

PALMYRA PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioners Present: Chair Ellie Drake, Cochair Jim Elliott, Chris Daly, Becky Remington

Also Present: Secretary Alicia Lynch, Architectural Consultant Mark Vande

Absent: Michael Haskins

Jim Elliott called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02, and Alicia Lynch read the legal notice for Public Hearing number 1, and called for comments. There were no comments, and then closed the public portion of the hearing.

Discussion: Becky Remington brought the Hoffman essay about the Griffiths. Jim Elliott showed Ellie Drake Dr. Griffith's application. There was no additional discussion on the application. Chris Daly made a motion that the commission take a vote on the nomination of the Griffith home. Ellie Drake seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Daly said she would send a letter to Dr. Griffith notifying her that her property has been approved as the first local historical landmark in the Village of Palmyra.

The commissioners discussed a certificate that could be given to Dr. Griffith and future local historic property owners. An image of the bandstand, either photo or drawing, on a good grade of paper, to be signed by the current mayor. Jim Elliott said he would talk to Dr. Griffith about how she would like her property referred to, Griffith Mansion or something else.

Mark Vande thought that giving the property owners a plaque would be appropriate. Becky Remington said that the Pal-Mac high school has the capacity to make plaques. Ellie Drake said that perhaps that could be a Participation in Government project. It was suggested that the certificates and possible plaques have whatever number nomination they are indicated on them – (i.e. – Griffith Home, nomination no. 1.) The group also thought the certificate should be embossed with the village seal, and be dated as of the public hearing date.

Becky Remington said she would send an email to shop teacher John Burgess regarding the plaque, and share his response with Ellie Drake. Mark Vande said that oak would work well for the material for the plaque, and that an 8" x 10" piece of oak would work for what the commission wants. Mark Vande said that copies of the certificate should go to both the Code Enforcement Officer and to the Village Hall.

Regarding press, Jim Elliott said he would ask Dr. Griffith how much press she wants about this nomination. Ellie Drake said she would write an article if Dr. Griffith wants one. Ellie also said that she would submit the article to Dr. Griffith for approval, prior to publishing it, if that's what Dr. Griffith would like.

Mark Vande offered to take photos of Dr. Griffith's home, once the snow was gone.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Ellie Drake made a motion that the minutes be accepted, and Becky Remington seconded the motion. With Becky Remington, Jim Elliott, and Chris Daly voting to accept the motion, and with Ellie Drake abstaining, the motion passed.

ORDINANCE:

Ellie Drake made a motion to make the previously noted changes to the ordinance, Becky Remington seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance must be approved by the Village Board. The Commissioners would like to have the ordinance on the Village Board agenda on the 2nd March meeting.

The checklist was reviewed and found to be acceptable, and Chris Daly will email it to all the commissioners. Ellie Drake made a motion to adopt the checklist, and Jim Elliott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

SPOTLIGHTS:

Possible future spotlights include Mark Gawel's Main Street studio, the churches, and the Church Street cobblestone house. Ellie Drake suggested that the Spotlights be suspended until spring, April perhaps, once the snow is gone, as the sandwich board might be hidden in the snow.

NINTH PERIOD HISTORY CLASS:

The commissioners were asked to bring ideas for speakers to the next meeting. Current possibilities include Chip Stevens and Iain Gellatly

OTHER BUSINESS: The other two flowcharts should be turned into checklists. Ellie Drake will email them to Chris Daly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.