Malvern Historical Commission Minutes April 9, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Lynne Frederick, chair
Barbara Rutz, vice chair
Catherine Raymond, treasurer
Kelly Schmitt, secretary
Barbara Stergiades, member ABSENT
Zeyn Uzman, member
Vacant, member

Lynne called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

I. Opening Remarks

Welcome to our visitors, Ian Duncan and Megan Shipley. Zeyn has procured two items: a Malvern Police patch and a Hires flyer.

II. Public Comment None

III. Approve Minutes from previous meeting Zeyn motions and Cathy seconds; motion passes.

IV. Reports

- A. Financial report
 - 1. See attached
- B. History Center Committee (Kelly, Lynne, Zeyn)
 - The Borough asked us to tidy the HC, which was taken care of by Barb and Lynne this past Sunday. Going forward, we'll need to home items in the History Center and to cull through items that probably could find new homes or are thrown out. Cathy suggests we remove paper items that are more than triplicated in our files. Lynne offers to keep tidying on the weekends.
 - 2. Lynne to speak to the Borough Office regarding
 - a. We'll need accession forms printed, and we'll need to speak with the borough office to ensure that accessions that are being donated during the day are given to us properly.
 - b. There's a ceiling tile to be fixed since the HVAC improvements
 - c. The box of items to be hung in the building
 - d. The things that remain out/visible are works in progress
- C. Ordinance Properties Committee (Barb, Lynne, Cathy)
 - A. No report to give. See Old Business below regarding the Ordinance.

D. Electronic Communications report

- A. Facebook
 - 1. We have 1048 likes
 - 2. Great comments on Facebook from the public!
- B. Instagram
 - 1. We have 60 followers
 - 2. Kel has been posting photos to inspire people for the Town Tour
- C. Nothing on either email, other than junk on the Yahoo.com email
- D. Borough Broadcaster
 - 1. Cathy passes out a draft for the next edition, but has a question about the Memorial Parade
 - 2. Lynne will check with the Borough Manager on one of the clauses, regarding the Memorial Parade

V. New Business

- A. Then and Now for CCHPN; restoration projects that worked (or didn't)
 - 1. Photos requested for a fall 2019 publication
 - a. Church Street Firehouse
 - b. 203 Green
 - c. The former Methodist Church that's now a house on Monument

B. Preservation Awards

- 1. Lynne suggests we poll Facebook for suggestions
- 2. The public suggests Restaurant Alba, which Kel adds to the matrix
- 3. Schedule of meetings to decide winners Kel suggests May/June to determine who they are. Lynne questions if our deliberations should be public, but notes all of our meetings are technically public. Zeyn suggests we have a executive sessions after our regular meetings if we'd like to keep the awards a surprise as long as possible.
- 4. Action item: All members should look at buildings in the next two weeks and bring nominations to the next meeting.

VI. Old Business

A. Update ordinance

- 1. Ad-hoc met last week, on Thursday. One member wants Malvern Borough to have a HARB, which is very different than what was last wanted and was accepted by Borough Council.
- 2. What is the commission's vision?
 - a. Options: HARB vs. Historic District (which would be a zoning issue) vs. the current ordinance
 - b. The original intent was to document the historic buildings in Malvern. Do we want just that, or something that would keep the 100+ year-old look the same if buildings are replaced?

c. Action item: Think on this and bring your thoughts to the next meeting.

B. Town Tour on 8/8/19

1. Route

- a. Kel walked the route twice. Route one began at Burke Park, crossed Warren to the National Bank, crossed Warren, crossed to the north side of King, walked down to Bridge (tour stop next to Malvern Pizza), crossed Bridge, walked down to East Side Flats, crossed King at Church, walked the south side of King to Gallery 222, walked to Woodland, crossed Woodland at Roberts, walked to Channing, took Channing to St. Pats and crossed Channing, walked to the Baptist Church, walked back to Roberts, crossed Roberts, walked Roberts to Warren. This took just under 29 minutes. If we have 6 stops and we expect to have 2 to 5 minutes at 4 stops and 10 minutes each at the other 2, this makes almost 70 minutes along. Email discussion agreed this was untenable, and with the tentative confirmation of First Baptist and the Kel's questioning of the walkability of the sidewalk near their building, it was decided to alter the walking tour.
- b. The second route below is re-written per Lynne's request to have Burke Park be the first stop. From Burke Park, we cross Warren to the Bank. Then we cross Warren to the south side of King. Staying on the south side of King, we can see the parking lot next to Malvern Pizza. We then cross Channing and walk down to Gallery 222. From there we stop at Church and King (East Side Flats) and then south on Church to Roberts. We'll walk down Roberts and cross Woodland to the Malvern Bible Chapel (which is now a stop). We'll continue and then cross Channing and then back to the Park. That route is just under 18 minutes. Plus talking, the tour is around 60 minutes.

2. Write ups

- a. Now that we know the tour route, Kel will write the 2-5 minute notes for each of the stops, excluding the National Bank, who will (as of last known) write theirs.
- b. The tour nomads will have notes about buildings along the walks for those that ask.

3. Pictures

- a. Kel said he would email the commission a link to potential photos to be used for the tour easels.
- b. Lynne said she counted 8 easels in the History Center. She suggests that the tour stops not use the easels, but that the easels would be used for the scenery along the tour where we are not

- stopping but that would still fit the tour theme. Examples: the Church Street Firehouse, 304 E King (InternU, which burned to the ground and was rebuilt), Pete's Auto (also burned), Hunt Engineering, etc.
- c. Kel suggests we ask the buildings along the tour route (especially those on King with big windows) to put their photos in their windows or hung on the outside of their windows, thus eliminating the need for easels as much as possible.

VII. Adjournment Kel motions to adjourn at 9:26, Zeyn seconds. Motion passes,

Next meeting: April 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted, Kel Schmitt MHC Secretary

MALVERN HISTORICAL COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2019

BANK ACCOUNT--National Bank of Malvern:

Balance as of February 21, 2019: \$ 4,649.45

Interest (paid March 21, 2019): + \$<u>1.78</u>

TOTAL as of April 9, 2019: \$ 4,651.23

BOROUGH BUDGET CONTRIBUTION

--(value as of last report): \$2,980.26

DEBITS since last Financial Report:

Check for CCHPN Spring Workshop - <u>\$ 50.00</u>

Unused portion of Borough Budget Contribution as of April 9, 2019 (97.7% of \$3,000.00 unused).

\$ 2,930.26

TOTAL PURCHASING POWER as of April 9, 2019:

\$7,579.71

(both accounts total).