

Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

Ninth Period History Class Speaker Gene Bavis presented a talk on “Mural Mania” preceding the business meeting.

At 8:10 pm the business portion of the meeting was called to order.

Present: Chair Ellie Drake, Co-chair Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins. Also present were Mark Vande, architect consultant and Village Board Liaison Vicky Daly.

Absent: Commissioner Rebecca Remington.

Minutes: Jim Elliott moved that the minutes be accepted; Michael Haskins seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Ellie Drake prepared packets for each of the people present. Included in the packet was a calendar for the next year. The November agenda will include plans for Spotlights and Ninth Period History class speakers. Ellie shared the letter of support from the Rotary Club regarding the NRHP nomination of the Palmyra Cemetery. Ellie was working on collecting information about the Cemetery and the documents needed to nominate it, but was getting conflicting information about the forms and has been told that SHPO isn't looking now for more cemetery nominations. Ellie asked that the commissioners read the packet provided for the November meeting. After some discussion it was suggested that we strive to get the Chapel and possibly the Vault nominated. Vicky Daly pointed out that Cynthia Howk would be speaking in Walworth on Monday the 20th, and perhaps someone could go to that from our group.

Vicky Daly said that we might see about scheduling tours of the Sexton Building and the Village Hall sometime this spring. Michael Haskins asked about the Masonic Temple, and Jim Elliott said that it doesn't retain much of the historic detailing inside that it once had. Jim Elliott suggested putting together a brochure of the notable architecture in Palmyra; he said that the library had a lot of old photographs of local buildings.

Ellie Drake told the group that Mayor Piccola asked if we could do something about creating a “friends of the bandstand” fundraising group for the bandstand roof. Jim Elliott suggested that the Mayor write an article or letter to the editor of the paper pointing out the needs for funds to elicit volunteers. Mark Vande suggested that perhaps an LDS member or missionary could spear head the effort. Vicky Daly said that perhaps some lifelong resident would take it on.

Ellie Drake asked Vicky Daly to speak to the Mayor about an ad for alternates, as Vicky resigned as alternate, but will stay on as liaison.

Ellie Drake shared with the group a letter which stated that the Erie Canal nomination had been sent to Washington to be considered for the NRHP.

Vicky Daly told the group that the Preservation League of NYS is working on a model ordinance guide book, and that Palmyra would be mentioned in it briefly.

Chris Daly asked that when Auditor Christine Capella-Peters audit results arrive that we add our discussion of our plans to enact her recommendations to the agenda.

Vicky Daly suggested that we invite Cynthia Howk to speak in Palmyra about National Landmark nomination, as she is speaking in Walworth this week on that topic.

Vicky will be telling Alicia Lynch, Village Clerk that Vicky has resigned as an alternate.

Ellie Drake thought that perhaps the new owners of the Church St. cobblestone, Dean George and John Robbins might allow us to feature their house as a spotlight.

Vicky and Ellie said that another agenda item for November was the December annual report to the Village Board about the Commission activities. The next meeting will be November 20th.

Ellie Drake asked the commission about not holding a December meeting, which would otherwise be December 18th. The commissioners agreed to not holding a December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.