

Minutes

## Erie Historic Preservation Board

Meeting, August 25, 2014

Participating: Jackie Connor, Chair; Paula King, Co-chair; Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary; Sarah Wise, Ed Wilson, Walt Lewis, Scott Charles BOT Liaison.

This meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jackie Connor.

The Agenda was approved.

The minutes of July 28 were approved.

### **Public comment**

Ewa Distal from Scofield Farm was present to address the board. She reminded us that the city has promised to protect the property as a historical working farm. Currently a farmer is working on the property with horses and antique farm equipment under an agreement with the city. Ms Distal wishes to continue to work with the city to protect the property,

### **Old Business**

- There has been no work on the website. Nancy Parker has been out and this will be explored before our next meeting.
- The Bell is in good shape. It was made by American Bell Foundry in Michigan. The Bell seems functional and overall in a condition that it could be used if necessary and displayed without great difficulty. There is no date visible on the bell, but the company was created in 1889 and ceased business in the 1920's. We will do additional investigation of the historic value of the artifact and the feasibility of its restoration for display purposes.
- No current volunteer board has a budget. As our situation now stands, if we need money Scott Charles would bring our request to the Board of Trustees for approval. Contradictory information needs to be clarified since part of BOT Resolution CRS3922504 specifies a budget.
- Badges are here. We will explore the potential usefulness of having business cards.
- Changing our meeting time to 6:30 will be brought to the BOT before our September meeting.

Members report:

- Sarah Wise talked about Biscuit Day September 20. We do have a new banner for this event.
- Scott Charles reported that we do have resources to take care of our logistical needs. He also reported that BOT has some money available for public art projects. The EHPB might be asked to participate in the process of selection.

- **New Business.**

- The entirety of new business was a discussion with Patrick Eidman and Elizabeth Blackwell, representatives of History Colorado. We wished to better understand our responsibilities as a Certified Local Government (CLG) program for historic preservation.

The outline of their presentation is included in the attached document entitled "Certified Local Government Program".

Questions and ideas that were generated from this discussion include:

- Erie conducted a historical survey in 2010 and 20-30 properties were identified. To complete the survey it would be necessary to hire a professional team. Potentially we could apply for a grant from Colorado History. History Colorado emphasized the need to update survey.
- We are unsure what the process to identify a property in Erie for official landmark designation. We have yet to find any evidence that any property has actually received a designation. Do we have official designation for local landmarks? This is a question that must be resolved.
- What is our communities understanding for the protection of historic properties and structures.
- In addition to state incentives, local communities should look at incentives for historic landmarking.
- The best CLG programs employ a variety of strategies for historic preservation.
- Signage can be paid through CLG grants
- It might be a good strategy to have relevant city owned properties landmarked first as a model for the community.

As a Committee we discussed our need for a new survey and our goals. Application for this years grant are due by mid November.

1.City owned properties

2. Commercial properties

3. properties already identified in 2010 survey

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Next EHPB meeting September 22

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Submitted by:

Mark Mavrogianes, Secretary