

Chesterfield Historical Commission

Minutes

Called Meeting July 9, 2008

Dan Rothwell
Joan Schacht
Jane Durrell
Shari Borlin
Nell Goedecke
Ted Goedecke
Dave Borlin

Robert Landram
Christina Landram
Arland Stemme
Lauren Strutmann
Brian Calderwood
Ann Chrissos

Chris Landram called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

SACHS' HOUSE

1. Chris Landram explained that it would cost \$40,000 to tear down the pool house and fill in the pool and \$54,000 to clean up the mold in the house.
2. Suggested uses for the house
 - a) To store files and property owned by the Commission
 - b) To display artifacts
 - c) To develop a museum or interpretive center for schools and the public
 - d) To serve as a meeting area for the City's commissions
 - e) To be a visitor center for the City of Chesterfield
 - f) To house a gift shop
3. Discussion
 - a) Who would pay for glass cases for displays?
 - b) Commission could ask City, Heritage Foundation, Landmarks Preservations Commission, and Parks Committee for financial help
 - c) Commission could possibly get objects donated for display from Sachs and other individuals
 - d) Use volunteers from Commission and community for staffing and be opened by appointment
 - e) Having building will educate public and generate donated displays.
4. Problems
 - a) House is isolated and lacks visibility – would be easy to break into and would need signs to find
 - b) Mayor won't commit on house, but is interested in property for pocket park. He thinks it is a good location.
 - c) House would have to be made to meet codes for public use – City will pay for inspection to get estimates to bring house up to code. May need to get a mold consultant.
 - d) Who would pay for maintenance and to keep mold out?
 - e) Lay out of house may not be appropriate for proposed uses.
 - f) Is the building historical enough for its purpose?

5. Conclusions

- a) Commission is interested in the house if the City will bring it up to code, pay to maintain it, and pay the insurance.
- b) Jane Durrell will lead a committee to get opinions from other commissions and to discuss the above opinions with the mayor.

DAN'S REPORT

1. Lanmarks Commission made survey of historical markers – found six different styles.
2. Would prefer a consistent type of sign.

JOAN'S MOTION

1. To create a sign to be consistent in design but flexible in size for all future signs
2. No vote was taken because motion was not on agenda
3. There was a consensus to have one type of sign

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of candidates was unanimously elected.

President – Dave Borlin

Vice-president – Joan Schacht

Financial Liaison – Robert Landram

Secretary – Ann Chrissos

Assistant Secretary – Doris DeFer

Corresponding Secretary – Dan Rothwell

Dave Borlin concluded the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The next meeting will be August 13 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Submitted by Ann Chrissos