

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2016

Present: Chair Ellie Drake, Vice Chair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, John Robbins. Village Board Liaison Vicky Daly.

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Jim Elliott moved that the minutes be accepted as written, John Robbins seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ellie Drake told the group that Channel 10 would be addressing Zombie Homes Monday and Tuesday of next week at 6:00 pm.

Land Bank updates: Vicky Daly shared land bank info with Mayor Piccola, who shared it with Town Supervisor Ken Miller. Vicky met with them later. Ellie Drake volunteered to contact the Town Assessor to see what properties in Palmyra were abandoned and delinquent on taxes. John Robbins suggested that we invite Wade Beltramo to talk about the Zombie house issue at a 9th period history class. Vicky Daly said she would invite him. If he agrees, we should invite the local officials. Ellie Drake said she could contact Peter Evans to help publicize it.

Bullis update: Vicky Daly spoke to Dick Kirchhoff who has been on the Bullis board for a long time about whether the Bullis Board would make a donation to our organization for survey photos. Mr. Kirchhoff said that the Bullis Board usually deals with larger grants, but they did have a Wayne County subset, but the Wayne County subset usually donates to food pantries and fire departments, and we may not be a good fit for their purposes. The Rochester Community Fund is a possible funding source, but Vicky recommended that any request to the RCF should copy in Dr. Griffith.

Inventory Data Base: Ellie Drake reported that she has been having computer difficulties and will be asking someone for assistance in resolving them.

Spotlights: Chris Daly recently sent a spotlight of the Behlke house to several outlets for publication. Ellie Drake has been in touch with a board member of the former Baptist Church, who said that his church would be happy to have their church spotlighted. Ellie Drake is waiting to hear if they have a photo showing the changes they made to the building, or if they would like us to use an older photo.

Haskins House nomination: John Robbins offered to help Michael Haskins with the local nomination paperwork.

Ninth Period History Classes: Anne Guest will be presenting about Adm. Sampson in April; David Young agreed to speak in May. Ellie Drake has not seen Betsy Lewis to ask her if she would like to speak about the Western Presbyterian Church.

Flag update: Mr. Nichols is making a case for the Rear Admiral's Flag. He has been in touch with Gary Hopkins and David Husk about the details of where it should hang. Mr. Nichols said it should be ready by the end of February. John Robbins suggested that a small ceremony take place in April when Anne Guest speaks about Adm. Sampson, to connect the flag to the historical figure.

John Robbins moved that the meeting adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.