

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Official Minutes

Wednesday May 23, 2018

5:00 pm

City Hall, One Batavia City Centre, Batavia New York

Members Present: *Sharon Burkel, Caroline Hosek, Connie Boyd, 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 5:04 pm by Chairman Paul Schulte.

II. Approval of minutes

Motion by: Sharon Burkel

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes for April 25, 2018 as written.

Seconded by: Henry Emmans

Vote for: 6

Abstained: 0

Vote against: 0

III. Public Hearings: none

IV. Communications Sent and Received:

A. Letter from NYS Historic Preservation regarding Historical Designation Redfield Parkway Pillars. The HPC received a package from NYS Historic Preservation explaining how to designate with the New York State Historic Preservation. Ms. Burkel stated that she is more interested in designating locally instead of designating with the state.

B. Memo from Matt Worth. Per the request of HPC from the last meeting, Mr. Worth sent a memo addressing their request to have the City Attorney come to the meeting. The memo stated that having the City Attorney come address the HPC's concerns would be not productive at this time. The City Attorney's decision stands stating that the portion of the Redfield Pillars that is in the City's Right of Way cannot be designated. Ms. Burkel would like to have the City Attorney come and explain his ruling. She does not understand where he got the basis for his ruling. Ms. Burkel stated that she spoke with different members with the State Historic Preservation as well as individuals from Buffalo and Syracuse and they did not seem to think that there was a problem with designating in the Right of Way.

Ms. Smith also gave the group a letter from Matt Worth with regards to the pillars estimate of repairs. The City Council hired a consulting group to give their expertise of what would need fixing and a cost estimate regarding the repairs of the Redfield Pillars. Ms. Burkel said that the estimate from a few years ago was much cheaper but that it did not reflect prevailing wages.

C. Historical District Signs. Ms. Smith handed out the proposals from the sign companies for what the Commission is requesting. The City is waiting for one more proposal to be able to order the signs which have already been budgeted for this year.

V. Old Business: none

VI. New Business:

A. Voting of Chair and Vice Chair. Since Ms. Burkel is Vice Chair, she stepped into the Chair position for the rest of the year. Ms. Hosek stated she would be willing to be the Vice Chair.

Motion by: Sharon Burkel

Motion was made to accept Caroline Hosek as Vice Chair.

Seconded by: Ellen Schulte

Vote for: 6

Vote against: 0

B. Say goodbye to Paul & Ellen Schulte. Ms. Burkel presented Mr. and Ms. Schulte with a certificate of appreciation for all their years of service.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by: Ellen Schulte

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Seconded by: Connie Boyd

Vote for: 6

Vote against: 0

Janice Smith
Recording Secretary