

OTW Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 29, 2014

Present: Brian DeGroot, Antoinette Powell, Hugh Bayer, Keith Bilyeu, Peggy Samsa, Jon Corelis

Regrets: Keith Powell, Chris Vander Wielen, Patti Coenen, Linda Muldoon

1. Review last meetings notes – 02-22-15

Need to follow up on a few things from the last meeting. Move to approve: Antoinette; Hugh second. Unanimously approved.

2. Committee Reports – (30 min)

a. Next News letter and distribution, March ? Advertising.

Antoinette: newsletter is done

Brian: article on riverfront park? Antoinette: it's in there

Keith B: news about bridge and Oneida? Antoinette: that can be added

► Action: Brian needs to get email addresses to Antoinette

Brian: Patti expressed an interest in doing advertising. Did not talk money.

Brian: Shelve advertising for now.

Antoinette asked about distributing. Brian: date of dinner should be in there and then distribute.

Brian: may be another week before distribution

Antoinette: who will print it, how many copies?

Brian: make 30 print copies, the rest will go into email and website publishing

Antoinette: the only people we're mailing to are those who requested getting a newsletter

Keith B: do we know who is getting an electronic and therefore not paper? For all of the homes how many are we going to distribute?

Brian: if people didn't respond, they will not get a hard copy or email

Jon: will Antoinette email a final copy to the Board?

Antoinette: will email the final copy to the Board

Antoinette: who will print and put stamps on them?

► Action: Keith B. will print and mail

Brian: maybe eventually someone can do them at work

Brian: eventually we can explore advertising with Atlas and put newsletters at the businesses

Keith B: some kind of stand at businesses to put in business cards if someone wants to be on the mailing list?

3. Old Business – (30 min)

- a. Spring dinner meeting – finalize date, location, get it on calendar, add to newsletter and website

Brian: note from Sue Bogenschutz, they changed policy and don't want to host the dinner without the organization buying food and drink.

Patti is willing to host at Fox River House, prefers the 19th

► Action: Brian will ask Patti if there will be a cash bar. Does she care if we bring in food?

Hugh: out signs in the neighborhood about the dinner? Brian: put signs up and if someone complains take them down.

Antoinette: signs closer to Memorial would be good

► Action: Peggy will ask Sagers about OTW signs

Brian: keep dialogue going about signs in the next couple of weeks

- b. Finalize 2015 Budget

Brian read off budget and will email budget to everyone

Budget approved unanimously

- c. Update on Water Street Park Resolution

Brian reported on the resolution: Unanimously passed by Common Council to move to the Parks and Rec, Department. Dean Gazza said remediation need to be done on the WE Energies property to the east but does not include the water treatment plant site. There may be a walking path going through that property. P & R will come up with a plan for putting it into the parks system - will take a while, maybe next 3-5 years.

d. Update on Grant for Pioneer Park

DPW will do concrete work while Prospect is closed. Grant was written for landscaping by Brian. City wants to know what the low-income impact will be in support of the grant. Brian and Elise wrote up a statement about low-income impact. This may determine whether the grant is given.

Keith B. asked about the park being a venue for Mile of Music. Brian wondered if Patti has any involvement with planning.

► Action: Keith B. will find out Mile of Music venue

► Action: Antoinette will put Pioneer Park plan on website

e. Update on Prospect Street Bridge Construction

Brian went to meeting with all the business people as neighborhood representative.

Prospect and Jackman closes March 30. Local residents on Jackman can go through. Walking down Jackman won't be allowed. Brian has phone number to guys in job trailer. Put something on the website about asking questions via email. Antoinette: will State St. still be closed from Jackman to Prospect? Brian: Yes, for staging.

Brian: No access from Oneida to Prospect and vice versa.

4 City Report – Patti – (5-15 min)

Brian via Patti: Vote in the next election April 7

Patti was approached by Nick Hoffmann and Antoinette was approached by Kathy Flores about naming the park after a woman or minority. Hugh: what about native American names? Board is open to exploring ideas.

5 New Business – (20 min) - none

6 Treasurer's Report – (2 min)

Hugh gave treasurer's report

7 New Items for Website Calendar – (2 min)

Antoinette is putting Hearthstone events on both the OTW and Hearthstone calendars. Will put Appleton Historical Society June 10 event on calendar.

8 Next Meeting – (2 min)

May 3 at Brian's house, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Powell