

**Riverside Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 21, 2019**

**Call to order:** 7:00 PM by Chairperson Constance Guardi at the Water Tower. Gina Furey was introduced as our newest Commissioner.

**Present:** Commissioners Constance Guardi, Diane Ceragioli, James Petrzilka, Richard Julian, Samantha Schroeder, Patrick Smith-Ray, and Gina Furey.

**Minutes of November 19, 2018:** Motion to approve by Samantha Schroeder. Seconded by James Petrzilka. Motion carried.

**Financial Report of December 31, 2018:** Account balance of \$77,815. Expenditures in January for new sign and sign bracket. 2018 Museum donation box proceeds of approximately \$800. Ornaments, books, maps, etc. sales of \$4,091 in 2018. Motion to approve by Richard Julian. Seconded by Diane Ceragioli. Motion carried.

**Chairperson's Report:**

- Museum did not open until Noon on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, due to the overnight snowfall.
- Connie changed the Library exhibit case to display items related to the General Plan's Sesquicentennial. The Village Sesquicentennial Committee has also set up a display in the Main Reading Room of the Library. The Juniors have donated a tea set to the Museum.
- The Riverside book order has been received to replenish our stock.
- The Museum had a very high attendance at the Holiday Stroll. Thank you to all Commissioners, family members, and friends who provided hospitality at the event.
- The West Well House alarm system is experiencing problems when trying to set it. Connie will ask Ed Bailey to check it.

**Accessions:**

- Village pamphlets, booklets, and theater playbills, dating back to the 1930's. Donor: Sarah Nielsen. Motion to access: James Petrzilka. Seconded: Diane Ceragioli. Motion carried.

**Exhibits:**

- Library case display. See Chairperson's Report.

**Continuing Business:**

- Sold 48 of the 2019 Museum wall calendars. The remaining 2 will be kept for the Museum. Commissioners are to think about a new topic for the 2020 calendar.

- Chicago Collections: Janice Foley and Connie attended the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at the Newberry Library. They met with the Head Librarian of University of Illinois Chicago.
- Facebook: Will post Sesquicentennial news items.
- Landmarking a house: James and Samantha will continue to contact homeowners for possible submissions.
- Museum Sign replacement: Delivery is expected in the next 2 weeks.
- Past Perfect: Will address in 2019.
- Riverside Lawn Project: Richard will take new street scene photos.
- Structure File updating: No change in status.
- Sesquicentennial of the Riverside General Plan: Serge Ambrose is designing a banner to be hung above the General Plan in the Train Depot.
- Volunteer Program: No new status update.
- Website: Serge is making a couple of updates to the site, and adding a new video.

**New Business:**

- Bloomingbank Road skeletal excavation: January 16<sup>th</sup>, Connie and James picked up the remains at the Cook County Medical Examiner's office. James will have custody of them, pending further testing to verify their history.
- Museum duty sign-up for 2/2/19 through 5/4/2019 is completed.
- Patrick suggested that we look into a competition to design a Village flag in honor of the Sesquicentennial. He will send flag design information to the Commissioners. Will continue discussion at next monthly meeting.

**Adjournment:** James Petrzilka motioned to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Seconded by Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.