

VILLAGE OF ROCKTON
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 12, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

I. Roll Call

Present: Christopher Anderson, Mark Meichtry, Rory Mulligan, Susan Sherwood and Leanne Wright

Absent: Mary Anne Mathwich

Staff Absent: Planning & Development Administrator Patricia Diduch.

II. Approval of July 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sherwood made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Ms. Wright. Minutes approved unanimously, 5-0.

III. Summer 2018 Walking Tours – Wrap Up Discussion

Mr. Anderson started the discussion stating he thought they went great with a great cross section of ages and high attendance. Ms. Wright asked if any issues popped up from the tour when viewing the Victorian house. Mr. Meichtry responded that people made general comments lamenting its appearance. Ms. Wright added that she was interested as it had been raised as a serious potential concern by Ms. Mathwich.

Mr. Anderson asked the Commissioners if they should continue these walking tours next year. A possible bike tour was discussed. Mr. Mulligan discussed several different meeting points for future tours. Mr. Meichtry and Mr. Anderson stated they thought the commercial areas were completed, and Mr. Mulligan thought it would be a good time to transition to the residential areas. Mr. Anderson added he thought the importance should be setting on the tradition of holding summer tours, and that the tour starting points could transition. Ms. Wright added her thoughts that a series of tours could be created, then a different three are rotated each year. Mr. Anderson facetiously offered for Ms. Mathwich to head up the walking tour committee.

IV. Old Business

Mr. Anderson discussed the outreach subcommittee headed up by Mr. Mulligan. Mr. Mulligan stated they met once. Ms. Wright added she is compiling a list of property owners in the downtown area so a letter can be sent to them inviting them to a workshop. She said she would have it completed by the next meeting. Mr. Mulligan added he thought the topic of the workshop should be economic benefits.

Mr. Anderson then asked if there was any progress in the search for additional historic preservation Commissioners, particularly those who are realtors. Some Commissioners said they would reach out to their contacts. They also discussed compiling info for the realtors. Mr. Anderson thought much of this information was probably already assembled and made a note for Ms. Diduch to update the Commission regarding this project.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Mulligan questions about the River Edge tax credits. A brief conversation ensued.

Mr. Anderson then asked the Commission about potential activities at the Rockton Christmas Walk. Ms. Wright stated she thought it would be great to participate in the lighted parade. She added making a presence at the Christmas Walk would be huge, suggesting even a table somewhere during the weekend. She also mentioned the Yeti Fest. She suggested volunteering during Christmas Walk to help spread the Commission's presence. Mr. Anderson thought the Commissioners should do a booth somewhere. Ms. Wright then stated she thought the downtown property owners would not participate in a workshop until approximately February. Mr. Mulligan stated he leaves in February for several months.

V. New Business

Ms. Wright stated the Commission should figure out the hours of the info booth at Christmas Walk and volunteer schedule at the October meeting. Mr. Anderson made a note for Ms. Diduch to assist with this item.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Sherwood. Second by Mr. Mulligan. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.