

CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC AND LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2019, 5:30PM

Members attending: Ann Chrissos, George Chrissos, Jesse Francis, Lynne Johnson, Michael Kane, Mark Leach, Anne Lewis, DeeAnn Wright

City Council Liaison: MaryAnn Mastorakos

City Staff: Cassie Harashe

Guest: Mary Klauke

Michael, Vice Chairman, greeted guests and asked for announcements.

Mary Klauke, from the Parks Department, invited the CHLPC to set up a table showing our activities at a Senior Group on April 2 from 9 to 12.

Cassie Harashe encouraged CHLPC members to pass out Envision Chesterfield posters.

The Secretary, Lynne, had not sent out the November 2018 CHLPC Minutes therefore there was no approval vote.

DeeAnn Wright, the treasurer, submitted a correction on November report (removing \$180). Income since November 1 was \$1,071 with \$900 from calendar income and expenses of \$700 for 2 months for the Museum rent and utilities. The balance as of 12/31/18 is \$20,707.91.

Lynne reported on the Archeological Request sub-committee report on November 30 with Mrs. Mastorakos, Justin Wyse, Steve Domahidy and Lynne.

Steve gave us background on successful cooperation between developers and archeological surveys in the 1990's with encouragement from Mayor Nancy Greenwood. Justin said that CHLPC could not currently sponsor surveys due to liability insurance costs and could not require developers to allow surveys.

Mary Ann suggested that the State of Missouri Department of Conservation be contacted to connect us with an interface with non-profit for future archeological surveys and finding the wording of a 1990's Council Resolution #2801.

DeeAnn mentioned that the Chesterfield Heritage Foundation already has a \$2million liability policy.

Mark Leach passed out a report on present archeology plans in Chesterfield, attached to these minutes. He was not speaking as an emeritus member of the CHLPC or a Trustee of the Missouri Archaeological Society. He was speaking as the Coordinator of the Blake Mound & Cave Restoration Project. He wanted to alert the CHLPC and City to the very

high likelihood that unmarked human burials and subsurface burial mounds exist on the adjacent properties around the Dampier Site.

He described how the Chesterfield Blake Mound is related to the Cahokia Mounds. Most importantly, Blake Mound, the Dampier Archeological Site and a mound on the west side of the Missouri River are all aligned as a celestial calendar. They should not be viewed as individual sites, but rather as three parts of one, large, planned community. Thus, the need for an archaeological district. In isolation, each is interesting. When seen as one large, carefully planned community, it is exponentially more important. Mark would like to explore the possibility of various parties working together to allow for professional archaeological study of the properties surrounding the Dampier excavations, without hindering their potential for development, and at no cost to the owners/developers and the City of Chesterfield.

Mark also stated that the past records of the Chesterfield Landmarks Commission should have a map of Chesterfield archeological sites. Cassie and the CHLPC will try to locate these records.

Justin will decide what items in the History Closet can be loaned or given to the Chesterfield Heritage Foundation Museum. To aid in that decision, Mark and Stan Dampier looked through, identified and catalogued the archeological artifacts in the closet.

DeeAnn gave a report on the CHF Museum. Contributions to the museum are about \$100 a month. Attendees are very enthusiastic but more museum volunteers are needed to keep the museum open more than the present schedule of Friday's and Saturdays from 1 to 3. George suggested that a monthly tally of visitors be made.

Ann suggested that the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce be invited.

Jesse Francis described the rich finds of archeological artifacts which have been found and also sometimes looted from the Faust Park grounds.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

The next CHLPC meeting is March 13, 2019.