

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2012

Commissioners Present: Linda Breed, Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Tim Kurek

Commissioners Absent: Michael Haskins, Rebecca Remington

Also Present: Architecture Consultant Mark Vande

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes: Jim Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Ellie Drake, and the motion passed.

Haskins House: Michael Haskins was unable to be present at the meeting, as he had a business obligation. Jim Elliott told the group that Michael left a message with Chip Stevens about being a speaker at a Ninth Period History Class, but Chip had not yet responded, as of the meeting.

Code Enforcement Concerns: Mayor Daly heard from CEO Dan Wooden about some of his concerns regarding the Preservation Ordinance flow chart and the meeting minutes. Ellie Drake said she would email Dan Wooden regarding the specifics of his concerns, and ask him to attend a meeting where we can address his concerns.

Local Nominations: Mayor Daly asked the commission to discuss whether we should nominate a district as a local historic district. The members of the commission thought that the four churches would be a good place to start. Tim Kurek raised the point that those in the NRHP district were told at that designation that it would not affect what they could do with their properties. He pointed out that there would likely be resistance to having to bring changes to a review board. Regarding the four churches, Linda Breed volunteered to speak to someone at the Baptist Church about designation. Ellie Drake said she would talk to the pastor at Zion Episcopal, and Jim Elliott said he would speak to the minister at Western Presbyterian. Mark Vande asked who would do the application for these sites, and the group agreed that it made sense for the Commissioners to do it. Chris Daly said she would locate the application for local designation, and the commission will table the designations until we have the application.

Mayor Daly's Commission involvement: Mayor Daly will be ending her term as mayor in December, and does not know at this time if she will be participating with the Preservation Commission after that. She expressed interest in filling a position as a commissioner once there is an opening. Tim Kurek looked in the Ordinance to see if there were term limits for commissioners, and found that there were none, but he reminded the group of the attendance requirement (if Commissioners miss more than 25% of the meetings, they can be pulled from the Commission by the mayor.)

CLG yahoo group: Ellie Drake stated that she would contact Julian at SHPO to see about getting the newer members in the CLG list serve.

Ninth Period History Class: Artie Pechler agreed to speak at the October meeting about the rehabbing of the Cuyler St. former library building. Ellie Drake said she would get in touch with Mayor Daly regarding the advertising for this speaker. Jim Elliott said he would speak to Patricia Baynes about info for the new library location, including before and after photos. Jim Elliott suggested that having the clerk of the works of the new library location speak would be interesting, also

Spotlights: Vicky Daly volunteered previously to talk to Dr. Griffith about spotlighting her home; Chris Daly will ask her if Dr. Griffith has decided. Jim Elliott reported that Mark Gawel has agreed to allow the Commission to spotlight his studio, and Jim will ask the Leistens if they would be willing to have their Canandaigua Street B&B spotlighted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.