

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2012 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00 PM FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll call.

Members Present: Lisa Levin-Chairperson
William Ellsworth
Dorice Madronero

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney

Members Absent: Rosemary Mocio
William Smith
Matthew Moetzinger

Others Absent: Craig Long- Village Historian

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

Resolution: 12-004

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission of May 9, 2012, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Madronero

Second: Member Ellsworth

Upon vote, the resolution carried unanimously.

Chairperson Levin attended the July Board of Trustee meeting to discuss the historical marker that will be placed at Village Hall and to request an increase in the Commissions' yearly budget. The Board deliberated and recommended that the HPC submit a version of the actual verbiage that will be placed on the marker and an actual quote on how much the marker will be. They will then make a decision on the wording and allocate enough money to pay for the cost of the marker. Ms. Levin will return to the Board when she has the requested information.

Attorney Berbit stated that the Board of Trustees also wanted to know how the Commission planned to spend their 2012 budget, and, if they had not designated the entire amount of the budget, to know if any excess could make up part of the price of the marker.

Member Ellsworth was informed of what was transpiring with the marker. He is a new member to the Commission.

Chairperson Levin stated she also had discussion with the Village Board on the rebuilding of the Montebello Road Bridge. The Commission felt that because the bridge had historical significance that they may be able to be included in the discussions of the new design. Mayor Oppenheim responded that unfortunately the Village does not have any say in the matter, but highly recommended that the HPC write a letter to County Legislator Alden Wolfe voicing these concerns.

Member Madronero asked Attorney Berbit if the Village Board would be receptive to contributing to the cost of new bridge design. It was noted that the cost would probably be fairly substantial, and because it is not our jurisdiction, probably not.

Discussion ensued on bridge repairs, underlying structural issues, companies that actually repair old bridges and local area bridges and how they were affected by Hurricane Irene last year.

Member Madronero thought it may be interesting to have the Commission create an event regarding "Getting to Know Montebello" which residents could bring old artifacts they have related to Montebello and discuss history. Everyone like the idea and discussed how to go about setting something like this up. It was suggested to have something at Montebello Day. Local schools may be contacted to get children engaged in this idea.

Attorney Berbit suggested putting an article in the upcoming newsletter related to this topic. Member Madronero will write the article and request any memorabilia. The article is due on September 5th.

Member Madronero asked Mr. Berbit if the Village Board would have to approve an action to set up a dedicated space in the community center to display any artifacts that residents may donate.

Mr. Berbit responded "yes"

Member Ellsworth would like to see if residents are even interested in the idea before approaching the Village Board. He would like to know what Craig Long thinks about the idea.

Members discussed time capsules that have been buried in the area. Member Ellsworth was present at a location in Monsey when a capsule was dug up in 1976, it was buried in 1876.

Members requested that Commission member contact information be sent to them.

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

Meeting ends 8:40 p.m.