

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:10 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Lisa Levin-Chairperson
Lois Williams
Rosemary Mocio
Dorice Madronero

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney
Craig Long-Village Historian

Shelly Flanagan-Ramos-Deputy Village Clerk -Transcriber of Minutes

Resolution: 12-003

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of March 28, 2012, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Mocio

Second: Member Williams

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Members were informed that the Commission's \$1500 budget allocated for 2011 is unable to be carried over to 2012. Therefore, there is not enough funding in this year's budget to purchase the historical marker for Village Hall.

Discussion ensued on whether the Commission should request that the Village Board authorize approval on utilizing the unused 2011 monies, or to ask for an increase in the HPC operating budget to \$3000.00.

Members asked Attorney Berbit for direction. He recommended Chairman Levin write a letter explaining the situation to the Village Board.

Rosemary Mocio noticed the sign at Berbit "Park"; discussion ensued regarding the Warren E. Berbit Nature Preserve across from Fant Farm Lane.

Discussion on the Open House.

Rosemary Mocio asked how many people RSVP'd. Chairman Levin responded 16 that she knew of.

Member Madronero wondered if the homeowner designated their home, would it be listed on the national registry or local registry? Chairman Levin stated local registry.

Members discussed what documents should be handed out at the Open House and what will be discussed at the meeting.

Ms. Levin suggested several handouts on historic designation, it was recommended to bring the Historic Survey Booklets to the meeting to try and sell to the residents, Mr. Berbit had created a 25 Year Anniversary booklet that was given out at the Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park Ceremony; there are numerous residual booklets that can be given out. The Request for Evaluation form, the HPC Code from the Code Book.

Simple refreshments will be served. Coffee, cookies, fruit and possibly cheese. Members requested the Deputy Clerk arrange for the refreshments.

Mr. Long suggested a projector, as he has a DVD of homes that were featured in the survey, that can be played while people are mingling.

Mr. Berbit asked Mr. Long if it was possible to have a picture of each designated property at the Open House. It was noted that there were a few homes listed on the HPC brochure, they will be available at the meeting.

Members will arrive 6:45-7:00 pm to help set up the room for refreshments.

Member Madronero asked if there was something in writing regarding the requirements on the building materials that can be used when restoring and maintaining the integrity of historic home.

She knows Beckerle Lumber is very involved in historic preservation in different villages. Craig Long mentioned Dykes Lumber as well. Ms. Madronero will reach out to the establishments.

New Business:

Chairman Levin asked members if they would be interested in becoming members of a larger group known as the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. The cost is approximately \$80.00 a year to join, which includes monthly newsletters, invitations to conferences, special event notification, it would be a resource to become linked to other smaller and larger preservation commissions.

She asked Mr. Berbit if that would be something the Commission would be able to become part of?

He responded "yes", and thought it would be a great idea.

The cost would come out of the HPC budget. Ms. Levin will submit the paperwork to join the Alliance.

For the record Member Williams announced that as of June 1st, she will be stepping down as a Commissioner. She will help out at the Open House. She has gotten inundated at the College and will not be able to fulfill her responsibilities.

Everyone wished her well and was sorry to see her leave.

A motion was made by Member Mocio and seconded by Member Williams to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

Meeting ends 8:45 p.m.