

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Approved Minutes

Wednesday May 27, 2015

6:00 pm

City Hall, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia New York

Members Present: *Ashley Bateman, Larry Barnes, Paul Schulte, Joan Barton, Henry Emmans*

Others Present: Heather Grant, Ron Panek – Code Enforcement Officer, Janice Smith – Recording Secretary

I. Call to order:

The meeting was opened at 6:01 pm by Chairperson, Ashley Bateman.

II. Approval of minutes

Motion by: Joan Barton

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for April 22, 2015.

Seconded by: Larry Barnes

Vote for: 5

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

III. Public Hearing: none

IV. Communications sent and received: none

V. Old Business

A. Photographs of designated properties. Ms. Bateman said she would do the first 15 on the list. Ms. Barton stated that some of the properties are on the website. Ms. Bateman assigned some of the properties to other members.

B. Letters of interest sent. Ms. Bateman sent out letters to Falcone Electric, 381-385 West Main Street and City Church, 210-212 East Main Street last month to see if either property would be interested in becoming designated.

VI. New Business

A. New sign for Go Art at 201 East Main Street. Heather Grant, the Director of Go Art, would like to put a new sign up. She was told from the City of Batavia Code Enforcement that she would need to come in front of the HPC. She would like to put a free standing sign either in front of the building or on the building and wanted to see what the HPC would be in favor of. Ms. Bateman explained that they wouldn't be able to approve anything today but that Ms. Grant should come back with a sketch. Ms. Grant was concerned with the visibility if she had a free standing sign. Ms. Barton explained since there is a fence, it would be difficult to see a free standing sign. Ms. Grant stated that she spoke with the zoning officer who said that the free standing is not allowed. Mr. Panek explained that Ms. Grant may have to apply for a variance to have a free standing sign.

The building in the past has had signs on the side facing Bank Street. Ms. Grant asked what size it should be. Mr. Barnes stated he would email Ms. Grant a picture of the Go Art building from years ago with a sign on the side of it and she would be able to figure out the size of the

sign. Ms. Grant also will have to go in front of the state historic preservation. Ms. Bateman stated that HPC is open to either a free standing sign or a sign on the building.

- B. Letters of Interest.** Ms. Bateman will send out letters to 3 Lincoln and Mr. Grey's property at 41 Clinton Street.
- C. List of potential properties for designation.** Ms. Bateman stated when coming up with a list of properties to designate, also consider mid-century houses because they are now old enough to be designated. Ms. Barton said there are a lot of ranch style houses that are over 50 years old now. Grandview Terrace has a whole community of 10/5 houses. Ms. Barton explained that 10/5 described a house that was built right after WWII. These were typically a ranch style house that was sold for \$10,500; that's where the 10/5 term came from.
- D. Update on Proposed Police Station.** Ms. Bateman updated the group on the Police Task Force. The group has decided not to recommend the current police station at 10 West Main Street. It is down to three choices: Swan Street, Alva Place and Jackson Street. She stated that the group will have a recommendation to Council by July 2015.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion by: Paul Schulte

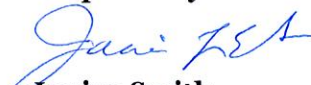
Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Seconded by: Joan Barton

Vote for: 5

Vote against: 0

Respectfully Submitted,



Janice Smith