

Palmyra Preservation Commission March 18, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chris Daly, Michael Haskins, Judy Zanin

Guests: Mayor Vicky Daly, Mark Vande

Absent: Ellie Drake, Jim Elliott

The meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

Old Business:

Vicky Daly provided tax maps that Mark Vande used to indicate where the National Register of Historic Places districts were. There are also a few larger versions, one will go to the Code Enforcement office.

Mark Vande suggested that the commissioners work to develop architectural design standards to guide owners of landmark buildings when they want to make alterations to their properties. Vicky Daly suggested that Cynthia Howk from the Landmark Society or Julian Adams of SHPO be contacted to obtain other communities' design standards. It was suggested that the commission develop a library of the standards.

Judy Zanin volunteered to contact Julian Adams in regards to collecting other communities' design standards.

One of the Commission's goals for 2010 is to start a program where the commission chooses an historic structure to spotlight for a month, and submit a photo of the structure to the local paper with a write-up or caption. A sandwich board announcing the "spotlight" honor would be placed in front of the building.

The commission thought the first honor should go to Zion Episcopal Church. Judy Zanin volunteered to contact Rev. Kohlmeier to see if she would agree to it.

Vicky Daly and Jim Elliott plan to speak to representatives of the Western Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church and the Methodist Church to share the benefits of landmark designation to them, and to protect one of Palmyra's most distinguishing features.

New Business:

The Landmark Society Conference is being held in Palmyra on April 24. The commissioners were reminded that the deadline for registration (for early bird prices) is coming up at the end of March.

Vicky Daly suggested that Jim Elliott, the commission chair, ask that Denise Sellers, the CEO clerk, be asked to start attending the Preservation Commission meetings, to record the minutes.

Vicky Daly also suggested that a Preservation Commission member report quarterly to the Village Board, to keep the board members apprised of their activities.

Judy Zanin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mike Haskins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Please note that the next meeting is April 15, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Daly.