Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2014

Present:  Chair Ellie Drake, Vice Chair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Becky Remington, Alternates Vicky Daly, Tim Kurek, and Architect Consultant Mark Vande.

Absent: Commissioner Michael Haskins.

As Michael Haskins is absent, Alternate Tim Kurek filled in as the fifth commissioner for this meeting.

The meeting came to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes: Tim Kurek pointed out that an alternate made a motion at the last meeting, but there were no absences among the five commissioners, so the alternate should not have made the motion. Jim Elliott made the motion to accept the minutes with the clarification. Becky Remington seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

No one had additional follow up questions for Dan Wooden.

The corner row house at Clinton and Main Streets is owned by OCWEN. Ellie Drake will seek to find out more information from her Florida contact.

Ninth Period History Class fliers: Chip Stevens plans to speak in April; Pete Henry will speak at the March 20th meeting, and Andy Olenick will be speaking in June at the Palmyra library. Vicky Daly suggested emphasizing the speaker’s name more, and Jim Elliott suggested enlarging the date and time. The library will be advertising the June speaker through the OWWL network. Vicky Daly offered to make copies of the flyers.

Griffith House: Vicky Daly reported that things were moving along in the NTHP nomination process for Dr. Griffith’s house.

Becky Remington asked if Ellie Drake wanted Becky to follow up with the Pal-Mac High School principal about the plaques. Mark Vande asked if the high school kids could cast the plaques in metal rather than carve them from wood. After discussion, it was decided that the Commission would give the future local landmark property owners paper certificates.

Flowcharts/checklists: to be reviewed at the March meeting.

Ellie Drake saw in the newspaper that Rochester lags behind Buffalo in tax credits. Ellie also brought up a grant that CLGs are eligible to apply for. Mark Vande suggested that one of these grants might in part subsidize plaques for local landmark property owners, with in-kind service for matching.

Landmark Society annual conference: Online registration is available after 3/3/14. Some of the cost can be recouped from the Village. The dates are April 24 through the 26th.
Mark Vande told the group that the Lions club was sponsoring a speaker related to Frederick Law Olmstead.

Vicky Daly gave an update on the bandstand. The Village has submitted a request to the Griffith-McLouth Foundation. John Bero estimates that the work would cost $80,000. The Griffith McLouth Foundation has been asked for $40,000 and the Village hopes to match with in-kind services.

Vicky Daly also told the group that Tom and Colleen Hall would like to proceed with local nomination of their home on Cuyler St.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.

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