



The regular meeting of the Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission was called to order at 6:5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Members of the commission in attendance were Carol Schuler, Phyllis Baxter, Logan Smith, and Ellen Spears. David Turner was absent. Megan Grisolano and Jessica Serrao from Americorps, were in attendance. Visitors present were Spinner O'Flaherty and Deb Ferrell.

The Deputy Commissioner of History and Culture, Jacqueline Procter, was in Elkins for the evening and agreed to come to the EHLC meeting. During the public comment period she gave an update of Sesquicentennial events happening around West Virginia starting in the summer of 2011. In addition, she talked about the WV history museum located in the Cultural Center and the many educational opportunities that it provides. She also informed commissioners that historic preservation workshops are available by request and she announced that there will be a second round of developmental grants being offered by Culture and History with a December 1st deadline.

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Minutes from the September meeting were distributed by Phyllis 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 reported that there had been no correspondence.

Carol Schuler, President, gave an update on the Darden House porch project. Michael Mills is changing the materials for the roof to a stainless steel metal roof with a standing seam. There will be metal downspouts and gutters. The ground water will have to be addressed in the near future.

Carol asked commissioners to fill in time sheets with any time they have spent on the porch project. The last dates submitted: Ellen – 3/20; Phyllis – 5/26; Logan – 7/14. Please compile a new report of time spent on the project so that Carol can submit it with the December 5 report/invoice.

Megan reported that the Resource room is still open on Mondays but is not well used. The room has been well put together and Megan is trying to organize books with the Dewey Decimal System.

It was suggested that we host a "Preservation Brown Bag" lunch at the Darden House inviting all of our preservation partners. It will be held Monday, November 8th at 12:00 noon.

Jessica reported that she is partnering with Ed Griesel, at the Welcome Center, to complete the walking tour of Historic Downtown Elkins.

Discussion continued about the importance of developing an email database of preservation contacts so that when EHLC hosts an event at the Darden House we can effectively get the word out. Megan agreed to work on this task.

The Darden House porch project is on budget but Carol feels that EHLC should be thinking about a fundraiser for future. She requested a proposal from RP Hale for a wood block print of the newly refurbished Darden House. The block cost is \$800.00. After that payment, it is up to us to determine the number of 4 ½ in. x 6 in. prints that we want made and what price we want to charge for them. Commissioners asked Carol to inquire as to the time necessary for production. It was felt that selling note cards and prints for Christmas may be a possibility.

The Christmas parade in downtown Elkins is scheduled to take place on Friday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. EHLC will have an open house to correspond with that event. Invitations should be sent to City Council members and past Landmarks commissioners. Again, a database with names and email addresses would prove helpful for such events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.