

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014 AT THE MONTEBELLO VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

Roll call.

Members Present: Lisa Levin-Chairperson
Dorice Madronero
William Ellsworth
Rosemary Mocio

Members Absent: William Smith
Matt Moetzinger

Others Present: Warren E. Berbit, Village Attorney

Others Absent: Craig Long-Village Historian

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

Resolution: 14-002

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of January 22, 2014 and February 26, 2014, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Member Ellsworth

Second: Member Madronero

Member Mocio was absent from the January meeting, she abstained from voting on the January minutes.

Upon vote, the resolution carried.

Old Business:

Unfortunately an update on the Village Hall Marker was tabled until next month due to the absence of the Village Historian Craig Long. The Chairman and Members of the commission are very eager to get this project finalized, as it has been ongoing for quite some time now.

Chairman Levin hoped to get the Commission moving in the right direction with the various ideas that were learned from the CAMP session held on May 2, 2014. The teachers had a lot of very good ideas, some may not be appropriate give the Commission budget, but some may be feasible by the Fall to execute and investigate.

They are eager to apply for funding through the Certified Local Government Grant in the 2014-2015 fiscal years to get them started as well.

Member Madronero stated Board of Trustee member Melanie Golden wanted to visit the meeting tonight but was unable to due to another commitment. She expressed her appreciativeness' of attending the CAMP training class.

Chairman Levin touched on some of the items that were learned at the CAMP training session. The biggest issue the commission is facing is public outreach, and it was recommended to do a communication piece, like a booklet, whereby residents could meet with the commission, this would encourage public education. Chairman Levin stated that the guidelines are somewhat hard to interpret if you do not have a legal or political background, and, it was suggested to rewrite things to simplify them, to make them a bit easier to understand.

Attorney Berbit arrived at the meeting.

Chairman Levin recommended creating an image for the Commission, and, to connect with not only property owners, but public officials, interested parties, organizations around the County, possibly via the internet and social media.

At the class there was discussion to have Trustee Golden be the liaison between the HPC and the Village Board, to advocate on their behalf, on a higher level.

Another issue is keeping up with historic properties and meeting with the building inspector from time to time to receive updates on the condition of the homes. Member Mocio asked if this was something the inspector would do? Ms. Levin said in the past he was receptive to the idea.

Every five years it is suggested to review the list of properties that were selected for potential designation in the Reconnaissance-Level Historic Survey that was prepared by Larson Fisher Associates, Inc., back in 2010. Member Madronero thought residents could bring any pictures/articles or changes to the property to Montebello Day. Collecting history on the properties is the end result they are looking for.

Ms. Levin stated that some larger cities have sophisticated websites that list their historic properties, and when you drag your mouse over the property it details the homes history. The

commission was interested in creating a map of such for Montebello and having a link from the Village Website. Discussion ensued regarding this topic as well as interesting memories members had of their past homes

Member Mocio asked about the Commission having the capability of going out and designating certain areas of the village, in particular stone walls. This is something that can be done. The Village Attorney mentioned the cataloging of the stone/rock walls in the Village. Members were enthusiastic about this, and stated grant money could be sought after for funding this type of project. Members will do research on this field of walls and bring information to another meeting.

The Chairman asked members to start thinking about creating a pamphlet. One was done a few years ago; this will be used as a device for communication. It's something to think about.

Member Mocio will prepare the Summer newsletter article, she asked members what topics she should write about. She will talk about the CAMP session. Chairman Levin thought she could mentioned how taken the CAMP teachers were with the Montebello. They were very impressed, and thought Montebello had a lot of history. She will add in the village website address, and when the meeting dates are. She will mention Montebello Day and request residents to bring articles in too.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.