

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2012

Commissioners Present: Chris Daly, Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins, Becky Remington

Excused Absence: Ellie Drake

Also Present: Linda Breed, Vicky Daly, and Mark Vande as Consulting Architect

Co-chair Jim Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Becky Remington made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Michael Haskins seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Business Meeting: Vicky Daly and Jim Elliott met with Dr. Agnes Griffith to assist her with her application for the designation of her home as a local landmark. At the preservation commission meeting (12/20/12), Jim Elliott reviewed the application with the other commissioners. Jim retained the original application, and made additions as needed. Becky Remington told the commissioners that a Hoffman essay was written about the Griffith Family, and that she could provide a biography of Senator William Griffith as a graduate of distinction from Pal-Mac. Jim Elliott offered to go to the library to obtain a copy of the Hoffman essay.

A motion was made by Becky Remington to hold the Public Hearing for the nomination of Dr. Griffith's house to local landmark status. Chris Daly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A letter was drafted to notify Dr. Griffith about the Public Hearing and will be sent to Dr. Griffith. Alicia Lynch, Village Clerk, will be present for the Public Hearing portion of the January 17, 2013 meeting.

The chair will call the Public Hearing to order and ask Alicia Lynch to read the public notice, and then ask for comments. After any comments are offered, the Public Hearing portion of the meeting will be closed.

Ordinance: It was decided that the Commission would "tweak" the Ordinance at the January 17, 2013 meeting. Things to discuss include: Alternates; term limits; hardship protocol; powers of commission; frequency of commission meetings; changing 25 day period for response to 62 days; giving applicant 12 months in which to get work done.

Landmark Society Quarterly Meeting: Mark Vande went to the most recent Landmark Society Quarterly networking meeting. The topic was the economics of preservation. He found the meeting informative and he brought back literature from the meeting for the commissioners.

Chris Daly volunteered to turn the flow chart into a checklist for the January meeting.

Mark Vande offered to take photos of the Griffith house after the holidays. Vicky Daly said she would let Dr. Griffith know that Mark would be taking photos, if Dr. Griffith agreed.

If/when the preservation commission approves the nomination of the Griffith House, Chair Ellie Drake will take this to the Village Board.

Chris Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.