

Dayton Historic Preservation Committee
Minutes of meeting of February 4, 2015

Present: Dave Hargett, Martha Goodrich, Judy Gerrard, Wayne Herring & Kelly Haverkate (Kelly arrived at 6:35 PM)

Staff: Debra Lien

The meeting was opened at 6:34 by Chair Judy Gerrard. There were no changes to the agenda, except for a brief fountain update and no public comments.

Approval of minutes of meeting of January 7, 2015

Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, it was seconded by Dave, and approved unanimously, 4-0 (Kelly arrived after approval).

The committee read Judy's email regarding her conversation with Kuri Gill about projects for the upcoming CLG grant.

Debra gave an update from the City Manager Scott Pingel. He requested more money be set aside in the grant for education and training, and to keep as much of the money in the downtown area as possible. Information put into letters to owners of historic properties is something that SHPO encourages.

Martha asked for a review of the Design Guidelines. Judy gave an overview. They were done in 1993. Now they are in print format. Could we pay to have someone to retype it. A discussion of whether they could be put into a digital format was discussed by Judy and Kuri Gill during their telephone conference. Kuri said this could be done for about \$3,000.00 and could be put into the letter we plan to send to owners of historic properties. We could also put a copy in the library.

After discussion it was decided to allocate the money as follows:

2,000.00-Conference attendance 2015 Main Street Conference and 2016 Spring Heritage Conference

3,000.00-Design Guideline Digitization

500.00-Training workshop with either SHPO personnel or City Planner for HPC, PC and possibly the City Council, to discuss roles of each group regarding historic properties and or review of our ordinance. Other training opportunities could be included.

7,000.00-Continue façade restoration of downtown businesses that qualify. Two that were brought up for discussion were the windows at the Stuckey building located at 304 Ferry St and the Coffee Shop/old gas station at 216 Ferry St. Their aluminum windows could be replaced.

Judy also noted that in her conversation with Kuri she confirmed that if a local program is in place, for example, to award a home owner for historical maintenance and restoration, if it is permissible to use grant money to give plaques as recognition of meeting the goals of an existing program. We would need to develop criteria for such a program and implement it to be able to use grant money to award plaques.

An electronic tour, if it ties back to National Register buildings could be included.

For this grant cycle we want to concentrate on buildings in the downtown area.

Grant dollars must be matched and the grant money is taxable income.

The park documentation for the fountain- the interpretive panel at the blockhouse in the park could count as mitigation instead of a panel about the fountain. We have done a lot in other areas of the park. Right now we have met or exceeded what SHPO will require for the fountain. The 1917 plaque will go back on the fountain.

For the next (2017) grant cycle, possible projects could include:

1. Gather information about updating the historic homes survey and could we do it in phases.

2. Plaque program-Honor one or two properties a year. Bronze plaques would last forever.

3. Use the grant for nominations to the National Register. How do we decide what properties to help.

Purchase of a rain-free brochure holder that could be attached to the back of the Blockhouse interpretive panel was discussed as possible match with city funds for the upcoming grant.

A question we want answered by Kuri Gill - Can part of our program not part of the current grant count as a match, for example other educational programs such as a historic homes tour on its own or if only as it supports the grant will qualify, then we need to determine about a match for that or the brochure holder. Researching the brochure holder would be a match.

The money for the façade restoration must be within the criteria of the land use code. There was discussion of the application fees for approval of restoration and if the City would waive them as part of the match. Historically the City has not been willing to give up the income from the land use fees. Judy said her preference is for the City to waive the fees as an incentive for the owner.

Motion

Dave made a motion, seconded by Martha to allocate the money as described above. Kelly abstained from voting. The motion was passed 4-0 with Kelly abstaining.

Other Business

Dave asked about whether talks about historic homes or people would count as a match. Kelly suggested this may count as an educational program or a Chautauqua.

Cemetery grants were discussed, the one we talked about last time does not need matching funds. If an entity that is asking for a grant has matching funds, that makes it more competitive. Dave wants to apply for a cemetery grant. Does the Dayton Historic Society qualify as a 501(C)3? Maybe they could administer a grant. The School Board will have to approve any grant application. Dave will contact the Dayton School Board, and talk to Scott Pingel to see if the City would agree to administer this grant. Maybe the School District would agree to be responsible.

Miller Fountain- The demolition is progressing. Judy reported on the report from the January City Council meeting. Historically, the pole was lighted. By popular demand water will come out of the pole for special occasions only, in an umbrella fashion; nonfunctioning sconces will be rebuilt into the façade of the fountain and there will be a water function also in the bowl of the fountain for special occasions only.

Adjournment

Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Martha, and was passed unanimously, 5-0 at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Lien
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