

EHLC Minutes

7/14/10

7:10 PM Call to order

Present: Carol Schuler, Phyllis Baxter, Dave Turner, Logan Smith
Jessica Serrao, Megan Grisolano

Minutes:

No copy present for approval. Review and approval at next meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Weaver's Guild will use the last of their pre-paid account as of August. Phyllis will contact representative to ascertain intentions.

Treasurer's report read and approved unanimously

President's Report:

Approval of Dave's article in Newspaper for building of Month. Next building will be City Hall. Dave is working on research.

Announcement of Preserve America Community designation for Elkins. Question by Carol as to possible grant availability. Phyllis' stated not a lot available, most of which is for heritage development projects.

Darden House:

Carol met with Ed Devine about porch. Most estimates over \$30,000. Carol noted that we have received \$7,500 of the development grant money, and have paid Summit Enterprises \$15,000.

Michael Marrs will be placing a bid. Contract should be in place by Friday. Reassessment of scope of work desired to curtail cost of project. Logan asked to facilitate return of key in possession of Brian George. Logan will pull Darden House costs for previous 12 months by quarter and present at next meeting.

Phyllis remarked on possible additional funding within existing development grant cycle for roof project. Carol will follow up on this possibility.

Carol announced that Scott Goddard will be providing a group of students to paint the handicap ramp in rear of Darden.

Chris Hussion will lend us a Youthbuild team to work on rehabbing the windows.

Carol had a discussion with Bob Pingley about possible use of City of Elkins staff helping with porch rehab. Determination that this was not feasible.

Discussion was had about availability and necessity of daily check-ups on Darden House by commissioners. Each commissioner agreed to take a day to stop by house and determine its condition.

Megan – Mondays, Phyllis – Tuesdays, Ellen – Wednesdays, Dave – Thursdays, Logan – Fridays, and Carol on a weekend day.

Dave Vago & Design Elements:

Dave Vago can design and layout a Ralph Darden poster for Darden House wall. Cost of design and layout to be \$150.00 plus materials

Megan's Report – Resource Library:

Mainline books has ordered \$250.00 worth of resources for Preservation Resource Library. Once debit card has been ascertained, rest of materials will be ordered.

Printing quote for National Register Nomination printing being calculated by Intermountain printing services.

Resource library is now open from 10-2 each Monday.

Megan will be purchasing supplies at Wal Mart using Mountain Development debit card courtesy of Logan Smith. Reimbursement shall be made.

The grant budget for resource library is in place. Submission for disbursement will be made soon.

Jessica Serrao – Walking Tour:

Jessica is working on introduction for brochure. Suggestions made that commercial aspects of downtown be introduced to generate support of businesses for tour.

Jessica will meet with Rob Whetsell for additional background material for tour.

Carol suggested that inclusion of architectural details within tour description would be appropriate.

Phyllis offered to review existing brochure text for editing, including the reduction of 4 to 5 entries for better sizing of brochure. Phyllis will also seek printing funds.

Sign Toppers:

Discussion was had, and general agreement was made by commissioners that EHLC should support a project to create and install sign toppers for downtown district street signs.

General Discussion:

Carol announced that the NEA and Hud have new grant programs aimed at sustainability and heritage development. Randolph Avenue could be eligible as a cultural corridor. Beth King with Randolph County Arts Center is speaking with her board about being the “art component” of that corridor. EHLC voted unanimously to submit “intention to apply” for grant and pursue that project.

Motion to adjourn was supported unanimously at 8:47