

Minutes of the Village of Williamsville Historic Preservation Commission meeting held in person at Williamsville Village Hall, 5565 Main Street, and virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Christine Hunt, Chairman
James Tammaro, Member
Kathleen DeLaney, Member
Mary Lowther, Member
Charles Akers, Member

Also Present: Deborah A. Habes, P/T Clerk
Matthew Etu, Trustee Liaison to HPC

Excused: Anthony Bannon, Member
Susan Palmer, Resource Officer
Wes Stone, Resource Officer
Thomas Barrett, Resource Officer

Chairman Hunt opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

ON MOTION by Mr. Tammaro, seconded by Ms. Lowther, it was moved to approve the minutes of the HPC meeting of May 5, 2021, as submitted.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

New Business

Ms. Hunt reported that the Certificate of Appropriateness Application for a new fence for the courtyard at Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton St., will be tabled until the next HPC meeting scheduled on June 22, 2021, depending on the application being completed and filed appropriately with the Building Dept. in time.

Old Business

Historic Plaque Presentation Event – June 5, 2021 – Paper invitation was created and emailed to all invitee by Keaton DePriest. Ms. Lowther suggested that the paper invitation should be mailed to not only the award recipients but also all elected officials as well. Ms. Hunt will communicate that with Keaton. She will also confirm number of tables and chairs required for the ceremony. Christina Limniatis will do the closing remarks at the event. Trustee Etu will bring the coloring books to the event so they can be gifted to the recipients of the plaques.

Trustee Etu – Reported on the recent mailing that was sent to property owners whose properties were listed in the Recon Survey Report. He received a letter from the owner of 155 Monroe Dr. The homeowner reported that the description of the architectural style of her home was incorrect in the Recon Survey. It was listed as “prairie style” and she was not in agreement since her home has been modified and renovated extensively over the years and it no longer fit that description. Trustee Etu believes this type of response is indicative of the need for further, in-

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depth research and authenticated documentation on these properties before going any further with this project.

Mural inside the Bank of America Building – Ms. Hunt reported she has not received any info yet from Mr. Bannon regarding any contact yet with anyone from the bank. It is very difficult to make any contact with the property owners since it will be sold very soon. There was discussion regarding the nomination process for this mural and if it could be nominated at tonight’s meeting to get the process at least started. It was decided that it would be better to properly complete the nomination form. Mr. Bannon’s expertise will be essential to doing a proper nomination. Trustee Etu will arrange for the Village Attorney to be present at that meeting.

ON MOTION by Ms. Lowther, seconded by Ms. Delaney, it was moved to begin the nomination of the interior mural at the current Bank of America building at 5629 Main St. at the next scheduled HPC meeting to be held on June 22, 2021, and proceed with the nomination process at that time.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

1955 Photos of Main Street Buildings Project – Mr. Tammaro will follow up with Mr. Bannon on the prints and if he hasn’t heard from Mr. Bannon by June 1, he will proceed with the framing himself. Ms. Hunt agreed to share the event agenda with him.

Historic Preservation Month in May – There was a lengthy piece in this week’s Amherst Bee about preservation Month. Nice job.

Historic Plaques – Trustee reported that the plaques have not arrived yet. Ms. Hunt will follow up with Administrator Kindron.

With no further business, Ms. Hunt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ON MOTION by Mr. Akers, seconded by Ms. Lowther, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Motion carried. 5 – 0.

Submitted by: *Deborah A. Habes*, P/T Clerk

<p>Next scheduled HPC meeting is planned to be held on June 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Check the Village website www.walkablewilliamsville.com for agenda and status.</p>
