

**Cultural and Historical Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historical Affairs Committee held a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Theo Loppatto, Jan Kinsella, Margaret Young, Christina Edgar, Julie Malewski, Events Director/Media Coordinator and Molly Daisey, Administrative Secretary.

Absent Members: Mary Lou McNerney and Mary Lou Urquhart,

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2016 Meeting

Ms. Loppatto made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Young and unanimously approved.

II. Announcements

Ms. Olmstead sent Mr. John Roman a thank you note and copy of the video from the talk he gave on July 27, 2016 on the bandstand celebrating Periers Day.

The Heritage Trail tour for the Center of Lifelong Learning didn't take place on September 20, as it was planned, due to weather and the closure of several streets in Town. It was rescheduled for September 27. Eighteen people showed up for the tour which lasted about an hour and a half.

The Small Museum Conference is February 19-21, 2017. It is being held in College Park, Maryland this year. The past several years it was held in Ocean City, Maryland.

III. Review "Heritage Trail" Brochure for Updates and Changes

While mapping out the Trolley Tour, Ms. Olmstead and Ms. Malewski looked at the Heritage Trail Brochure and found that some of the homes on the map are facing the wrong direction. There was a discussion of re-numbering the homes so they would be in order of the actual Trolley Route, but it was decided to leave the numbers as they are. Ms. Edgar suggested maybe adding the Totem Pole as a marker on the map. A decision was made to change the homes on the front of the brochure. A photo of the Dinker Cottage will replace the Errett's Cottage. Ms. Malewski will make the needed changes to the brochure and present at the next meeting. While on the tour on September 27, it was discovered that the Addy Sea Historical Marker is missing. It is unknown how long it has been missing. The marker for the Dinker Cottage is in the possession of Mr. Brett Warner

(Director of Public Works) Ms. Olmstead will look into getting the markers cleaned, and possibly having them put on elevated pedestals so they are more visible. If that is done a letter will be sent to those homeowners to see if they have any objections.

A. Discuss Possible Docent Conducted Tours

The tour on September 27 went very well. The conducted tour took up most of the hour and half. This may be something to look into doing once a month in the off season (April, May, June, September and October).

IV. Discussion Possible Future Docent Program

There will be an ongoing need for docents once the Dinker Cottage is relocated and is operating as a museum. However, it would also be helpful to have Docents in the Spring for the museum at Town Hall. March would be a good time to put out an announcement recruiting Docents. Ms. Malewski will work on creating an announcement to go in the local papers. A CHAC volunteer will be needed to be in charge of the Docent program.

V. Plans for Cultural Evening October 18th and Possible Future Events

The next event “Enduring Invasion, Surviving History” takes place on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Dr. Cara Blume, the presenter is charging \$200 for the event. Flyers for this event have been posted around Town and in the Coastal Point Newspaper. CHAC will be providing refreshments for the event.

VI. Update for Plans for Periers Day 2017

Ms. Olmstead met with Ms. Diana Cowell and was given the tentative plans for the guests arriving for Periers Day. The group will arrive in DC on July 22, 2017 and arrive in Bethany Beach on July 25, 2017 and stay through July 29, 2017. One of the suggested ideas is to have a beach day. Possibly marking off one street to host the group. There is still a need for Host Families for the 15 guests. What is expected of the Host Families was also included on the tentative plans.

VII. Review CHAC Mission Statement and Projects

Ms. Olmstead handed out the CHAC Mission Statement and a list of things that the Committee has accomplished.

VIII. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

IX. Adjourn

Ms. Loppatto made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Young, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.