

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## Official Minutes

Wednesday March 28, 2018

5:00 pm

City Hall, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia New York

**Members Present:** Sharon Burkel, Henry Emmans, Paul Schulte, and Ellen Schulte

**Others Present:** Janice Smith – Recording Secretary, Ron Panek—Code Enforcement Officer

### I. Call to order:

The meeting was opened at 5:05 pm by Paul Schulte.

### II. Approval of minutes

**Motion by: Ellen Schulte**

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for January 24, 2018 as written.

Seconded by: Henry Emmans

Vote for: 4

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

### III. Public Hearings:

**The Chair opened the public Hearing at 5:07 pm.**

**Redfield Parkway Pillars – Historical Designation.** Kathy Owen, 2 Redfield Parkway, was the first to speak. She explained how the pillars are a heritage to the City. She said that a lot of our heritage has already been lost due to decay and demolition. In 2011 the Genesee Finger Lakes Planning Council stated that the Redfield Parkway district is a cultural significant site. The pillars were originally called or classified as the gateway to the City of Batavia. Ms. Owen also stated that the new Dunkin Donuts that was built across the street from the Redfield Pillars chose to do stone façade on the bottom portion of the building to match the Redfield pillars.

Ms. Owen also received two emails (see attached) from residents in favor of the pillars being designated. Ms. Owen read them into the minutes. One of the emails was from Pam Russell, 29 Redfield Parkway. She stated that she remembers the Redfield pillars from when she was a child. She thinks that they are beautiful and would love to see them last another 100 years.

The second email was from Jim and Brenda Pierce, 15 Redfield Parkway. They stated in their email that they felt it was appropriate that the pillars be designated as a local historical landmark. They gave some history of when the pillars were constructed. They also referenced how the City has lost some of the historical character to fires, urban renewal, and neglect.

Jim Owen, 2 Redfield Parkway, also spoke. He stated the pillars were built in 1912 and the City of Batavia took over the street in 1928. He is in favor of the pillars being designated.

Don Fryling, 6 Redfield Parkway, was the final one to speak regarding the pillars. Mr. Fryling stated that many people have seen the pillars over the years and are in favor of having them designated.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 5:23 pm.**

**IV. Communications Sent and Received: First Baptist Church.** The First Baptist Church members asked the commission if there were any grants to help fund the repairs to the church bells. They also discussed items that need to be fixed such as the masonry, the stained glass windows and the bells. The commission was able to give them names of people that may be able to help them.

**V. Old Business: none**

**VI. New Business:**

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion by: Ellen Schulte**

Motion was made to close the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Seconded by: Henry Emmans

Vote for: 4

Vote against: 0

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Administrative Assistant of Public Works

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Kathy Owen

I apologize for the short notice but I received this information only this aft Mar 28 at 1:41 PM



pam russell &lt;prussell@wrightbev.com&gt;

To: Kathy Owen



Mar 28 at 2:15 PM

When I first moved to Batavia, I remember going past Redfield Pkwy and seeing those pillars and saying "someday I want to live on that street" couldn't imagine those beautiful stone pillars, a piece of history, not being there. I am very fortunate to live on Redfield Pkwy. And still every time I come in or out of the street, I think "how could anyone not love those stone pillars" Hopefully I pray they will support the designation of those pillars as a historical landmark, get them fixed, the pillars will stand for more than 100 more years. I love living in Batavia and I'm sure The Historic Preservation Commission will get it done.

Thank You Kathy for all your hard work in everything concerning Redfield Pkwy. There should be more people like you

Pam Russell

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Don Fryling &lt;don\_fry@yahoo.com&gt;

To: Kathy Owen



Mar 28 at 2:44 PM

To: The Historic Preservation Commission  
I feel that these street pillars are an iconic piece of Batavia's history. Too many pieces of Old Batavia have been torn down over the years, most recently the old park shelters. And we all know the huge mistake that was made when main street was destroyed to build our Mall. These pillars are seen by thousands of motorists every day that are either passing thru or stopping in our city. This is the first street entering Batavia from the west and have stood as welcoming pillars to the Veterans Hospital as well as our entire city. Don't let us lose another part of our history.

Thank you  
Don Fryling  
6 Redfield Parkway

On Wed, 3/28/18, Kathy Owen <kateo45@yahoo.com> wrote:

Subject: Public Hearing Redfield Pkwy Pillars

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## Red field Pillars

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**Jim Pierce** <jpierce19@rochester.rr.com>  
To: 'Kathy Owen'

Mar 18 at 9:21 PM

Kathy,

I have attached a picture of the Redfield Parkway pillars as they stood in 1912 near the time they were constructed. The subdivision became a part of what was then the Village of Batavia. I believe the fact that the subdivision became a part of the city, with the Pillars already in existence speaks to the fact that the city should, and would want, to take responsibility for the upkeep of this important part of our history. Over the years the city has lost more and more items of historical significance. Some were lost to fire, some to Urban Renewal, and some to neglect. We would hate to see the Redfield Parkway Pillars, an important part of Batavia's history, also lost to neglect. We think it is appropriate that the Pillars be designated as a local historic landmark, and that the city takes the proper pride in maintaining such a landmark.

Please relate our feelings, or read this statement, to the appropriate parties should we not be available to attend a meeting regarding the Pillars ourselves. We will be out of town for the next few weeks.

Thank you,

**Jim & Brenda Pierce**  
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