

Riverside Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 18, 2022

Call to order: 7:05 PM by Chairperson Richard Julian.

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

Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2022: Motion to approve by Constance Guardi. Seconded by Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Motion to approve by James Petrzilka. Seconded by Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report:

- * Richard Julian stated that he will provide accession training to those who need it, in order to alleviate the backlog of required accessions.
- * Richard Julian stated that the bulk of this meeting will focus on plans and duties associated with the Olmsted 200 Birthday Party to be held on Tuesday, April 26th, from 2pm to 4pm in the Riverside Train Station.

Approval of Accessions to the Museum:

- * Plate donated by Donna Eddy. Motion to approve by Constance Guardi. Seconded by Richard Julian. Motion Carried.
- * Riverside Central School Riverside historical teaching materials used by Greta Schramm, donated by daughter & son-in-law Nancy and William Lancaster. Motion to approve by Constance Guardi. Seconded by Richard Julian. Motion Carried.
- * Riverside historical materials donated by family of Schofield Gross. Motion to approve by Diane Ceragioli. Seconded by Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.

Continuing Business:

- * Richard Julian reported that, after checking, the Museum alarm system appears to be working correctly.
- * Richard Julian reminded the Commissioners that the Museum Computer should not be turned off upon leaving the Museum on Saturdays. The computer backups are scheduled to occur later that day.
- * Structure Files and Local History files digitizing project: It was agreed to postpone discussion of this topic until after the Olmsted 200 Birthday celebrations.
- * Olmsted's 200th birthday: The to-do list of the required tasks necessary for a successful Olmsted 200 birthday party was reviewed and the responsible Commissioners updated their progress regarding each item. It appears things are progressing well.

Continuing Business (continued):

- * Richard and Connie reported that two additional events will occur at the birthday party. The Lions Club will announce their "Person of the Year" at the party, and the Olmsted Society will announce the Villages gift of a bench to be placed at the "Olmsted Overlook".
- * There was a long discussion concerning the proper procedures to ensure that phone calls to the Museum are properly responded to and recorded , so that satisfactory resolutions are attained and may be easily reviewed.
- * Richard reported that he had contacted the daughter of Robert Heidrich, the founder of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society of Riverside, regarding her offer to donate some of Mr. Heidrich's original materials concerning his successful efforts in attaining Riverside's National Landmark status. He said that she plans to visit our area some time in late spring or early summer and will bring the materials with her.
- * Connie Guardi reported that we will be responding to a Government request for comment regarding their proposed addition to the area encompassed by Riverside's National Landmark designation.

Exhibits:

- *Connie Guardi reported that the new Olmsted 200 themed Museum wall exhibit is now mounted in the Museum.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- * Patrick and Samantha reported that they noticed mouse droppings in the Museum and they attempted to clean this up as best they could. This is a serious matter. Richard said that he will report this to Public Works for action.

Adjournment: Jim Petrzilka motioned to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Connie Guardi. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by James Petrzilka (Scribe)