

The City of Auburn
Historic Resources Review Board
c/o Office of Planning and Economic Development
Memorial City Hall - 24 South Street
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Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2014

7:00pm

Present: Michael Deming, Paul McDonald, Ed Onori, Betty Lewis, Richard Stankus

Absent: Jim Hutchinson, David Thurston

Staff Present: Christina Selvek

Meeting opened by Chair, Michael Deming.

Motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013 meeting made by Ed Onori, seconded by Paul McDonald. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Certificates of Appropriateness

None

Other Matters:

Letter of Support

Christina Selvek- The Scines Theater, located at 16 South Street, is looking for a letter of support from the Historic Resources Review Board for the submission of a US EPA clean up grant application. The Schines Theater has been part of the City's US EPA Brownfield Hazardous Assessment Grant where Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments were completed. The next step is looking for federal funding, the US EPA Clean-up Grant.

Jim Loperfido, Cayuga County Arts Council- In 2006 asbestos was identified in the building. In 2010 a new board was formed and started working on a renovation and a sustainability plan. The building was shut down for safety reasons and the Board began looking for answers.

Richard Stankus questions asbestos problem in the building and if the grant can be used to remove asbestos.

Jim Loperfido- With the two plans, a renovation plan and a sustainability plan, we are looking to renovate in phases. Phase I, after asbestos removal, will be to renovate the outer lobby and two inner lobbies and then open the auditorium. *Hands out Cayuga County Arts Council Circular.*

Christina Selvek- This funding is for abatement. If they are successful they will receive \$200,000 in grants funds. There is a 20% or \$40,000 match requirement.

Richard Stankus questions where the match will come from

Jim Loperfido- The Arts Council. The Arts Council would like to bring this theater back to life and explains the future vision of the Schines Theater.

Christina- When cleanup is done then it moves to searching for design money.

Motion to provide a letter of support for the Schines Theater US EPA Clean-up Grant application made by Paul McDonald, seconded by Richard Stankus.

Consensus is for Christina Selvek to draft a letter of support.

Christina Selvek- Introduces the 2014 Certified Local Government (CLG) Report and Grant Program. Fairport is looking to hold a HRRB training and is looking for interest. It will most likely be an evening training and travel reimbursement is available.

Christina Selvek proposes reaching out on the Historic Tax Credit program. The CLG grant is up to a 40% match requirement but we do not have a budget.

Michael Deming – Suggests reaching out to Crawford and Sterns and Beardsley Design.

Richard Stankus- CLG is a reimbursement and discusses assisting community homeowners with the National Historic Registrar. It may be beneficial to know the protection of the homes.

Christina Selvek-We could partner with SHPO and supply forms. A home on South Street is a contributing structure because it is in the Historic District and the Seward House is of Historic Landmark Status. Also the SHPO SHPINX (online) System will tell you the four designations.

Richard Stankus questions if the grant would support planning efforts such as walking tours- including the promoting and staffing of an event.

Christina Selvek will check to see if it would be an eligible event but mentions the Cayuga Community fund would be a good funding source for a walking tour.

Richard Stankus- If we coordinated efforts and Community Preservation Committee spent the money, could it be eligible for reimbursement?

Christina Selvek will send the grant form to Community Preservation Committee to see if they were interested in applying.

Board Appointments:

Two Board appointment terms are up. Jim Hutchinson requested to be reappointed. David Thurston requested not to be reappointed.

Christina Selvek is looking for recommendations of individuals with either an attorney or architectural background with knowledge of historic homes.

Michael Deming mentions it would be nice to replace the board seat with an attorney.

NY State Historic Preservation Office Audit for Auburn Certified Local Government Program:

Christina Selvek- We will be having a Certified Local Government audit next month and Christine Capella-Peters will be attending our February meeting. She will be reviewing files, meeting minutes and much more.

Other Business:

Michael Deming asks if SHPO was involved in the Franklin Street project.

Christina Selvek- There was SHPO approval. A private consultant completed the SHPO form.

Michael Deming is concerned with the trolley lines

Paul McDonald mentioned Cayuga Museum may have a map of the trolley lines.

It was mentioned that William Hosmer's House located at 29 Washington Street is on the National Registry list and people should be made aware of listings such as this.

Christina Selvek- The vacant building registry is in effect. It must be reported if a vacant property is sold, who the new owner will be and if there is a plan. There will be a fee associated with the application and a fine for those who do not comply. There is additional information on the City website.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul McDonald and seconded by Richard Stankus. Motion carried.

Next meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, February 11, 2014** at 7:00 pm at Memorial City Hall- Council Caucus room.

Respectively submitted by Renee Jensen