

Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Laren Hughes; Theo Loppatto; Mary Lou McNerney; Jan Kinsella; Jean Wode; and Margaret Young. (Claudia Dieste arrived late)

Absent members: Mary Lou Urquhart

Also present: Lindsey Good, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Olmstead introduced the newly hired Events Director, Laren Hughes, to the Committee members. They welcomed her to the Committee.

Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2013

After two amendments, Ms. Young made a motion to approve the minutes dated January 15, 2013. Seconded by Ms. Loppatto, the motion was unanimously approved.

Announcements

- Ms. Olmstead reported that she met with Mr. Ray Disney and forwarded him the suggestions of changes to the Oral History Project DVD made by CHAC the previous meeting. Mr. Disney advised that he would prefer the Committee to review all three (3) of the DVD's before he begins editing them.
- Ms. Olmstead reported that there is a banner for the Museum that was recently displayed on a lamp post in front of the Town Hall.
- Ms. Olmstead will provide a report on the Smithsonian Travel Exhibit at the next meeting.

Update Regarding Current Projects

- Newspaper Articles Album: Ms. Urquhart, Ms. Kinsella, and Ms. Olmstead met to work on collecting news articles to include in the album. They hope to have the project completed by Spring. Ms. Hughes is going to contact The Wave Newspaper to see if articles from the pre-1960s are stored and available to view electronically.
- Sign for Museum: Ms. Kinsella contacted Janet Wallace-Himmler, Delaware Office Tourism Coordinator of the Delaware Economic Development Office, who said that she followed up the Delaware Department of Transportation and she will inform her of the status in a couple weeks.
- Labels for Pictures Hanging in Town Hall: Ms. Olmstead said that Michaels Craft Store doesn't offer the type of framing services that the Committee wants, so she is going see if another store offers it. Ms. Hughes noted that there may be services online that could turn the

photos into stretched canvases. Ms. Olmstead stated that she will review the photo services that are available online.

- Note Cards of Houses to Sell in Museum: Ms. Olmstead explained that she will see if Ms. Dieste would like to pursue this project.
- It was noted that the Cultural Event is taking place next Thursday, February 28th at 4:00 p.m. The speaker will be Mr. Thomas Summers, of the Delaware Public Archive Office. Ms. Hughes will be in charge of the refreshments for the event, which will be coffee and tea and cookies. Ms. Hughes also created a poster for the event and it will be in this Friday's Coastal Point and it has been included in the Coastal Point's Calendar of Events, and it has been posted on the Town's website.

Review of Oral History DVD's (Disc 2)

** Note: Ms. Dieste arrived at this time.*

The Committee viewed the second DVD of the Oral History Project and made the following comments and suggestions:

1.) Wanda Powell

- The photographs displayed are attractive.
- The music is too loud over her voice.
- The music is not an appropriate music selection for this project. Ms. Hughes suggested that the CHAC members provide the music selection to Mr. Disney to play in the background of the interviews.
- It was suggested that Mr. Disney edit each interview to include stories about only Bethany Beach itself, and not personal stories.
- When the video splits to show a photo while the video of Ms. Powell speaking is minimized and displayed in the upper-right corner, the video needs to be displayed larger.
- To allow the video to run more smoothly, the photos and interview footage shouldn't flash quickly back and forth.
- It was suggested to eliminate certain photographs that aren't of Bethany Beach.

2.) Kathleen Cormady Rowe

- The trumpets in the music are too loud.
- After Ms. Rowe tells the story of her family moving out of their home on Ocean View Parkway, the DVD skips and then stops.
- The information regarding someone having Polio doesn't need to be included. It could be edited so the interview begins at the part where she speaks about moving to Bethany Beach in 1950.
- It was suggested that more photographs be displayed.
- Once again, the music is much too loud, and her voice can't be heard.

3.) Jane Fowler

- The music is too loud.
- The parts where Ms. Fowler pauses between speaking can be edited out.
- More photographs should be displayed.

- It was suggested that the story on liquor licensing in the Town be shortened.

4.) Hannah Hickman

- DVD skips in very beginning of interview.
- DVD skips again, after she is discussing going back to the beach after teaching at school.
- Mr. Disney's voice can be heard, asking about the Storm of '62.
- It was suggested that all of the information prior to Ms. Hickman talking about going to Lord Baltimore can be edited out.
- Old pictures of Lord Baltimore could be displayed during her interview.

The Committee members will send all of their suggestions to Ms. Olmstead so she can forward them to Mr. Disney.

Ms. Olmstead is going to ask Mr. Disney to re review all of the comments on the first DVD before he finished editing the second and third DVD's.

The Committee members are going to meet again on March 5th to watch the remaining interviews.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lindsey Good, Admin. Secretary