

## Palmyra Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 19 2013

Present: Chairperson Ellie Drake, Vice Chairperson Jim Elliott, Commissioners Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, Becky Remington, Alternate Vicky Daly, Architect Consultant Mark Vande.

Absent: Alternate Tim Kurek.

The meeting was called to order by Ellie Drake at 7:05 pm

Minutes: Jim Elliott made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Michael Haskins. The motion passed unanimously.

Ninth Period History Class: Ellie Drake confirmed that Gene Bavis would be speaking October 17, 2013, and that she created the flyer for the event and wrote and sent out a release to local outlets. Vicky Daly offered to take the flyers to the merchants to post downtown. Ellie Drake told the group that she had not received a response from Betsy Lewis about speaking. Ellie also said that Chip Stevens had committed to a date for a talk, and that she would let Vicky Daly know what date he chose so that Vicky can try to follow up with Betsy Lewis with the remaining date. Another possible speaker is Pete Henry.

Spotlight: Chris Daly sent out a spotlight to the local outlets. We spotlighted Gary and Carol Hack's house on Cuyler St. Ellie asked Chris if she arranged for the sandwich board to be put in front of the Hack's house, and Chris confirmed that she had not. Ellie said she would see about the sandwich board. The next spotlight is to be in November, and the property is yet to be determined.

Historic Signage: Ellie Drake and Jim Elliott went to a talk in Victor about 20<sup>th</sup> century landmarks recently, and while there, they learned about a program for assistance for signage of historic places from the William Pomeroy Foundation. Ellie brought handouts for everyone about the program. Ellie thought that Palmyra Historian Beth Hoad would find this info useful. Vicky Daly said that the DOT and County had to approve any roadside signage, which can be an undertaking.

Jim Elliott talked to the group about the Victor talk about 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture. He said that Boston's new City Hall was featured in the presentation, and is ugly. Ellie Drake mentioned the previous Boston structure that was thought of as gaudy and unattractive, but now would be considered beautiful. The commission talked for a bit about how tastes change with time. Ellie said it was a good presentation

The Griffith Home: Vicky Daly told the group that Cynthia Howk from the LSWNY was now talking to Dr. Griffith about nominating her home to the National Register. The LSWNY recommended that a professional be hired to do the nomination paperwork.

The Gellatly Home: Vicky Daly said that the Gellatlys had the paperwork, but had not yet moved forward in the process.

Other Business:

- Our commission members were invited to a celebration of a new mural in Walworth on 10/6/13. Chris Daly said that she would forward the email to anyone interested.
- Fall Workshop sponsored by the LSWNY is 10/7/13. If anyone is interested in going, Chris Daly will forward the email info to them.
- The town of Lima has invited people to participate in their vision plan, the workshop is October 25, 26, 27. Ellie Drake has the information.
- Jim Elliott and Ellie Drake attended a seminar in which they were told that in a state or federal nominated landmark or district, or even a property abutting such, that the steps of SEQR should be undertaken. Ellie Drake contacted the Code Enforcement Office about this, and was told that it was not true. Mark Vande and Vicky Daly thought that this should be confirmed in writing, possibly from Albany. Jim Elliott said that the Village was responsible for making sure that the SEQR process was done.
- Ellie Drake brought the contents of the Commission mailbox to the meeting for people to peruse.
- Ellie Drake suggested that we submit some old and current photos of our architecture to the D&C for their feature. Jim Elliott said he had an old postcard of the Strand Theater; Vicky Daly suggested Zion Episcopal before and after the addition, and the building that is now the Palmyra Library. She also said that the University of Rochester had a rare books department that might have other old local photos of buildings in Palmyra.
- Michael Haskins suggested that perhaps photographer Andy Olenick might be willing to be a speaker at a 9<sup>th</sup> period history class.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Christine Daly.