

EAST AURORA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Village Hall, 571 Main St., East Aurora, NY, Basement Conference Room

Present: Mary Ann Colopy, Saxon Deck, Michael Lennon, Michael Ried, Linda Ulrich-Hagner, Daniel Sheff

Absent: Mark Warren, Patrick Mahoney, Steve Lazickas (Village Board liaison)

Ms. Colopy called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and noted that there was a quorum present.

MOTION to approve the Minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2018 by Ms. Deck, seconded by Mr. Lennon. Motion unanimously approved.

MOTION to approve the Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2018 by Mrs. Ulrich-Hagner, seconded by Ms. Deck. Motion unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Village Board presentation on June 18th went well. More public outreach was suggested to the Board. Discussions covered state tax credit opportunities for historical property owners. Hope to see future meetings could be attended by Village, Planning and Zoning Boards.
- Ms. Colopy reported Mr. Warren emailed Ms. Colopy that he has been in contact with the Margaret Wendt Foundation regarding the use of the Roycroft emblem.
- Mrs. Ulrich-Hagner spoke with Boice Lydell, it was a very interesting conversation. Mr. Lydell is willing to meet with the HPC, it should be a structured meeting with specific questions and limited response time to stay on topic. Mr. Lydell stated he is putting windows in and the safety matter will be addressed. It was agreed to have three questions to focus on at first meeting and request a time-table for completion of work. Also a listing of the work he plans to do or have done. Items on the COA need to be reviewed specifically and request a 6 month, 9 month and 12 month completion schedule. The Stock House items included windows, lintels and sills, custom mold blocks and re-sizing sliding door.
- Ms. Saxon spoke with Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Kramer regarding the status of Mr. Lydell's property. Mr. Kramer has visited and reviewed all areas of the property with Mr. Lydell and advised he meets with the HPC. The windows are in, as stated. The trees that are in need of trimming are on the property of surrounding neighbors. Mr. Lydell is in communication with these neighbors and also is trimming the trees on his own property. Mr. Lydell also mentioned looking into setting up a non-profit.
- Discussion ensued regarding overall safety issues of the property and the Foundry Building, as well as security of property and items in Kitty's house. Engineers report on Foundry Building stated it was stable; however it was a report from several years ago. Mr. Kramer did not feel there were safety issues on the property at this time. No block year is taking place this year. The Dulusky Garage will be discussed in a future conversation. Other COA to be reviewed includes the landscaping behind Pasquales.
- Mr. Lennon stated the Roycroft Campus cannot afford to purchase Mr. Lydell's property. The RCC is in discussion with the Wendt Foundation about the Inn and the Chapel, the Foundation wants out. The cost is high to take over and restore these buildings, perhaps as high as five million dollars. RCC would like to repair the east wing door on the Print Shop Building, using white oak stained to resemble red oak. The new door will be made to resemble the door on the west side. The glass block will remain in place. Another project is to gut the Copper Shop building and replace the concrete floor. It is not required by Code, but the area near cash register will need to be replaced due to sloping, using maple. Mr. Lennon will file a COA. The sculpture offered by the artist to the Roycroft Campus is off the table, it is just too large for the campus.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Sheff attended the Legacy Cities Preservation Conference in Buffalo for the CLG training and also sat in on a discussion with Dr. Henry Taylor regarding the people centric vs market centric approaches. The HPC Facebook page has been created. An Instagram account has also been created for the HPC. As the administrator of the page, information and photographs submitted by the public will be reviewed by Mr. Sheff before posting on either site. Other uses for the sites were discussed.
- Community outreach, Ms. Colopy spoke regarding Landmarking 101 from a representative from Preservation Buffalo Niagara is available to speak to the HPC with regards to difference between state and national landmarks, perhaps in place of the regular November meeting.
- Ms. Colopy has requested The Walk be tabled, agreed.
- Ms. Colopy welcomed Mr. David Tworek to the meeting. Mr. Tworek lives in East Aurora and is a free lance photographer-preservationist, currently contracted with PBN. Mr. Tworek's work includes photographing buildings to aid the landmarking of buildings and is available to the HPC for these type of photographs.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Deck, seconded by Mrs. Ulrich-Hagner. Unanimously approved.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Arnold