



The regular meeting of the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission was called to order at 6:48 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2010.

Members of the commission in attendance were Carol Schuler, Phyllis Baxter, Logan Smith, Ellen Spears and David Turner. Megan Grisolano, Americorps, was in attendance.

Minutes from the July meeting were distributed by Logan at the meeting and approved unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented (copies were not available) by Logan Smith and approved unanimously. Logan plans to email a copy of the report to commissioners as his printer was out of order at the time of the meeting. A quarterly expense report was prepared and discussed by Logan.

Carol presented several bills to be paid by EHLC. Logan reported that the Weavers' Guild still stores items upstairs and will need to pay rent as of September 1, 2010. Ellen will follow up with Leslie Henderson about the renewal of the rent agreement.

Carol shared several pieces of correspondence with commissioners. She will be applying for a scholarship from WV Culture and History for the National Trust Conference held in Austin, TX during the month of October. No other commissioner expressed interest in attending.

Another invitation received by EHLC is for "Hard Hats and Heels," a reception to kick off the beginning of renovation at the Fairmont YMCA. A motion was made to pay the \$35.00 fee for Elkins YMCA director, Sid Gillespie, to attend since he is currently renovating the Elkins Y, and could possibly benefit by shared ideas. Ellen will follow up with Sid to determine his interest.

The "Bower House" on Boundary Avenue will be the subject of the next monthly EHLC series appearing in the Inter-Mountain. David will be writing the history and getting it to the newspaper in time for an August deadline.

Carol gave an upbeat report on progress at the Darden House. Ed Devine has started work on the porch. He has lowered the front of the porch so water drains properly, the missing column is being made to match the originals, and a sample railing is made for our approval. Our contract with Ed is for a little more than \$19,000. Ed also agreed to bill less if his material costs are less. Carol and Ed worked hard to make the contract affordable. Ed plans to work on the second story porch this week. All work is scheduled to be finished in September.

All materials and the Darden House key have been returned from Brian, the

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original contractor.

Colors for the Darden House paint need to be chosen. A scheme of three colors should be selected using the chip of original green paint from the porch column. Ellen and Logan will work to determine a couple of selections and then call a lunch meeting for review by commissioners.

Carol still plans to write the history of Ralph Darden on the interpretive panel to be designed by David Vago.

Carol is working on HUD planning grants for both the Wees District and the Randolph Avenue Arts Corridor. Baker Engineering wrote the grants and will do the work if the money is granted. The deadline is August 23rd. Phyllis will supply a support letter.

Megan reported on her progress in the Darden House resource center. She has spent approximately \$800.00 of the \$1,000.00 granted. She will return to her original wish list to find the remaining resources.

The Darden House will be getting wireless internet service and telephone service in the near future.

Megan will be on leave for three weeks between Americorps sessions. EHLC plans a grand re-opening when Megan returns, September 20th.

Commissioner David Turner expressed his desire to stay on as a commissioner serving a full 5-year term.

There was unanimous agreement that EHLC monthly meeting time should be changed to 6:30 p.m.

There was a brief discussion about a Christmas open house at the Darden House. Ellen suggested that it be planned to tie in with the Christmas parade in downtown Elkins on the first Friday of December.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of EHLC will be Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Spears