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Irondequoit Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024

Meeting held in Broderick Room, Irondequoit Town Hall.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 pm - by Chairperson, Christopher Brandt.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

- Present:
 - Chairperson, Christopher Brandt (CB)
 - Vice Chairperson, Mark Johns (MJ)
 - Bruce Dumbauld (BD)
 - Greg Walther (GW)
 - Sara Corona (SC)
 - Anne Himes (AH)
 - Historian, Gregory Merrick (GM)
- Absent:
 - Jennifer Ahrens (JA)

Quorum met: (simple majority of voting members [needing 4]) YES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES:

- January 30, 2024 - Motion to adopted minutes by MJ / Seconded GW / 4 approval, 1 abstention, 1 absent - Motion carried

PUBLIC INPUT:

- None

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATION:

- None

LIAISON REPORT:

- GM: Reported CB met with the Board of Directors of the Irondequoit Historical Society at their last board meeting, February 26, 2024, to review the final “existing conditions report” site visit of the Pioneer House and Cobblestone Blacksmith Shop. This report was prepared pro-bono by Bero Architecture PLLC, with professional insight and comments by, Tim Wurzer, P.E., mechanical engineer, and Steve Rudnicki, P.E. Jensen / BRV Engineering, structural engineer to help identify current conditions and established a priority for having maintenance and repairs done to these structures. Deficiencies were listed in three categories and associated priorities, “Essential, Preservation and, Optional” as well as identifying an estimated cost value for each item identified (Essential needs immediate attention, Prevention needs attention sooner than later and, optional means work needed to bring the buildings back in original condition - such as removing asphalt roof singles and replacing with wood shakers).
- GM: Reported the Historian, Chairman of Historic Preservation Commission, the Board for the Historical Society and the Supervisor’s office are interested in establishing a flow chart for how applications being received, designating a property as historical, would be managed.
- GM: Reported he submitted a budget addendum and wish list for the Historian’s office which included monies for having 21 historical plaques made for designated buildings. This additional budget request is part of a State and Federal allocation of monies to help local municipalities with additional funding resources. While there is no assurance that the town will receive any funds, without submitting an application there would be no opportunities.

COMMITTEES:

Brochure and Notification Letter to Landmark Property Owners:

- SC: Reported she wasn’t at last month’s meeting but read the minutes from that meeting. Still a question that needs addressing is the size of the Brochure, and who is going to print it. Sample copies of a brochures being used by the Town of Brighton and the Village of Fairport were available for the Commission members review at last months meeting. The Brochure was on legal size paper, which works best for a trifold format brochure, providing room for sufficient information as well as ease of mailing. The committee, comprised of SC, JA, and AH, will make a draft brochure (Legal format) to understand information content and the scope of work that would be involved for printing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wimbledon Road Historic District:

- CB: Reported the next step is to schedule a date for the National Registry Nomination Committee, to present before the New York State Review Board, which hears National Registry Nominations. This meeting is currently scheduled for the next available quarterly meeting in June 2024. The staff at SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) requested a date be scheduled for a final public meeting, lead by SHPO, with historic property owners of this district, as well as the public. This meeting would explain the benefits of the Historic Home Owners Tax Credit Rehabilitation program and would be conducted in a Zoom format. The Commission agreed on April 30, 2024 for conducting this meeting. This date falls on a

regular scheduled meeting night for the Irondequoit Historic Preservation Commission and would replace said regular meeting. Because the presenters will be on Zoom, the use of the large screen and projector will be needed for this meeting.

- CB also reported some of the property owners within this district have already sought out information about the benefits from the State and have preemptively begun the applications for district credits.

Plaques:

- MJ: Reported a change in language on the Plaques was agreed upon by the Commission. He also received a second price from another local vendor for plaques. MJ asked GM if there is any monies left in last years budget the can be applied to purchasing some plaques. This will need to be further researched.

Town-wide Historic Survey:

- CB: Reported he is still awaiting a response from the Town on the draft RFP (Request For Proposal) CB will reach out the Supervisor and learn where this review and response sends. A concern that the funding approval has a 2 or 3 year clock for closure in order to receive the full benefits. Also the sooner we finish the work the sooner we can reapply for additional funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CB brought before the Commission an idea to take up a project to have the cast iron markers throughout the Town repaired and restored. This would require Grant funding and would involve finding the location of all the markers and assessing their conditions (Swain's Corner, LaSalle's Landing, Fort des Sables, Hooker's Cemetery). It is unclear how many markers are in the Town, where they are located, or who paid for and placed them. Some are in poor condition, needing various levels of repair and others may only need repainting. An informative discussion followed which shared ideas for other groups that might be interested in partnering with IHPC on the project (Scout group, high schools, Irondequoit Historical Society). The Pomeroy Foundation supplies Grants that replace, repair and restore these type of markers.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Training:

CB: Reported, This year's, New York State Historic Preservation Conference is being held in Rochester NY, April 15, 16, and 17, 2024, at the Memorial Art Gallery. As the IHPC is a CLG (Certified Local Government), our Commission members qualify for a scholarship to attend the conference for free. Scholarship recipients are required to attend the 1/2 day training on CLG's, specifically tailored to preservation training for commissioners and board members. April 16, the second day of the conference is the most active day with the most programs and brings in the most attendance. Break down of programs: Monday, April 15; 1/2 day morning is the CLG training. The afternoon has two available field sessions. 1- bus tour of Rochester's Omsted park system, 2- walking tour of neighborhood of the arts. That evening has a meet and greet cocktail hour. Tuesday, April 16; is broken down into four formal sit down session blocks, each lasting approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes, with three or four field sessions per block, providing a wide variety of academic learning. This year they're having a couple

workshop sessions, with more a hands on. 1- workshop about restoring old wooden windows and 2- a factory tour of Rochester Colonial, showing how they make wooden windows. Ending second day with preservation awards ceremony with a reception to follow. The final day is only a half day with four field sessions each lasting about two hour and focused on local projects that are preservation related. CB will be leading one of the third day sessions about the "Little Theater". (Steve Jordan wrote A book - "Window Sash Bible")

CB - took on a personal project - he compiled his experience in doing research on historic buildingS or home histories and taught a two session class at the Rochester Brainerd, to help people learn all the multiple different facets on how to do research on your home. Pretty successful class- CB Would entertain potentially providing it free of charge to Irondequoit Residents. 3 hours class. Logistically needs to be worked out.

With no other business before the Commission, Chairman, CB entertained a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURN:

- Motion made by MJ, seconded by GW. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2024; 7:30 pm; Broderick Room, Irondequoit Town Hall.

PARKING LOT:

690 Titus Ave Designation - legal action
Wimbledon Road Historic District
Historic Plaques / Markers
Town-wide Historic Resource Grant
Designation Letter & Brochure
NYS Historic Preservation Conference