

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2013

Present: Chair Ellie Drake, vice chair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, Alternate Vicky Daly, Architect Consultant Mark Vande.

Absent: Commissioner Becky Remington, Alternate Tim Kurek.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review of the Minutes: Jim Elliott made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Vicky Daly, and the motion passed unanimously.

Griffith House: Vicky Daly reported that Dr. Griffith arranged for interior photos to be taken of her home by Cynthia Howk of the Landmark Society. Ellie Drake suggested that we ask Dr. Griffith for a copy of her completed National Register of Historic Places application, so that it could be a model for future NRHP applications.

Calendar: The commission would like Peter Henry to speak in March, if it works for him. Ellie Drake said she would call photographer Andy Olenick after Thanksgiving about speaking in June. Ellie Drake said that she would ask Gene Bavis if he would speak about Mural Mania.

Spotlight possibilities include Mary Ellen Zimmerman's house, Sue Priem's home, Belkhes' home, DeBruynes' home, the former Mooney house, Mulberry Hollow, Mackenzies.

Landmark Society Conference: In 2014 LSWNY is joining with the Preservation League of NYS for a joint conference April 24 to April 26.

Bandstand: Vicky Daly told the commission that the Village is talking to the Griffith McLouth Foundation about the stabilization of the Village Bandstand. The mayor has asked that the Preservation Commission be involved with this in some way.

Commission Terms: Ellie Drake and Chris Daly's terms are up for renewal in December. They both agreed to serving for another term. Ellie Drake agreed to continue as chair.

Jim Elliott told the commission that he would speak to Becky Remington regarding her intentions about whether she wanted to continue with the commission, and Vicky Daly said she would contact Tim Kurek.

Terms: Ellie Drake, Chris Daly 2014; Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins 2015; Becky Remington, Tim Kurek 2016; Vicky Daly 2017.

Mark Vande told the commission that if another architect was available, he would step aside.

Training: Vicky Daly recommended that ongoing training take place. Ellie Drake suggested that we ask Cynthia Howk give a training on the NRHP application process in Fall of 2014. Vicky Daly suggested doing case studies. Mark Vande suggested that one member do a case study each meeting, and that the commission devote 10 minutes discussing the issues from the Yahoo Groups Preservation emails. Chris Daly recommended that all the commissioners go to another town's preservation commission meeting, possibly Fairport or Perinton's. Jim Elliott said he would find out who the chair of the Fairport commission was, Ellie Drake said she'd look online.

January speaker: Dan Wooden will be invited to speak to the Commission about Code Enforcement terminology. Ellie Drake will invite him.

Michael Haskins asked the commission if there were anything that we could do about the neglect of the corner row house on Main Street. Ellie Drake recalled learning about Buffalo preservation activists who put valentines that said "This house needs preservation love" on neglected buildings. Michael Haskins said he would get in touch with the Village clerk to ask her who the owner was and his contact info.

Vicky Daly said she would contact Iain Gellatly about his interest in local nomination.

The meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly