

CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC AND LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 10, 2018 MINUTES

Members attending: Ann Chrissos, George Chrissos, Jane Durrell (phone), Lynne Johnson, Michael Kane, D. Anne Lewis, Tom Rothwell, DeeAnn Wright

Staff attending: Justin Wyse, Cassie Harashe

City Council Liason: Guy Tillman, Ward 2 Council Member

Guests: Ben Keathley, Howard Rader

Chairman Tom Rothwell called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Introduction of guests Ben Keathley, the City Council member from Ward 2 and Howard Rader from Ward 4 who is interested in the activities of the CHLPC

Announcement about the St. Louis Post Dispatch "Short Takes" January 6 notice which wondered why the City of Chesterfield would want a History Museum since it had very little history of note.

Jane Durrell has already written a rebuttal response as has someone from Wildwood. Some wondered if the CHLPC should request that the City officially respond but we decided no.

November 8, 2017 Minutes were passed after a motion by DeeAnn Wright.

The Financial Report for December 31, 2017 showed revenue of \$4,131.41 and expenditures of \$4,036.29 and total in account of \$26,403.27. The report was accepted after a motion by Lynne Johnson.

DeeAnn Wright referred to the fact finding done by Justin Wyse and Guy Tillman on the proposed History Museum in the Mall. Justin said that the management at the Mall was very easy to work with. Guy said that during discussion on the topic at the January 3 City Council meeting, it was proposed that the Council Financial Committee should also have input after the Council Planning and Public Works Committee completes its fact finding.

Some questions posed to the City Attorney might concern insurance and liability in the Mall lease. Also, since the CHLPC is a City Advisory Committee, the issue of how the CHLPC should be able to control the funds in its account which have come from sales of Chesterfield History Calendars and books produced by the committee members since 1988 will be raised.

Guy requested any questions and concerns from CHLPC members on the issue. Lynne and Ann Chrissos gave him copies of their points which had already been emailed to CHLPC members.

George Chrissos asked if a Museum could be financed through the Parks budget but that would not work well for CHLPC independence.

Jane Durrell said that even though the City could not commit itself to future budget obligations, like a museum, it could include the effort in a 5 year projection.

Tom Rothwell asked for an estimate of the length of time needed for a decision of the City Council on the Museum issue. Guy said from six months to over two years but that answering all the concerning questions properly is more important than rushing the job.

Mike Kane reported that the response to the 2018 calendars was been very positive. The extra 1,000 printed before Christmas were quickly distributed and appreciated by all those organizations and businesses receiving them. They cost \$2,740.

Tom said that the archeological artifacts in the History closet need to be sorted and identified. He will ask those Emeritus CHLPC members who have an interest in artifacts to help.

Old Business

George brought up the concerns about CHLPC email voting on financial commitments over \$500. Jane replied that the second order of 1,000 2018 calendars was made because the first order of 2,000 was quickly exhausted and she felt an obligation to all those citizens and organizations who were not able to get them. Since this was the first year that we did not sell them, we underestimated their popularity. Next year the number of calendars printed will be determined by the ad sales.

New Business

Ann Chrissos and Mark Leach will speak on Chesterfield History at City Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 on January 23 and also at 2PM on January 16 at the Sachs Library.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed at 7:00.

The next CHLPC meeting will be on March 14 at 5:30.

Minutes submitted by Lynne Johnson