

Pleasant Grove Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 19, 2023
Community Room, Public Safety Building
106 south 100 east

The meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building, 106 south 100 east. In attendance were Laurel Cunningham, Jeanne Holdaway, Denise Trickler, Amanda Rojas, Sheri Britsch, and Kristen Schow. Geri Taylor, Linda Walker, and Katrina Gifford were excused, Chris Schow was not in attendance.

The meeting was scheduled to start at 7:00pm and started at 7:15pm. Denise made a motion to start the meeting, seconded by Kristin.

The commission heard the reports of the subcommittees:

Preservation:

1. Update on Old Town Hall restoration project: Roof is leaking, need to put on priority! Bid D was having a hard time finding subcontractors to give bids, but finally found everyone and has bids for us. A meeting will take place on Jan. 20 with Scott Darrington to get everything going. Also need to ask Deon about trimming trees so that they are not resting on the roof.

Archives:

1. Next inventory session TBD.

History and Publications:

1. Volume I edit: Laurel working on it
2. Republication of "By These Hands" biography book
3. Manila Church booklet is on the back burner, but Laurel does want to finish it.
4. Rose Garden booklet is sold out, maybe instead of reprinting, use QR codes throughout the garden?

Community Outreach:

N/A

Other Business:

1. Our Executive Committee (chair, vice chair, and secretary) terms have expired. Outline the methodology given in our bylaws that we will use to vote on a new Executive Committee in February.
 - a. Volunteer vs. nomination: email Jeanne or Laurel if you want to volunteer for a position.

We will then vote by email. If no one volunteers, Laurel and Jeanne will switch positions.

2. Subcommittee heads: are you willing to continue in your role through 2023?
 - a. Chris- Yes
 - b. Jeanne- Yes
 - c. Laurel- Yes
 - d. Denise- Yes (for now, she may have to change part way through the year)
3. Reach consensus on a grant project: the Old Town Hall restoration, or a Reconnaissance-Level Survey for a new Historic District in PG? (The SHPO grant application deadline is Friday, February 17.)
 - a. Reconnaissance Level Survey (RLS) is the first step to determining a Historical District. The RLS does not put any homes on the registry, but determines if an area may have eligible homes and building. A Independent Land Survey (ILS) would be the next step and significantly more expensive (\$2000 per house). We could move to the next oldest section of town (possibly Monkeytown?). Also can we do any of the surveying on our own? What type of certification would we need?
 - b. SHPO has proposed a bill for \$5 million for commercial building grants, we'll see what happens with that.
 - c. Adding money towards the OTH project would show the city that we are trying to raise money, this is a matching grant, which means we need the city to match whatever we receive from SHPO. The matching can happen from the money already allocated to the HPC for the OTH project.
 - d. Decided to apply for the grant to apply towards the OTH project.**
4. Conduct a brainstorming session to outline our 2023 goals and projects.
 - a. Quarterly homeowners newsletters?
 - b. Senior Stories?
 - c. Seniors and Teens talks?
 - d. Lunch and Learn at the senior center? Advertise by word of mouth
5. Discuss how to obtain more Commission members.
 - a. Personal invitations- if any members know someone who would like to join, invite them!
6. Outline the Gurr's proposal for a "history walk" sidewalk on the east line of their redeveloped property.
 - a. The area between the building and the Maxfield house. They were hoping we could pay for the whole project, but more likely we could be a donor.
7. Can we ask for a bigger budget next year because of inflation? And to help the community with the projects we really would love to do?

Motion to close Laurel, seconded by Denise

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, 7 PM