

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2012

Commissioners Present: Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins, Tim Kurek, Becky Remington

Also Present: Linda Breed, Vicky Daly

Absent: Consulting Architect Mark Vande

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Michael Haskins moved to accept the minutes and Jim Elliott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Introduction of New Commissioner: Tim Kurek joined the Commission, and vice chair Jim Elliott gave him a brief history of the group, and the accompanying preservation activities to date. Chair Ellie Drake added that currently the Commission was working on design guidelines.

Design Guidelines: References and glossary need to be added to the document.

9th Period History Class: Possible speakers discussed include Chip Stevens who was involved in the Change Bridge restoration, and the Phelps Store, and the restoration of the County Court house. He has been very active in preservation in the area. Chip mentioned Jim Kennard who has been involved in underwater archeology. It was suggested that Chip Stevens might be invited to speak at the September or October meeting, and we could invite area 7th, 8th and 9th graders as well. Vicky Daly volunteered to email Jim Kennard. Urban Renewal in Palmyra was suggested as a possible topic. It was suggested that Ethel Mae Johnson might be willing to speak on the subject.

Spotlights: The new site of the library could be the March Spotlight. Ellie Drake thought that perhaps the Library had a professional photo of its new quarters. Chris Daly said she would check to see if librarian Patricia Baynes would mind if we spotlighted the building. Ellie Drake said she would let Garlock Technologies know that we plan to spotlight their old headquarters. Michael Haskins offered to talk to Dean George about spotlighting his Main Street building, perhaps for April. Another possibility is Mark Gawel's Photography Studio, also on Main Street, as a May spotlight. Further down the line, the Leistens' B&B is a possible spotlight, also. The Ondra home on the corner of Canandaigua and Jackson Streets is a possible spotlight for July, and the cobblestone house on Church Street is a possibility for August.

Other Business: Ellie Drake thought that the Commission might be able to raise funds for preservation endeavors if we sold postcards showing vintage photos of historic village sites. Vicky Daly checked with the Village attorney, who said it would not be legal to do so.

Michael Haskins suggested that if Chip Stevens is contacted about speaking for the Commission, that he be also consulted about the bandstand in the park. Michael also recommended Mike Peretta, as an iron art welder

Vicky Daly shared with the group that Michael Haskins would like to have his house nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, which would possibly make him eligible for a tax credit for repair work. This will be a topic of discussion at the March meeting.

Flowcharts need to go to the Code Enforcement Office. Ellie Drake currently has them, and she will send them to Vicky Daly, who will print them off. The thumb drive of the NRHP district created by Mark Vande was given to Vicky Daly.

Becky Remington shared information with the group that she found online, including preservation assistance grants from the NEH, information on tax credits, and she offered to share with the Commission and the Village Board any grant info, etc., that she finds that relate to historic preservation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.