

Riverside Historical Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, February 17, 2020

Call to order: 7:01 PM by Chairperson Constance Guardi at the Water Tower.

Present: Commissioners Constance Guardi, Diane Ceragioli, James Petrzilka, Richard Julian, Patrick Smith-Ray, Samantha Schroeder, and Gina Furey.

Minutes of January 20, 2020: Motion to approve by Richard Julian. Seconded by Diane Ceragioli. Motion carried.

Financial Report of January 31, 2019: Balance of \$75,111. No expenditures in January. Received \$773 from Library sales, and \$2,000 from the Bill Sherman Memorial Fund, which will be included in next month's totals. Motion to approve by James Petrzilka. Seconded by Patrick Smith-Ray. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report:

- Connie reported to Ed Bailey that the sidewalk at the bottom of the Museum entrance stairs had not been shoveled after the last snow. Thanks to James Petrzilka for shoveling and bringing in salt for the sidewalk and stairs.
- We had a visitor last month at the January meeting. She came to the Museum the next Saturday to get information on the Dore cottage at 100 Fairbank Road, as she is interested in purchasing the property. Sonya Abt requested our structural file for the house for the Preservation Commission's February meeting.

Accessions: No accessions in January.

Exhibits:

- Riverside Library display case has been changed to a hand-painted Riverside scenes cup set.

Continuing Business:

- 2020 Museum wall calendar: Possible themes for the calendar were discussed. "Recreation in Riverside" was proposed. Samantha volunteered to look for related photos in the Museum collection.
- Facebook: No change in status.
- Landmarking a house: Patrick has written the application for the Preservation Commission. He will visit the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, to verify his research.
- Past Perfect: Richard gave a report on the requirements for a matching grant from the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board for digitizing records and allowing public access on-line. Connie and Richard will contact Past Perfect to see if their new on-line program upgrade will facilitate the work. Structure Files and Historical Records will be the main focus of the project in Phase I.

- Structure File updating: Digitizing will be pursued in the grant funding.
- Volunteer Program: No change in status.
- Website: No change in status.
- Disposition of the bones excavated on Bloomingbank Road: Waiting for lab results.
- Plan for 2020: Commissioners are to refer to the January Meeting Minutes for their lead assignments.
- Bill Sherman Memorial Fund: About \$2,000 has been given to the Museum. A possible project for the funds is new storage cabinets for the materials moved to the West Well from the old Youth Center Building.

New Business:

- Commissioners signed up for Saturday Museum duty for 2/29/20 through 5/30/20.

Adjournment: James Petrzilka motioned to adjourn at 8:17 PM. Seconded: Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.