

CPPDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER – JANUARY

JANUARY 25, 2022



Welcome to our first meeting of 2022. Happy New Year to all!

Administrative/Operational

Please welcome our newest staff member, Crystal Lloyd to the CPPDA.

The CPPDA also welcomes back Rieyn DeLony. Rieyn represented us as counsel previous to Paul coming to the Authority. Paul Cucuzzella has taken a position as Principal Counsel with the Department of Natural Resources. We wish Paul well and certainly thank him for all the assistance he provided to the Authority. Congratulations Paul!

Jen Ruffner, former administrator of the MHAA, has also vacated her position. Andrew Arvizu is Acting Director of the MHAA as the position is currently being advertised.

Interviewed potential employees for the Administrative Aide position vacant at the CPPDA.

Participated in several heritage Area Coalition meetings.

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As a reminder, the MHAA grant application period is now open, with the Intent to Apply due January 28th.

The RFP for the Passages of the Western Potomac Heritage Area Management Plan Update and boundary expansion is near completion. The RFP is expected to be advertised before the end of January.

Participated in a call in regards to Maryland's AmeriCorps Program.

Responded to FY23 Budget questions from the Office of legislative Services. The CPPDA's Budget Testimony for the House is virtual and will be held on January 26th. Senate testimony will be held on January 28th.

Attended planning meetings for International Women's Day to be held at Rocky Gap in March.

Met with Ursulla Lemanski from the National Park Service's River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. Topics discussed were the River Park at Canal Place project and the upcoming boundary expansion for the heritage area.

Attended a meeting for the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area.

Met with the new Cumberland City Administrator, Jeff Silka.

Participated in Zoom call with Delegate Brook Lierman to provide information on the River Park at Canal Place project.

Met with DDC to discuss MHAA grant opportunities.

Met with John Wunderlick to discuss a proposed Fort Cumberland project.

The filing period for the 2021 financial disclosures are now open. The reports are due April 30th.

Attended a Board meeting of the Carver Center.

Met with Senator Edwards regarding status of CPPDA.

Participated in meetings with National Park Service and Army Corp to discuss the River Park. Also met with M2M regarding upcoming grant opportunities for the River Park.

Attended a meeting with a potential MHAA applicant to review a grant proposal.

Applied for an Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area mini grant for the PWPFA Management Plan Update and boundary expansion.

Tenants at Canal Place

Processing several tenant leases for renewal.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

Department of General Services Prebid meeting for Shops HVAC to be held on January 26 at Canal Place.

Upcoming Events

The January legislative reception for the Maryland Heritage Areas Coalition has been cancelled due to the increase in Covid.

“Like a Woman”, an International Women’s Day Event, will be held at Rocky Gap on March 18, 2022 beginning at 10:30.

