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Irondequoit Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 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)
Bruce Dumbauld (BD)
Greg Walther (GW)
Sara Corona (SC)
Jennifer Ahrens (JA)
Anne Himes (AH)
Historian, Gregory Merrick (GM)

- Absent:

Vice Chairperson, Mark Johns (MJ)

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

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES:

- July 30, 2024 - Motion to adopted minutes with minor edits and changes made by BD/ Seconded SC
- Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- (Note: there were ten citizens in attendance with three speaking during the public meeting portion for the introduction and explanation of the Recognizance Town-wide Historical Resource Survey)

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE / COMMUNICATION:

- CB and GM received an email on July 31, 2024, requesting to set up a date to do a walk-through of the Pioneer House and Cobblestone Blacksmith Shop with the Town Engineer, LaBella Associates. The purpose of this walk-through is to address preservation concerns identified in a report produced earlier this year by Bero Architecture PLLC, for the Irondequoit Historical Society and to find available Grants to address these preservation needs.
- CB and GM received a letter dated; August 14, 2024, from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation, notifying us the Wimbledon Road Historic Preservation District was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, on August 9, 2024.
- GM received an advertisement packet dated; August 22, 2024, showing Historical Markers and Plaques Manufactured by Catskill Casting. These markers, plaques, and mounting posts all meet Nationally approved colors, size, and designs. A copy of this information was shared with the Irondequoit Historical Society; Chairman, Chris Brandt; and Anne Himes.

LIAISON REPORT:

- GM reported the Irondequoit High School Class of 1967 (IHS-67), sought to take on a class project within Irondequoit. They approached the Irondequoit Historical Society (IHS), asking if they could repaint the Pioneer House, which is needed. This project would take place next summer and before painting could begin, the exterior would need some preparation work (repairs, clap-board replacement, scraping, and sanding). Because there's time, a committee will be formed to discuss getting the prep work and other items finished before this project starts; perhaps by other groups or challenges.

COMMITTEES:

Letter and Brochure:

- SC brought a copy of the final draft, which the Commission reviewed and made a couple of design and typo corrections. The next step is getting it printed and distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

WIMBLEDON ROAD HISTORIC DISTRICT:

- CB, deferred to comments he made during the Communications portion of the meeting (letter from NYSOPRHP).

Town-wide Historic Resource Survey:

- CB introduced Annie Schentag (AS), from KTA Preservation Specialists via a remote connection.
- AS introduced herself, giving KTA Preservation Specialists and her qualifications. She gave an overview of how this project will be conducted and as this is a Town-wide project so not every property will be looked at individually, but through a process properties will be identified for further review. Getting the BIG picture.
- AS explained the basic process:
 - “Windshield Survey” which is a drive around the neighborhood within the town.

- Identifying neighborhood with similar architectural characteristics.
- “Pedestrian Survey” which is a walk around neighborhoods.
- Identifying districts by categories / visual or historical aspects.
- AS gave an overview of local designation vs. National Registry listing and how Tax credits might apply. National Registry can be less restrictive to achieve than seeking only a local designation and only a National Registry qualifies for Tax incentives.
- KTA Preservation Specialists will not be listing any properties, they are just identifying qualifying properties and making suggestions.
- The public is encouraged to reach out with any stories or historic knowledge of neighborhoods and properties; such as “White City”, “Tent City”, the “Flats”, or others. However, if the area is not map worthy, this information may not show in the final report but may help more correctly identify or explain conditions, styles, or other historic information (possible map worthy neighborhoods: Sea Breeze and Summerville)
- More in-depth information on the process will be shared at the volunteer training portion of this project - scheduled in a few weeks. Volunteers are welcome, encouraged and needed to participate in this survey process. Volunteers would assist in conducting “Field Investigation”, taking pictures and/or documenting information from identified properties that then get loaded into a computer program.

Question and Answer:

- Commission: Could or should the document be updated, such in 5 years and how would that happen?
 - Answer: A new survey would really be the way to update any current survey and might only add new properties, which became eligible by becoming of age.
- Commission: is there a difference in reviewing Natural Environment vs. Architectural Base?
 - Answer: All aspects are looked at, while architectural are more structural and more easily qualify, Parks and/or Park Systems might also be eligible.

Public Speakers:

Deb Muratore, 420 Bay View Dr.

Ann Burns, 199 Bellhurst Dr.

Doug Campbell, 201 Belmeade Rd. - on behalf Irondequoit United Church of Christ, 644 Titus Ave

Code Updates:

- No report

Landmark Plaques:

- Report included by comments made during the Communications portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- None

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

ADJOURN:

- Motion made by BD, seconded by GW. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2024; 7:30 pm; Broderick Room, Irondequoit Town Hall.

PARKING LOT:

- 690 Titus Ave Designation - legal action
- Historic Plaques / Markers
- Town-wide Historic Resource Survey
- Designation Letter & Brochure
- Code Updates (Town Code - Chapter 236)
- 2025 Budget