

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2012

Ninth Period History Class: Arnie Pechler spoke to the group about remodeling the former library building on Cuyler St.

The Commission meeting was called to order after Mr. Pechler's presentation, at 7:50 pm.

Commissioners present: Chris Daly, Ellie Drake, Michael Haskins, Tim Kurek, and Becky Remington.

Also present: Vicky Daly (board liaison), Mark Vande (architect consultant).

Minutes: Tim Kurek made the motion to accept the September minutes, and Ellie seconded the motion. The motion passed with two abstentions: Michael Haskins Becky Remington.

Code Enforcement Concerns: Vicky Daly addressed Code Enforcement Officer Dan Wooden's first question regarding the number of people on the Commission Vicky contacted Julian Adams at SHPO to get a copy of the Model Ordinance which Vicky provided to the commissioners. She suggested that the commissioners look at the documents (Ordinance, Flow Charts and Design Standards) to look for the discrepancies pointed out by the CEO. Tim Kurek suggested that the Commission consider term limits as Zoning and Planning have. Ellie Drake said that she and Jim Elliott would review the Flow Chart; Chris and Vicky Daly will review the Ordinance; Michael Haskins will review the Design Standards concerns of the CEO. Mark Vande suggested sending a note to Dan Wooden, thanking him for his input and inviting him to the November meeting. Ellie Drake offered to do so.

Ellie Drake will ask prospective Commission alternate if she is still interested in being an alternate, as Linda has not yet been sworn in by the Village Clerk. If she is interested, she will now need to be appointed by the Village Board, and then be sworn in by the Village Clerk.

Vicky Daly spoke to Fritz May of Fairport about Fairport's preservation commission. He gave Vicky Diane Whitney's name as the chair of their commission so that we may compare notes with them. Ellie Drake said she would email Diane.

Designations: Tim Kurek suggested that we designate areas in a group, rather than singly, to save work. Ellie Drake recounted her experience on the Planning Board when that board tried to make a group change – she said it did not go well, there were many upset residents at that meeting. Vicky Daly suggested that we go ahead with the Griffith home, and use that as positive PR with a news article in a local paper, and website. She also suggested that the former library house might be

another possibility. Ellie Drake thought that a few “friendly” designations would be a better way to do it rather than group designations.

Ninth Period History Class: Michael Haskins spoke to Chip Stevens, who has not yet committed to a presentation. Ellie Drake said that as she will be away for the next two meetings, perhaps we can wait until January for the next Ninth Period presentation.

Another idea for a presentation might be to ask Cynthia Howk to give a talk to local realtors about how to market historic homes for sale. Tim Kurek suggested that perhaps Dwight Goodman, director of the Landmark Society might be willing to give that talk, too. Vicky Daly will give Tim Kurek email addresses for Cynthia and Dwight. Perhaps someone from Mitchell Pierson would be willing to talk to our local realtors.

Mark Vande told the group that he was unable to find a Certificate of Appropriateness online. Vicky Daly said she would inventory what’s online and what is not.

Vicky Daly said she has asked the Village Clerk for a filing cabinet for the preservation materials, and that once local designations occur, we will need space for those files, too. There was a discussion concerning where the Certificates of Appropriateness files should be kept. The conclusion was that there should be copies in both the Town hall where the Planning and Zoning documents were, and also in the Village Hall, as the Preservation Commission works only in the Village. The preservation resources (library, etc.) would be in the Village Hall.

Other Business: Chris Daly recommended that all the Commissioners attend another municipality’s Commission meeting, to see how they are handled.

Ellie Drake asked If Vicky Daly had a collection of the previous Spotlights. Chris Daly said she would look. Ellie suggested that for future Spotlights we use the NRHP survey for the captions, which opens up a lot of possible choices.

Vicky Daly said she would assemble the review work everyone is doing prior to the November meeting. Michael Haskins will bring it to the Village Clerk, and Ellie Drake will email it to Vicky.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.