

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 AT VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Roll call.

Members Present: Josephine Bracken-Chairwoman  
Sandra Ward  
Hannelore Renud  
Wayne Leone

Others Present: Warren Berbit-Village Attorney  
Craig Long-Village Historian

Members Absent: Valerie Rainford  
Chantal Schwartz-Ad Hoc

Chairmen Bracken was brought up to date due to her absence at the previous meeting.

Member Leone sent pictures of the new construction at the Mansion Property to our webmaster for posting on the Village website. Member Rainford contacted the builder asking for text for the pictures, but has not heard back as of yet. Members suggest Mayor Oppenheim write something. Chairmen Bracken drove by the Mansion and noticed little red flags posted along the property, she was surprised to see how far down the proposed homes are going to be built and also how much of the rear of the homes will be visible.

Member Ward suggests taking pictures of the homes that the HPC has designated and posting them on the website and taking pictures of homes the HPC may be interested in discussing for designation. She has done research of families that have lived in these historic homes and with the assistance of our Village Historian and would like to present a slideshow on her Laptop to members.

Chairman Bracken would like to focus on various historic homes on Bayard Lane. There are numerous homes that are representative of that area that she would like to have designated. Member Ward feels if research is done on the historical background of these homes, it may be more desirable to the present homeowners to become more involved in participation and ultimately designation. Members discussed taking artistic photos and having them printed and displayed in nice frames, hanging them in the Village Hall office. Therefore, when residents/visitors visit Village Hall they will get a feel of the neighborhood. Member Ward would like to put together a slide show for the Village website of these homes.

Members are concerned with the property maintenance on the Johnson Home. They would like to appoint a member to tour the Village once a year to see what kind of shape homes are in that they have designated. Chairman Bracken mentioned that the Mansion property was not being kept in as good a shape as in the past. Member Leone has pictures of the inside and was very impressed with the cleanliness. There are concerns with the electricity and plumbing inside the walls.

Members discussed placing plaques at historically designated homes to let people know of their history. The Village Clerk is working on this project. Members are interested in internet connection so they can access websites on their laptops when having their meetings. The Village Clerk is looking into this.

Member Ward is interested in clarification on certain laws regarding demolition.

Members are interested in having their meeting minutes posted on the website.

Members were given copies of Local Law 2 of 2008. There was discussion of the Certified Local Government (CLG) proposal and eligibility for grants once CLG status is granted.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26, motion by Member Renud, seconded by Member Ward, all are in favor.