

CITY OF NORWALK  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MARCH 24, 2010

ATTENDANCE: David Park, Chairman; Peter Bondi; Joseph Dilorio;  
Clyde Mount; David Westmoreland; Charles Yost;  
Latanya Langley (7:08 p.m.); Thom Dunlap (7:19 p.m.)

GUEST: Chris Wassil, student

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Park called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – February 24, 2010

\*\* MR. MOUNT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED  
\*\* MR. WESTMORELAND SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. DIORIO)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Park reported that last evening, the Common Council accepted the \$20,000 from the Norwalk Preservation Trust.

REPORTS: BOARDS

A. NORWALK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Westmoreland distributed his written report. He said that they installed new security systems in all of the buildings at a cost of \$1,000. He said that the other system was 20 years old.

Mr. Westmoreland said that the Historical Society is planning to partner with the Norwalk Museum and Lockwood Mathews Mansion to create a quilt exhibit next year. As a result of the recent storm, one tree was lost; it is resting on a headstone. In addition, a front shutter was ripped off of the Town House.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> Madeline and Ed Eckert will present a lecture about Mark Twain's connection with Norwalk.

Mr. Bondi asked if Mr. Mocciae was made aware of the tree that fell. Mr. Park said that he e-mailed Mr. Mocciae to notify him about the trees.

## B. LOCKWOOD MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM

There was no one present to represent the Mansion; a report was not submitted.

### REPORTS: SUB-COMMITTEES

#### A. BUILDINGS

##### 1. REVIEW PROGRESS ON PRESERVATION PLAN PROJECT

Mr. Bondi reported that a draft of the preservation plan will be available for the April meeting.

The Gate Lodge sustained damage from a fallen tree during the recent storm. He said that Mr. Mauro is confident he can repair the damage. There was further damage sustained once the tree was cut.

Ms. Langley joined the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Bondi reported that Mr. Mauro is working on the caulking at Mill Hill. Mr. Westmoreland said that he tagged those trees he wants removed. He asked if the Tree Warden has to be notified. Mr. Park suggested that he call Mr. Alvord because he is the Tree Warden.

Mr. Park said that they received 10 proposals for the design of services for the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum. He said that the Museum Building Committee should have been reviewing and scoring those proposals. He said that they are meeting tomorrow to try and determine a finalist. Mr. Park said that the amounts vary greatly. The bids range from \$150,000 to \$750,000. He said that everyone bid on the same RFP. Mr. Bondi said that he believed that the bids were based on a percentage of the project.

Mr. Yost asked if there was going to be a face to face meeting with each of the vendors. Mr. Park said that there will be with the four finalists. Mr. Yost said that he would love to talk to the \$750,000 vendor. Mr. Park said that \$300,000 was the middle range.

#### B. CEMETERY

Mr. Park reported that on Monday he inspected Mill Hill and Pine Island cemeteries. He said that Mr. Musak and Ms. Laird told him that one of the headstones was down.

Mr. Westmorland updated the Commission on the headstone restoration project. He said that so far, nine headstones at Mill Hill had been fixed. He said that the restoration contractor asked if it would be possible to get a progress payment on the contract.

Mr. Dunlap joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Mr. Bondi told Mr. Westmoreland to have the contractor contact Ms. Gunn. Mr. Westmoreland said that the contractor is half way through the project.

Mr. Westmoreland said that he went through the Brookside and Kellogg-Comstock cemeteries and there appeared to be no problems. The Eagle Scout proposal was turned down by the council because he did not provide enough details. The Eagle Scout will re-submit his proposal.

Mr. Westmoreland said that he wants to get bids to fix the railing along Crescent Street.

#### C. FINANCE

Mr. Westmoreland reported that the Board of Estimate and Taxation was holding a public hearing tonight on the operating budget. Mr. Park added that the Planning Committee of the Common Council has a public hearing on the capital budget on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### D. NORWALK MUSEUM

Mr. Bondi reported that the recently opened art exhibit received good press. A number of people in attendance had never visited the Museum

before. Mr. Westmoreland said that most of the Historical Society board members attended the opening.

Mr. Bondi reported that Mr. Mauro is working on the wall in the gift shop which will allow for more exhibit space. He is working on getting a hanging system that will allow them to hang heavier paintings.

MUSEUM CURATOR'S AND ASSISTANT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REPORT

Mr. Park said that Ms. Gunn's report is included in the packet. Mr. Yost asked for an update on revising Ms. Gunn's job description. Mr. Park said that this Commission does not have authority over her job description.

Mr. Bondi said that he has been trying to contact the City's Personnel Director about hiring a part time person, but he has not responded to his e-mails. Mr. Bondi said that funding is available for this position.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

- \*\* MR. YOST MOVED TO ADJOURN
- \*\* MR. WESTMORELAND SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services