

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

Present: Chair Ellie Drake, commissioners Chris Daly and John Robbins; consulting architect Mark Vande; Village Board Liaison Vicky Daly.

Absent: Cochair Jim Elliott, Commissioner Michael Haskins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Minutes: John Robbins moved that the minutes be approved as written, Ellie Drake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Flag Ceremony: Ellie Drake said it was a lovely ceremony. Admiral Sampson's descendent Marilee Sampson Fisk was present and was asked to speak. A color guard was present as well. Ms. Fisk told Ellie that she had a lot of Sampson memorabilia, and Ellie offered to help her sort through it. John Robbins suggested that Ms. Fisk might do a 9th period history class. Ellie Drake said that Anne Guest could present with Ms. Fisk.

Hoffman Grant: Ellie Drake looked into the details of the Grant and isn't sure we'd be able to make use of it. John Robbins suggested that perhaps the County Historian, Peter Evans, might let us know what projects have won the grant. Ellie Drake said she would email Peter on 12/12/15 to ask what preservation projects might be able to make use of the grant.

Nominations: Ellie Drake said that neither she nor Jim Elliott have seen Joan DeCann. As of the transcribing of the minutes, and since the meeting, Ellie sent another email to Joan.

Rochester Community Fund: Mark Vande told the commissioners that the RCF recently awarded his local Rotary funds. He suggested making contact with Don Dantz.

New Code Enforcement Officer: Ellie Drake plans to invite the new CEO Patrick Sheridan to the January Commission meeting. John Robbins suggested presenting him with a map of our historic district.

Zombie Homes Article: Ellie Drake will check to see how land banks work.

New Commission Chair: Ellie Drake agreed to stay one final year as chair.

No December Meeting: The commissioners agreed to wait until January to meet again, as is this commission's standard practice.

Ninth Period History Class: Marilee Sampson Fisk and Anne Guest will be asked to present in April or May. Ellie Drake said she would approach Betsy Lewis about speaking about the Western Presbyterian Church History. Vicky Daly suggested asking Beth Hoad if she would like to speak about East Palmyra,

perhaps specifically about the book she wrote. Ellie Drake has not received a response from the Colonial Craftsman, Dave Young.

Spotlights: Ellie Drake said she would email the new owners of the Baptist Church to see if they would permit us to spotlight them. As of this writing, Ellie has done so, and has received a "let me check on it" response from her contact, Mr. Stell. Vicky Daly said she would find out whom to contact for permission for spotlighting Western Presbyterian. Chris Daly said she would contact the new Reformed Church Pastor.

January: New CEO and/or Paperwork

February: Spotlight

April: Ms. Fisk and Anne Guest (?)

The meeting ended at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.