

Riverside Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2021

Call to order: 7:10 PM by Acting Chairperson Richard Julian.

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

Minutes of February 15, 2021: Motion to approve by Connie Guardi. Seconded by Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.

Financial Report: None Received. Richard Julian will follow.

Chairperson's Report:

- * Richard Julian emphasized the continuing need to be sure to sign in and record activities when visiting the Museum.

Accessions: The two boxes of materials that need processing are in the west well house. Richard Julian will move them into the east well house for processing.

Continuing Business:

- * The disposition of the Bones excavated on Bloomingbank Rd. James Petrzilka indicated nothing new to report.
- * Facebook: Richard Julian reported our number of likes on Facebook keeps increasing.
- * Landmarking the House at 214 Scottswood Rd: Patrick Smith-Ray reported that that he has found more relevant historical data on this property in the early phone books at the Museum. Unfortunately, the Chicago Recorder of Deeds office is still closed, precluding a definitive finding of early property ownership. The Commissioners urged Patrick to proceed with his application as he has already amassed a wealth of data in support of the Landmark designation. Patrick agreed.
- * Status of preparation of User Guide for Landmarking a House: Patrick Smith-Ray is still working this issue that will be based on his own experience of the process, coupled with the existing village guidelines. He is unsure of how to proceed with submitting his proposal. The Commissioners urged him to contact the Preservation Commission to get their input.
- * Past Perfect On-Line: Connie Guardi still working on this complex process.
- * Museum Help Desk: It was, again, emphasized that we need to continue to apply a consistent and trackable process to assist those who come to us, remotely, for help related to their Historical questions and concerns. Richard, again, reminded all to use the Log, the 3-Ring binder of instructions, and to be sure to clear the Voice Mail.
- * West Well House Project: Richard is measuring and researching appropriate cabinets for use in the West Well House to help alleviate our critical space shortage. In particular we have 50

boxes of material that were removed from the Youth Center. He thinks somewhere between 15-22 of one type of storage cabinet that he has looked at would suffice. Price will vary depending on quality and type. Gina Furey stated she is ready to help facilitate obtaining appropriate and reasonably priced furniture through her contacts. Patrick suggested possibly using the West Well House as a presentation venue after it is better organized.

- * Structure Files and Local History files digitizing project: Richard reported that Structure file drawers 13-14 have been returned, and file drawers 15-16, the last remaining, are now being digitized.
- * Calendar 2022: The Commissioners agreed that an Olmsted 200 theme, in some form, would be appropriate. This would necessarily entail some other than Riverside inclusions. Samantha solicited specific ideas, suggestions, and themes from the Commissioners. Connie stressed that an October 31st completion deadline, or even earlier if possible, is needed.
- * Website: Richard, Connie, and former Commissioner Serge Ambrose are still working to resolve various issues necessary for an update.
- * Covid 19 Memorabilia: The Commissioners discussed the possible acquisition of pandemic themed signs, including one seen for Trick or Treating, and one from Burlington Realty. Also, although not directly related, Patrick indicated we should be pursuing the acquisition of one of the "No Fishing or Picnicking" sign that are still displayed in the village.

Exhibits: Connie is working on an update for the Library.

Public Comment: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Connie Guardi motioned to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Jim Petrzilka.
Motion carried.