

Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2011

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historic Affairs Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided; Margaret Young; Jane Fowler; Mary Lou Urquhart; and Gloria Farrar.

Excused members: Mary Lou McNerney; Theo Loppatto; Pat Rogers; Pamela Szypulski; and Jean Wode.

Also present: Lindsey Shallcross, Administrative Secretary.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from the April 26, 2011 Meeting

After a couple of revisions, Ms. Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Fowler, the motion was unanimously approved.

Discuss and Finalize Plans for Ceremony for the Drexler Plaque

Ms. Olmstead distributed the draft of the letter she composed to be sent to those invited to the Henry Drexler Plaque Ceremony and asked the Committee to review it for any possible changes.

Ms. Fowler suggested that the paragraph layout in the letter be altered so that the invitation is stated prior to the information on Henry Clay Drexler.

Ms. Young agreed with Ms. Fowler and acknowledged that the person reading the letter will notice the purpose of the letter if it is stated first.

Ms. Olmstead explained that she will ask for the opinion of Lisa Kail, Town Clerk, on this matter.

Ms. Olmstead stated that she will add the invitation to speak in the letters to the appropriate individuals.

Ms. Olmstead distributed the list of individuals to be invited to the ceremony for the Committee to review.

Ms. Young reported that she spoke with Howard Scofield of the VFW. He confirmed that the ceremony can take place on June 14th at 3:00 p.m. and he will supply eight (8) to

ten (10) Honor Guards. Ms. Young emphasized that Mr. Scofield is looking forward to the ceremony. She is going to send him the format of the program when it is complete.

Ms. Olmstead expressed her appreciation to Ms. Young for contacting Mr. Scofield.

Ms. Young noted that she did not get a chance to ask Ray Rogers if he will be able to play the saxophone at the ceremony, but she made a suggestion that Monte Wisbrock of the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company knows how to play the saxophone.

Ms. Olmstead is going to contact Mr. Wisbrock to see if he is interested in playing “God Bless America” on his saxophone at the beginning of the ceremony.

Ms. Olmstead and the Committee reviewed the proposed program for the ceremony.

Ms. Olmstead noted that Mayor McClenny will be able to welcome the guests and acknowledging who Henry Drexler is.

Ms. Olmstead explained that the following individuals should be invited to give speeches at the ceremony: Governor Jack Markell, Senator George Bunting, Representative Gerald Hocker, and Author, Roger Martin. She suggested that the invitation to be a speaker should be included in the letter.

The Committee ensued a discussion on other possible speakers during the ceremony.

Ms. Olmstead said that she will create a program a week before the ceremony when it is known who will be speaking.

The Committee decided that Mayor McClenny should conclude the ceremony with the statement, “Thank you for coming, we will conclude the ceremony with taps.”

Ms. Farrar suggested to put a picture of the Congressional Honor Award on the front of the program and have the wording of the plaque on the inside left page and the program on the right inside page.

Ms. Olmstead agreed that this would be a great format for the program.

The Committee agreed that an additional handout on Henry Clay Drexler would be too much information to distribute.

Discuss Oral History Project and Continue Review of Completed Interviews

Ms. Olmstead expressed that the Oral History Project should be completed by the middle of summer.

The Committee listened to interviews and discussed the key points to include in the Oral History DVD.

Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Committee scheduled to have an additional CHAC meeting on June 7th, but it may be cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lindsey Good
Admin. Secretary/Assistant Town Clerk