

Belleville Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday April, 20 2021 (Meeting held as a teleconference per requirements due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All voting will be a roll call vote.)

Attendance:

Molly McKenzie, Chair
Ashley Pollock, Vice Chair
Keith Owens, Secretary/Treasurer
Andy Gaa, Member
Jack LeChien, Member
Joel Glasscock, Member
Nichole Hettenhausen
Linda Weisenstein, Member
Emma A. Oldehoeft, City Planner/City

Absent:

Justin Dominique, unexcused

DRR Representatives:

None Present

Members of the Public:

Mike Dill

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Due to the meeting being conducted as a teleconference, emergency procedures were waived.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A call for public participation was given, but no one responded.

DESIGN REVIEW REQUEST(S)

No Design Reviews Request

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Chairperson Report: No Report

Secretary Report:

Mr. Owens presented the Tuesday, March 16, 2021 meeting minutes to the commission and it was noted that Ms. Kenzie's name was misspelled on one of the items. Ms. McKenzie asked if anyone would make a motion to approve the March minutes with correction.

Mr. Gaa – Motion made: "I make a motion to accept the minutes."

Mrs. Hettenhausen - Second

Roll call vote was conducted - Motion carries unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Owens shared with the commission that as of March 31, 2021 there was \$3146.90 in the savings account (increase of \$0.27 in interest), with an additional \$2,000 from the city budget. The \$2,000 has been allocated and will be transferred to the FY2021 budget for banners. Ms. McKenzie asked if anyone would make a motion of approve.

Mrs. Weisenstein - Motion made: "I make a motion to accept."

Ms. Pollock - Second

Roll call vote was conducted - Motion carries unanimously

New/Old Business

Encumbering funds from 2020 to 2021 for Banner Project

Ms. Oldehoeft updated the commission that Jamie Maitret was notified and emcumbered the \$2000 that is in the 2020 budget to the 2021 budget earmarked for the banner project.

Spring Newsletter

Ms. Oldehoeft shared the updated letter to show a photo of a home on Pennsylvania that a new roof was approved and is the Oakland Historic District. Ms. McKenzie asked if anyone would make a motion of approve the newsletter.

Mr. LeChien – Motion made: "I make a motion to approve it."

Mr. Gaa – second

Discussion on the Spring Newsletter

Mr. Owens asked that since the administration change with the election of the new mayor, Ms. Patty Gregory, will she honor outgoing Mayor Eckert's commitment to pay for the printing and mailing of the

newsletter. Due to this transitional period, Ms. Oldehoeft has not been introduced to the new mayor and will look into this. Ms. McKenzie asked for clarification on the agreement by Mayor Eckert and the BHPS about the printing and mailing of the newsletter and that the city would pay of all of it. Ms. Oldehoeft shared that Mayor Eckert agreed to pay for the printing and mailing of the letter and we were tacking on the newsletter into the letter to the realtors from the city concerning the Belleville historical districts. This letter was going to be on city letter head.

Roll call vote was conducted - Motion carries unanimously

6th Street Courthouse Column Park Project

Mr. LeChien shared that he wanted to put this back in the agenda and give an update. Mr. LeChien spoke to Mayor Eckert and it was stated that Ameran may take the lead in the new park which included the old courthouse columns. The idea of a plaque that describes the significates of the columns of the old courthouse was the reason for the creation and location of Belleville. There was an agreement to the family of Bill Tayon that special recognition be given to him due to the fact that his family donated the columns on the plaque. So the BHPC will be looking at having a new plaque created in the near future. There is another donation given by Mark Eros of the stone that was on the left front steps of the old courthouse in which John F Kennedy spoke above it on a wooden platform October 1960. This will be a part of this also. Mrs. Weisenstein suggested to put a relief on the courthouse on the plaque so people would know what the old courthouse looked like.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Hettenhausen asked if there is any idea when we will be getting back to in-person meetings. Ms. Oldehoeft has not heard anything about that. Mrs. Hettenhausen was inquiring because it had been 4 months since we tabled the banners until we were able to meet face to face.

Mr. Owens asked that when the updated DRR is being completed that stained glass windows be considered as a topic and possible instructions created for homes in the historic districts.

Ms. Oldehoeft shared that in response to Mr. Owens' request that a letter be sent to 421 Court Street about the fence needing to taken down as per agreement from the new homeowners when the purchased the property. The fence had not been taken down but it was discovered during the meeting that the fence had been taken down and no further action needed was needed.

Ms. McKenzie asked if everyone received and complete their Economic Interest Statement. Everyone appeared to have.

Mr. Gaa asked what the plans are there for the Museum Day on the first weekend of June. Ms. McKenzie stated that the time will be from 10 to 2 and that Mr. Owens was going to do the DIY at 215 Abend Street on restoration windows and tuckpointing. Mr. Owens stated that the DIYs will be from 12 to 2. Mrs. Weisenstein shared that the Belleville Historic Society will have the Garfield Saloon open and that plans are still being finalized by the St. Clair County Historic Society and the Labor and Industry Museum. The Koerner house will be handing out the walking tour brochures that the BHPC created years ago.

Ms. Pollock asked if everyone knew that there was a video option with the teleconference and it would be nice if everyone would turn it on in future meetings so we could see everyone. Ms. Oldehoeft stated that the agenda has both the video conference link and a phone number link because sometimes people use their phone if they get their computer up and running or if the internet is down.

Mr. LeChien shared that he and Ms. McKenzie will be meeting somebody at the Koerner house to get a bid on a metal roof and nobody bid on the chimney project.

Meeting to Adjourn

Mr. Owens motioned to adjourn,
Ms. Pollock - second,

Roll call vote was conducted

Molly McKenzie - yes
Ashley Pollock - yes
Keith Owens - yes
Andy Gaa - yes
Jack LeChien - no
Joel Glasscock - yes
Nichole Hettenhausen - yes
Linda Weisenstein - yes

Meeting adjourn 7:39 pm

Date Approved: 05/18/2021

Molly McKenzie
Chairperson Signature

05/18/2021
Date