

**Riverside Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 18, 2019**

Call to order: 7:05 PM by Chairperson Constance Guardi at the Water Tower.

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

Minutes of January 21, 2018: Motion to approve by Samantha Schroeder. Seconded by Diane Ceragioli. Motion carried.

Financial Report of January 31, 2019: Account balance of \$86,733.86. No new expenditures in January. Motion to approve by Diane Ceragioli. Seconded by James Petrzilka. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report:

- Thank you to James and Richard for clearing the ice in front of the Museum door on a Saturday, a couple of weeks ago.
- Joe Ballerine, Village Trustee, talked to Connie, recently, about an idea for the Village to look into purchasing the Coonley Playhouse for an event venue. He thought that the Historical Commission might want to do fundraising, if the current owner would donate a portion of it. Connie told him that she did not think that it would be possible, and that the maintenance cost for the property alone would be prohibitive.
- It was brought to the Commission's attention that the 2019 Historical Museum Calendar had a date error. The February caption on the photo states "c. 1922". St. Mary Church can be seen in the background, but it was not built until 1926.
- Bill Sherman, Riverside Fire Department, has been doing his own research on some of Riverside's earliest homes. His research has clarified some inaccurate records of the locations of some homes. We thank Bill for his efforts.

Accessions:

- Silver-plated tea set. Date unknow. Used for years by the Junior Women's Charity. Donor: Junior Women's Charity. Motion to access: Richard Julian. Seconded: Patrick Smith-Ray. Motion carried.
- Two Central PTA scrapbooks. Donor: Carol Sprunger. Motion NOT to access: Gina Furey. Seconded: Richard Julian. Motion carried.
- 1959 Riverside Youth Center Theatrical Play booklet. Donor: Sally Lossin. Motion to access: Patrick Smith-Ray. Seconded: James Petrzilka. Motion carried.

Exhibits:

- No change in status.

Continuing Business:

- 2020 Museum wall calendar: “old Riverside homes lost to fires” was a suggested theme. Will post, on Facebook, a request for theme ideas.
- Chicago Collections: Their Organization is asking for volunteers from our Commission to serve on their various committees. More information to follow.
- Facebook: Posted info on Sesquicentennial displays at the Library. Also, posted photos from the Historical Commission 2019 wall calendar.
- Landmarking a house: James is pursuing the Landmarking of an “all steel” house. Samantha is looking into the Oppen residence on Quincy Road. Samantha and Richard will work on getting the Landmark booklet, sold at the Village Hall, remade to include 10 structures that have been Landmarked since the original booklet was published.
- Museum Sign replacement: Delivery is delayed, while lettering graphics are being finalized.
- Past Perfect: Connie is working on getting Past Perfect online.
- Riverside Lawn Project: Richard will take new street scene photos, when the snow clears.
- Structure File updating: There are a few photos that need to be added to the Structure Files for streets starting with the letters A and B. Also, files need to be made for some of the newer homes in the Village.
- Sesquicentennial of the Riverside General Plan: There is a Committee meeting in March.
- Volunteer Program: No new status update.
- Website: No new status update.
- Disposition of the bones excavated on Bloomingbank Road: James has the forensic report. It only states that the remains are from a male, and are over one year old. James has contacted Erin Waxenbaum, Forensic Anthropologist, and the writer of this report, with follow-up questions.
- Village flag design honoring the Sesquicentennial of the General Plan: Patrick brought in a variety of examples of Municipality, State, and National flags. Also, he gave each Commissioner a document outlining how to design a flag. Connie will contact the Sesquicentennial Committee to see if they are interested in having Patrick give his flag design presentation at one of their future meetings.

New Business:

- James suggested that since fishing and picnicking are now allowed in Village parks, that we could request the old signs, banning the activities, for the Museum.
- James has been on-line, researching the old Sandborn area maps from 1895 to 1909. He will check into the cost to have the downloaded files printed, in the original size, for the Museum.

Adjournment: James Petrzilka motioned to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Seconded by Samantha Schroeder. Motion carried.