

Dayton Historic Preservation Committee
Minutes of meeting of January 7, 2015

Present: Kelly Haverkate, Judy Gerrard, Dave Hargett, Wayne Herring, Martha Goodrich (arrived 6:37 pm)

Staff: Debra Lien

Chair Judy opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Approval of minutes of December 3, 2014

Kelly made the motion to approve; seconded by Dave. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Discussion of possible CLG grant projects

Alternate projects discussed in light of signs not being eligible for a grant. Plaques as part of a program were suggested. Grant funds can't be used for the spring conference for this year because it was not put into the city budget. It could be used for the Main St. conference in the fall and spring 2016 conference. It could be used for façade improvement for the Stuckey Building.

Funds could be used for design guidelines. Judy pointed out that the 2009 documents (Incentives for historic preservation) say you can use the funds for various kinds of signage. We should contact Kuri Gill to discuss.

Dave reported that Oregon City never responded back to him regarding how to do a historic homes survey, so there is nothing to report.

Kelly said the Monmouth guidelines were specific to them and contained examples from their town.

The City will pay for printing and/or updating of walking tour brochure.

Judy will ask Kuri what we can and can't do regarding the following suggestions:

- Recognition of the Oregon provisional government (signers buried at Brookside Cemetery).
- Façade improvement for a National Register house.
- Making \$\$ available for historic home restoration.

- Doing a survey for façade improvements for historic homes. How they could be improved.
- Providing educational information in a letter to owners of historic properties.
- What kind of program could be done that awards plaques.

Kelly researched on her phone at the meeting ideas for local preservation incentives.

After discussion, Judy wants to talk to Kuri, she thinks Kuri misunderstood what we were asking and that the educational sign may be allowed. Could we do a headstone renewal program? Deb said Kuri said there are other grants for that kind of program. Kelly said we should ask her about “interpretive panels” they created in Enterprise.

Kelly said maybe we could do a historical properties educational campaign.

If we promote information that is educational, we need to be able to tie this to the cemetery.

Interpretive panels and media education were discussed.

An audio tour based on items seen from the park was brought up; this idea to keep the focus based in the downtown area. This would require research and time on our part. The point is there are ways to do educational things with the grant.

Cemetery grant handouts were discussed. Dave wants to apply for a separate cemetery grant. Could a cemetery grant be used as matching funds for the CLG grant? We need to ask Kuri.

Other Business

The Miller Fountain was discussed. Demolition is complete. No evidence has been found to understand how the fountain originally worked. So far as the evidence shows, the only part that worked was the drinking fountains on the sconces on the outside of the fountain. To make the sconces work fountains they have to be stainless steel.

Kelly said John Collins and Ann-Marie Anderson did some research and at the CC meeting on Monday, suggested maybe it was a “temperance fountain” to promote drinking water instead of beer.

It was suggested that water circulate by shooting in from the inside of the sconces, into the fountain proper. Judy says there is no evidence that water ever came out the top of the column, or from the base of the column.

The fountain will be plumbed for electrical and water; a decision can be made later on the water feature.

After discussion the HPC decided they would officially say they want to see the sconces on the fountain, even if they aren't used as drinking fountains, and circulation of water in the fountain proper in some fashion. No water should come out of the column.

Adjournment

Kelly made a motion, seconded by Martha to adjourn at 7:35 pm. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Lien
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