

Minutes for Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Historic Preservation *Work Session*

5:30 pm, Room 208, 2101 O'Neil Ave.

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Jason Bogstie, Jaime McGrew, Don Herrold, John Brewster, David Benner, Max Carre', CJ Young (late)

Members Absent: Morgan Martin, Jaci Wells, Gary Sims

City Staff: Stephanie Lowe

Others:

ROLL CALL: Chair Jason Bogstie called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Christmas ornaments: Ms. Lowe reported that they have stagnated recently. Maybe about 20 remain. About 10 remain that people asked to reserve but haven't come to pick them up yet; Ms. Lowe will return those to the pool Monday if no one comes to claim them. She has not received the extra 250 from Mr. Sims. Chair Bogstie said there might not be many ornaments remaining after the reserved ornaments are claimed. Ms. McGrew suggested the winter farmers market instead of the craft shows. Ms. Lowe still doesn't think anyone from the legislature has been contacted. Mr. Herrold will contact the Governors chief of staff. Ms. Lowe offered that the winter farmers market might offer a free space to a non-profit and the Board could talk about more than the ornaments, share with the public about everything else the Board does.
- b. Fountain funding request to City Council: Ms. Lowe stated that due to a busy workload in the Attorney's office the past couple of weeks, this item will not be on the City Council agenda for Monday night. Ms. Lowe is meeting with the attorney Monday to discuss the resolution and process for this request. Ms. Lowe stated that the Board should submit a clear and specific request to City Council for where the money should come from – either reserves or next year's budget. Chair Bogstie stated that he doesn't think the money will come this year. Ms. McGrew shared that she doesn't think it would hurt to request from reserves; worst case is they say no and the Board comes back during the budget. Chair Bogstie reminded that next year is an election cycle. Ms. Lowe stated that this request is the first to the City Council for all the projects the Board is working on. The Fountain is officially owned by the City now. Mr. Young stated that this \$40,000 is a good deal to match for the City and would finish this project. Ms. McGrew asked about the Master Gardeners confirmation in giving the money. Chair Bogstie stated that it wasn't clear, they wanted the Board to match with the City. Ms. Lowe reminded that the amount from the City is the max amount needed to get the funds from the Master Gardeners; the Board can still fundraise to reduce the amount coming directly from the City coffers. Chair Bogstie asked about a time schedule to set with Council; Ms. Lowe stated that there will be a deadline due to the grants that will also be used to pay for this final phase. There was further discussion about the timeline for proposing this request to Council. Ms. Lowe will be available to assist in answering questions, but the main request should come from the Board.
- c. Funding request letters for the Fountain: Ms. Lowe reminded the Board about the letters and people to approach. Mr. Young advised to start with the letters and if there is any feedback then follow up with a phone call. Chair Bogstie asked if anyone knows these people and can reach out to make a person contact. Ms. McGrew's co-worker used to work at the Albany; Mr. Brewster knows the owner of the Albany. Ms. Lowe asked if it would be more appropriate to invite these people to a social gathering and do a pitch that way; Mr. Carre' and Mr. Brewster liked this idea as it's more common for requesting funds. Mr. Benner thought maybe we could do a ribbon cutting ceremony or 'water on' ceremony and invite them. Depending on when the tile comes in and the work is completed, maybe can do a ceremony in May with historic preservation month. Might be able to combine with the Gala/Summit and invite the people to the dinner then. Send a letter in April to these people and perhaps invite them to discuss with the Board further. Will put off until the strategic planning in January.

- i. Chair Bogstie said he doesn't know if a gala or summit should be done next year or not. Mr. Young has been thinking of ideas to try and combine events to reduce the work. Could do one big historic house, commercial property or complex on a Saturday, then have the gala the night of with a speaker. If the Board wants to pursue getting the terminal listed on the National Register it would be cool to host the dinner or event at the terminal and walk over to see the fountain.
- d. LeClergc Jones: Ms. Lowe stated that the Metropolitan has accepted the award and Ms. Lowe was finally able to order the plaque. She is waiting to hear about an estimated delivery date from Trophy Creative, but the Board is looking at Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30 pm for the award ceremony. Ms. Lowe will follow up with the owners and get it penciled in.
- e. Regarding silent auction items: Ms. Lowe shared that the Board has received approval to sell the items to Uncle Benny's, but it has been decided that the \$400 will go into the general city funds instead of to the Board. There was some confusion from what the options actually are for disposing of the items. Ms. Lowe believes the other option would be to wait until the City holds their regular auction and dispose of the items through that path. Mr. Brewster asked what if the general public bought the items and paid the Board? Ms. Lowe thought they could advertise in the paper to hold an auction for the surplus items and then sell to one person. Ms. Lowe will follow up with the City Treasurer. If the items do not belong to the Board and they belong to the City, then the City should have to come get the items and dispose of them.

ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING: November 12, 2019, 6 pm – Room 104

Next Work Session: November 26, 2019, 5:30 pm – Room 104

Minutes Respectfully Submitted:

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