

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2014

The Historic Preservation Commission meeting was called to order by Chair David Liss at 5:01 p.m.

Commission Members present: Trustee David Liss, Trustee David Antoine, Ted Warwick, Sue Hass, Sheldon Sepstead, Thomas Krueger, and Matt Zipter

Staff/Officials present: Planning and Development Administrative Secretary Deborah Brown

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Trustee Antoine to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 Historic Preservation Commission as present. Motion carried.

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON PAST CRITERIA ON SELECTION OF WALK OF FAME INDUCTEES

Administrative Secretary Brown gave a brief background on the original inductee selection criteria which was outlined by Angela Mack Reilly back in 2006. It was the committee members' research, efforts and expertise of finding a list of musicians that met the five attributes.

- 1) The artist's degree of recognition and acclaim by "aficionados"
- 2) The artist's degree of importance to music history and development
- 3) The artist's musical and genre virtuosity
- 4) Approximate number of recordings for the NYRL label
- 5) Did the recording(s) have a positive effect on the artist's career?

She further stated that the initial list consisted of 27 musicians. The number of inductees to the Walk of Fame already has been 12. Approximately 15 remain on the list.

After a brief discussion, the Commission members came to a consensus to have only one inductee selected a year from 2015 and future years.

UPDATE ON LONG-TERM CURRENT AND FORMER GRAFTON RESIDENTS INTERVIEWING PROCESS BY COMMISSIONER TED WARWICK

A. Review script for interviewer "Grafton's Bygone Days"

Commissioner Warwick then updated the Commission on interviewing project for Grafton long time residents. He stated that he and the Grafton High School have lined up high school students as interviewers for this project. Because of the school year ending shortly, the students would not be interviewing until this next fall. He further noted that the Senior Center was lined up as the setting. There would be hosts that would greet and seat the guests.

The Commission then reviewed the scripted questions that would be asked by the students. It was the consensus that the questions would be used as a guideline and that each student could ask other questions not on the interview list.

Commissioner Hass suggested another question that could be used was “What would you tell your grandchildren or your great grandchild about Grafton?”

Other suggested topics were the Ghost of the Grafton Hotel, and the history behind the Grafton Dells. Some of the suggested guests were George and Ann Hollrith, Gene Schmit, Dick McCormick, and Jim Hilgart.

Commissioner Krueger stated that Commissioner Warwick had made good starting point in this project.

The Commission thanked Ted Warwick for his coordinated efforts.

Commissioner Warwick ended comments by stating that he would keep in contact with the Village office on any new progress made.

UPDATE ON HPC BROCHURES BY TRUSTEE DAVID ANTOINE AND COMMISSIONER THOMAS KRUEGER

Trustee Antoine indicated that he would be done with his other commitment this next week so Commissioner Krueger and he would then have time to put together an new updated Highlights of Grafton brochure.

Commissioner Krueger indicated also that he had copies of some the past brochures from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).

Administrative Secretary Brown also indicated that Trustee Antoine can schedule anytime to review some of the old information and brochures that the Village has stored.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commissioner Hass questioned if the Kaysen’s building would be moved with the upcoming plans for the Lumberyard site development. She also questioned if the HPC could in future developments write correspondence to the Village Board in favor of restoring the older buildings and not have them torn down or destroyed.

Administrative Secretary Brown responded by stating that all the development plans have the Kaysen building remain. She also stated that she would check with the Director of Planning into sending correspondence in the future to Village Board regarding historical buildings to be restored.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resignation of Norbert C. Studelska, Sr.

Trustee Liss updated the Commission with the resignation of Norbert Studelska, Sr. this last May. He noted that this puts the Commission short two empty seats.

B. Next HPC meeting-October 16, 2014

Trustee Liss also made correction on the next HPC meeting date which will be August 14, 2014. He also asked the Commission if they would have any objections on holding the meetings at 5:15 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Commission to change the meeting time to 5:15 p.m.

Also noted was, Commissioner Hass has accepted to volunteer to perform the introduction at the Paramount Blues Festival this fall, the Inductees to the Paramount Plaza Walk of Fame.

ADJOURN

Motion by Commissioner Sepstead, seconded by Trustee Antoine to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.