

LANCASTER NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday July 12, 2000.

1. Attendance

Present

\_\_\_\_\_ James Keysa  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ronald Batt  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jean Brunea  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joseph Giallanza  
\_\_\_\_\_ Michael Meyer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jeannette Pecqueur

Excused

\_\_\_\_\_ William Harnack

2. Hearings:

There were no hearings scheduled but Jim Keysa made the board aware of the fact that the Boys' & Girls' Club had replaced original windows on the first floor (west side) and bay window on the west side with glass blocks sometime shortly after the building was named to the National Register. The work was done without ever submitting a petition for a certificate of appropriateness. The board was very upset as they knew they are in the historic district, that they have a building recognized by the state and federal government by being placed on the National Register, and that what was done was improper. Joe moved/ Jan seconded motion to send them a stern letter to possibly be signed by all board members of our board. Also Dan Baccari (Code Enforcement Officer) to be notified so that they can be cited.

Mr. Keysa said that prior to this meeting he had contacted Bob Giza who had Mr. David Hoch call him. Mr. Hoch wondered if the board would make them replace the glass block windows. He told them that decision is up to the Historic District Commission.

3. Minutes - correction under "new business" on page 3 - add so that it reads " This could be a good project for us next year..." minutes approve (motion Jan / second Jean).

4. Treasurer's Report (attached).

5. Old Business

a). Broadway/Tree Walk/Municipal Building lot.

1. Tree Walk put off again until August as they want utility plans done Mr. Keysa asked DOT (Brenda Kousheski) if plans would then be so far along that they could not be changed. She said definitely not.
2. Broadway at last night's meeting at Try-It, Dale Volker said Depew to be done first and Lancaster in 2002. This is the largest DOT project in Western New York. Project is far more costly than expected. If the DOT doesn't let bids until the spring - don't expect anything to be done that year.

b). National Register - The presentation ceremony and reception was a very successful event. Mr. Keysa read several items of correspondence regarding the event and how pleased the writers were. Dr. Ron Batt thanked the group for his gift from the board.

The board requested that Mr. Keysa thank Ms. Bernadette Castro for presenting the certificates.

Mr. Keysa will put together photos he has for our records.

c). District Extension - Work is being done on various buildings in the extension area without petitions to our board (Mook - N/E corner of Broadway and Aurora) and house next to Palmer Place on S/E corner of Central. Both have work being done which is acceptable. Our board needs the blue forms for all buildings with in the extension area.

d). Presbyterian Church - The congregation is still trying to find ways to cut corners. Michael Meyer believed the cost of plans to date is between \$100,000 to \$150,000.

e). Notice to district property owners - Bill Harnack is excused from today's meeting and he will be doing this.

New Business:

- a). Mr. Keysa told about a meeting held on July 11, at Try-It Distributions which was called by Dale Larson. Thirteen in attendance including Erie County Representative Dale Larson, New York Senator Dale Volker, New York Representative Sandra Lee Wirth, County Executive Joel Giambra, Supervisor Bob Giza, and Trustee Jeff Stribbing. The consensus of the meeting was that BOCES needs to be taken down as soon as possible so that DOT can use area for fill/so people can see work progressing, etc.

Joe Giallanza said the Lancaster Partnership is at a stand still. They need money to be able to do anything and there is a great deal of frustration. The downtown (BOCES Area) will not get off the ground without someone who will take control of things and keep them moving.

- b). Mr. Giallanza said he would see if Gina Bolender would be able to return as our secretary as Kim Van De Bogart is not interested in continuing as she is looking for a better-paying job.
- c). Jean Brunea spoke about an interview with Peter Hunt and Wayne Bacon on radio 930 am on 7/1/00 about the Amherst, New York historic preservation legislation. Mr. Bacon was upset by the fact that Amherst is interested in declaring buildings from 1950 and older as historic (Amherst does not have a local/national district).
- d) Ron Batt reported that Ralph Mohr's house at the N/E corner of Broadway and Washington has porch pillars which have not been painted for at least 2 years. He will talk to them about this.

*- Dan Baccaro normally do this - have him do it!*

7. Correspondence/Articles

Michael Meyer provided board members with another preservation brief (#8 - siding).

Tentative schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday August 9, 2000 at Giallanza Home

Wednesday September 6, 2000 at Municipal Building

*# 33 Church - Amudge post*