convey to the Maryland Historical Trust or other eligible entity a perpetual preservation easement on the property or enter into a preservation/maintenance agreement. We understand that our confirmation is a requirement of the Grant application and that the perpetual preservation easement or preservation/maintenance agreement imposes a financial obligation upon the property owner and a legal encumbrance upon the easement property.

We hereby confirm the following less-than-fee simple interest in the property.

1. Choptank Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

We feel that a professional design for the addition of monument-scale lighting for the Choptank River Lighthouse replica will augment its appeal as a heritage tourist destination and we ask you to look favorably upon this valuable first step.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Victoria Jackson-Stanley  
Mayor

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR MONUMENT LIGHTING OF THE CHOPTANK RIVER LIGHTHOUSE

The Cambridge Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. requests a FY 2017 MHAA grant in the amount of \$5,000. The grant will be used to fund the design and permitting of monument lighting for the Choptank River Lighthouse in Long Wharf Park on the Cambridge waterfront. This proposal will address the first phase of a three-phase project: Phase 1, design and permitting; Phase 2, competitive bidding and installation; and Phase 3, a celebration to showcase the enhanced lighting.

This 2012 replica of the 1921 Choptank River Lighthouse, the “Jewel of the Choptank”, has quickly become an icon for Cambridge and Dorchester County, and is a major tourist attraction for the area. Images of the Lighthouse are widely disseminated as symbolic of the city and county, however its iconic role is currently defined primarily in daylight. During the night, the existing lighting that was installed when the Lighthouse was built is only adequate to illuminate the lower portions of the Lighthouse viewed from the wharf, and does not offer travelers on the Malkus (Route 50) Bridge or the River a complete view of the Lighthouse. The project goal is to design and implement architectural lighting which promotes the image of Cambridge and Dorchester County, revealing an integral part of its story and nature, and serves as a beacon for travelers, tourists and residents.

In the first phase, the Foundation will procure a design for improved lighting from a firm specializing in monument lighting. Permits will also be obtained for installing the lighting. The second phase (to be considered no earlier than FY 2017) will be to seek (at least) three competitive bids for the installation of the new lighting system. Phase 3 will follow with a grand illumination celebration of the Lighthouse.

The end result of the first Phase will be to create a plan to illuminate the Lighthouse that encourages visitors to explore the Lighthouse itself as well as the varied and rich history that greater Dorchester County, the heart of the Chesapeake, has to offer. Destination tourism is the overriding economic development goal of this majestic waterfront attraction.