

Meeting minutes for June 3, 2010

Attendees:

Linda Gilbert, Eleanor Saliamonas, Jim Page, Cam Page, Chris Wilson, Mike Wilson, Katie Adams, Liz Dawson, Marilyn Wiedemann

Treasurer Report:

Eleanor Saliamonas reported memberships and donations totaling \$222.75 in May and an expenditure for web site to Erin Neises for \$295.90. The resulting balance as of June 3, 2010, is \$4467.18.

Membership Report:

Chris Wilson reported on the continuing effort to enter membership information into a program that would help identify status of members in a more timely and efficient way. It is a very slow going process and Linda Gilbert discussed the possibility of getting with Chris to send out letters to members before the data is finished being scrubbed.

Chris also discussed the preservation month signs and how many were still out and not picked up from homeowners from the May Preservation month display. Getting more signs made was discussed to replace and increase the number put out for the future and possibly selling them for \$25 instead of the current \$35. Mike Wilson agreed to contact Sign Identity for a better price on a quantity and Katie Adams suggested selling them at the upcoming House Tour.

G.E. Historic Commission Update:

In the absence of Tim Loftus the group discussed the need to educate more people on the A house list and what it means. Linda Gilbert and others had suggestions on how to raise awareness.

Village Board Update:

Jim and Cam Page reported that the village board is discussing not filming workshop meetings because of costs and because some people are hesitant to speak on camera. Also no more public input at workshops unless the topic is on the agenda. A neighbor of a house on Davis Terrace questioned village about it being rented 3 days at a time for vacation type rental.

No one was present to give a report on the Downtown Commission plan progress but Linda Gilbert talked about the various groups and how they will be incorporated in the plan. Creating an historic district in the downtown is, unfortunately, way down at the bottom of the list.

2010 Historic House Tour Update:

Liz Dawson reported that 5 homes plus the boat house will be on the CGEP tour. Final House visits by the selection committee are being scheduled and a few more homeowners need to be approached. Things are proceeding well and selections should be ready to be announced at the July 8 annual meeting.

Festival of the Arts:

The entry fee is \$200 for the festival which is scheduled for Aug. 28-29 this year. Everyone seemed to agree that we should participate again and Eleanor Saliamonas will forward a check. Linda Gilbert would like someone to chair the event this year to arrange volunteers, the focus of our presentation, and perhaps a children's architecture project or activity. Also, a sign up list to work needs to be implemented.

Tree Preservation Ordinance:

Environmental Commission is still reviewing. It was discussed that the village board has informally stated that it will not vote for the amendments. Linda Gilbert stated that to make this ordinance happen would take a large group of people speaking up to the board. When asked by Linda the group present voiced interest in continuing to support the passage of meaningful amendments to the TPO. Much discussion followed with Linda finally suggesting that the board of CGEP meet to discuss where to go on this issue or how to proceed.

Linda Gilbert and village forester, Peggy Drescher are to meet about collecting post construction data. Volunteers will visit properties to determine the number and condition of remaining trees.

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of CGEP is slated for Thursday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. to take place at the home of Barb Lemme, 688 N. Park Blvd. The board will provide refreshments, coffee and wine as always.

Other:

Chris Wilson mentioned that Landmarks Illinois would like us to join for \$20. All agreed to join.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Eleanor Saliamonas offered a boat that is already assembled to the CGEP group for the Cardboard Boat Regatta on July 3 at Lake Ellyn. Discussion followed as to the theme, with tree preservation the choice. A final choice on the name for the boat is still needed.

DATES TO SAVE:

Environmental Commission meeting: Tues., June 15, 7:30 pm

Next meeting of CGEP: July 8, 2010, 7:30 pm 686 N. Park Blvc

Annual Historic Preservation Commission Seminar: June 18, Lakeside Legacy Art Center, Crystal Lake, IL 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, email terrt.malawy@illinois.gov \$30.