

Palmyra Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2013

Present: Chris Daly, Vicky Daly, Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott, Michael Haskins

Absent: Tim Kurek, Becky Remington, Mark Vande (Consulting Architect)

- I. **Minutes:** Michael Haskins made a motion to accept the minutes, Jim Elliott seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- II. **Ordinance:** Vicky Daly provided the commissioners with the newly approved revised ordinance. She also provided an updated list of NRHP historic district property owners. Ellie Drake suggested that when there's a vacancy on the commission that a landlord be invited to apply.
- III. **Spotlights:** Ellie Drake provided a spotlight to the local newspapers featuring Mark Gawel's studio on Main St. Ellie suggested that we feature the sister houses at Jackson and Fayette. Chris Daly said she would look up the addresses and owners and ask if we can spotlight them. Other future spotlights might include the two twin houses on the 100 block of Fayette. Jim Elliott said he would contact Mr. Maitland about featuring his cobblestone on Church St. The Kukulka and Sapienza Law Offices on Main St. are another possibility.
- IV. **Ninth Period History Classes:** Peter Jemison agreed to speak on April 25. Michael Haskins said he would ask Chip Stevens about speaking in May, possibly. Ellie Drake was given Betsy Lewis' name as a possible speaker about the history of the Underground Railroad and the Western Presbyterian church. Vicky Daly suggested that the talk could be held at their church, if Dr. Farrell agreed. She thought that Susan Kohlmeier would probably agree to a talk about Zion Episcopal being held in their church, too. A progressive presentation with all the historic district churches might be done one Saturday.
- V. **Annual Landmark Society of WNY conference in Brockport:** Jim Elliott, Ellie Drake, Vicky Daly and Chris Daly plan to go to the April 20th conference.
- VI. **Quarterly LSWNY:** tabled until next meeting
- VII. **Other Business:** Vicky Daly spoke to Dr. Griffith who is interested in hiring a consultant to help her nominate her home to the National Register of Historic Places. Ellie Drake has written an article about the Griffith Home being nominated as a local historic landmark, and has submitted the article to Dr. Griffith for approval.

Vicky Daly has already spoken to Iain Gellatly and Tom Hall about nominating their respective homes, and they both are willing. She has already sent notes acknowledging their willingness to do so. Vicky said she would go to speak to Iain Gellatly and suggested that she go with Becky Remington. A standard packet should be put together, which would include a cover letter written by Chair Ellie Drake, and also include the newly revised ordinance, 2 copies of the application, a checklist and the FAQ preservation flyer. Jim Elliott will call the Village clerk to ask her to put a copy of the Griffith home application in the Code Enforcement mailbox, and to keep an official copy in the Village Hall. Vicky Daly said that the Code Enforcement Office should get a copy of the NRHP historic district property owners list, too.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 18th, but may be cancelled if there is no pressing business, as we have a 9th Period History Class scheduled for the following Thursday, April 25th

Vicky Daly suggested that someone contact the president of the library board to tell them about a non-financial "Award of Excellence". Vicky offered to tell Jennifer Voss about the award, and Ellie agreed to write a letter of recommendation if the library board wants to proceed in the nomination.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.