

**Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2014**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Carole Calef; Vicky Drury; Jan Kinsella; Mary Lou McNerney; Mary Lou Urquhart; and Margaret Young.

Excused members: Cathy Davis, Theo Loppatto, and Julie Malewski, Events Director/Media Coordinator.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2014 Meeting

After a minor correction, Ms. Young made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. McNerney and unanimously approved.

Announcements

Ms. Olmstead reported that the Seaside Craft Show on June 7<sup>th</sup> was a great success. She stated that Ms. Caleb helped with booth markage in the a.m. and Ms. Young helped with booth-sitting. She added that the vendors really appreciated all of the efforts that the Committee put forth for the Craft Show.

View Disc #2 of Oral History Project

The Committee viewed Disc #2 of the Oral History Project and noted the following changes that need to be made.

- Background music is too loud.
- The music selection may need to be changed, as the current music selection isn't appropriate for this project.
- Picture of Walking Tour Map should be replaced with better image.
- During Carolyn Hughes' interview, pictures of Journey's End would be more appropriate.
- The green squares that flash on the screen during the Errett Sisters' interview need to be removed if possible.

Ms. Olmstead will ask John Apple, Code Enforcement Officer, to make the requested edits to the video. After he makes the changes, the Committee will view the changes and then arrange it to be displayed on the kiosk in the Museum.

### Discuss Historical Pictures for Cover of Oral History

Ms. Olmstead passed around the following picture options to choose from for the cover of the Oral History Project:

- Bethany Beach bus.
- Original tabernacle.
- Walk down to the Loop Canal.
- Errett house that is still standing.
- Post card of Bethany Beach.
- A group photo taken on the front porch of the Errett house.

The Committee decided that the picture of the Bethany Beach bus will be used as the Oral History Cover.

Ms. Olmstead mentioned that there is an issue with the Bethany Beach Historical Heritage Trail brochure. Ms. Malewski printed additional copies of the brochure, and they found that it was the incorrect version that was printed. Changes are being made and the brochure will be re-printed.

### Discussion Regarding Bethany Beach Flag

Ms. Young explained that the Bethany Beach Women's Civic Club used to sell the Bethany Beach flags, but they ran out of them a couple of years ago.

Ms. Olmstead said that there has been a suggestion to change the current flag by changing its background color from white to navy, and the Committee was asked to provide its input. She presented a needlepoint picture of how the flag would appear with a navy background. The Committee noted the following concerns and thoughts regarding changing the current flag: 1.) Will the color navy fade quicker than white? 2.) Why change the traditional flag? 3.) The navy flag would be more attractive and vibrant. 4.) The colors would be similar to the State of Delaware flag. 5.) The new flag stands out more and is more noticeable.

Ms. Olmstead asked for an unofficial vote from the Committee members on whether or not they favor the proposed color change of the Town's flag. Three members were in favor of the new flag and three members opposed the new flag (3-3 vote). Ms. Olmstead is going to ask Ms. Loppatto and Ms. Davis whether they favor or oppose the new flag. She is also going to request a rendition of the flag, so the Committee members are able to see in more detail how the flag would look with a navy background.

### Report from Coastal Museum Committee

Ms. Olmstead reported that she and Ms. Loppatto are representing the Bethany Beach CHAC at the Coastal Museum Committee (CMC) meetings. She explained that a house near to John West Park was donated to the Ocean View Historical Society and they are hoping to renovate the house to transform it into a museum.

The Board of the Ocean View Historical Society with one member from the CMC is responsible for voting on the decisions regarding the museum. The CMC's main purpose will be to help with planning and fundraising for the museum. It was discussed at the CMC meeting that money

fundraised by the CMC will be reserved for the museum only and not comingled with other OVHS funds.

Ms. Olmstead stated that one of the first fundraising projects suggested is a historical house tour. This would include the locations in Bethany Beach that have historical markers. Tourists would be charged \$20 - \$25. The Ocean View Historical Society expressed at the meeting the Coastal Museum is projected to be completed by 2020. At the next CMC meeting, the members are going to look at the house that may be used for the Museum.

Ms. Olmstead said the CMC is meeting regularly (about once a month). She and Ms. Loppatto will continue to report back to CHAC on its progress.

#### Continue Discussion Regarding 'Periers Day'

Ms. Olmstead emphasized that Ms. Malewski has done a great job with planning the events for 'Periers Day' on July 27<sup>th</sup>. She is working hard towards completing the following planning tasks:

- Create a poster to advertise for the event including new ads.
- Banner or sign to be displayed by the Bandstand.
- Ms. Olmstead will ask Diana Cowell if they can borrow her French Flag. Ms. Olmstead is also looking for one to purchase to use for future 'Periers Day' events.

The Committee will meet on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to finalize the plans.

#### Beach Towns Brochure and CHAC Website Page

Ms. Olmstead stated that Ms. Malewski is going to take input from the January 2014 meeting minutes, and begin creating the CHAC Website page. She added that there are many suggested ideas to work with.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. The next meeting, if needed, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be the planning of 'Periers Day' on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Lindsey Good, Admin. Secretary