

Minutes of Jefferson County Landmarks Commission Meeting

December 17, 2008

Members Present: John Allen, Don Amoroso, Carmen Creamer, Michael Musick, Kip Stowell. Guests: Bill Berry, Irvan Groff, Bill Theriault.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting were distributed. Don Amoroso moved their acceptance, which was seconded by Kip Stowell and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was presented by Don Amoroso, with handouts distributed. Don reported that the leak at the Burr House was not serious. \$400 has been given as a down payment to Peter Lorenzen for a survey; upon completion the total cost will be \$800. John Allen got prices for 20 plaques from the Erie Co. Forge, for \$2,387 total. Michael Musick moved approval of an expenditure of \$2,387 for plaques, which was seconded by Carmen Creamer and passed. Musick moved acceptance of the treasurer's report, which was seconded by Kip Stowell and passed.

Site Reviews: John Allen has sent letters on the Route 51 Cell Tower to EBI Consulting, the Jefferson County Commission, etc., in response to EBI's request for mitigation ideas. John has also sent a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission transmitting the SHPO and NPS maps of the Battle of Shepherdstown (Far Away Farms site). The Jefferson County Courthouse is getting a new HVAC system; John Allen was supplied drawings of the courthouse for the project by the county maintenance department. HLC discussed and had no objections to the plans. John has also received notice of the renaming of Columbia Street in Harpers Ferry (there is also a Columbia Street in Bolivar). There are about 20 addresses on the street of this name in Bolivar but none on the street in Harpers Ferry. John and Carmen suggested that the name of the Harpers Ferry street be changed to "'Old Columbia Street."

Peter Burr Farm: Irvan Groff reported for the Friends of Peter Burr Farm that a wreath-making class was held. Bill Berry reported that the Friends have a current bank balance of \$3,924.99. Don asked whether the Friends should incorporate as a non-profit, which was followed by discussion. Bill Theriault urged that a future agenda include the need for road improvement and work on the drainage ditch.

Poor Farm: John Allen has asked to have the survey done to resolve ownership issues before the next meeting (the cost to be \$800).

Goals: John Allen has sent to HLC members a proposed list of long and short-term HLC goals, and would like to schedule a meeting with the new county commissioners on these. There was a discussion of goals.

Civil War Sesquicentennial: Michael Musick has suggested that a compilation or calendar of Civil War claims files at the National Archives (Southern Claims Commission, Court of Claims, Quartermaster claims, etc.) be made for this anniversary.

In a discussion, Carmen indicated that if the entire county was included, the county historical society might be interested in publishing this. Bill Theriault pointed out the potential for relic hunters to misuse the information. There was general agreement that a compilation should be pursued.

Awards Nominations: There was a call for nominees. Awards will be given at the March meeting.

Upcoming Events, Miscellaneous: Last night's scheduled meeting on the PATH transmission lines was canceled .