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OWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 27, 2010

Monday, 7:30p, La Chatelaine Restaurant

SUBJECT: OWA MINUTES OF 2010.12.27

ATTENDANCE:

a Susan Allen
a Greg Browning
p Mikel Coulter
a Maggie Huff
p Margaret Real
a Jo Rodgersp
p Jim Ventresca

AGENDA:

7:30 Call to order

Welcome to Margie Lindsey

- The Minutes of the November meeting were approved as amended.
- Finance Report- Reimbursement to Greg for annual meeting was settled with Greg donating \$100 to OWA. Jim also contributed \$100 and urged other trustees to voluntarily do likewise.
- Plaques- For historical purposes Jim showed the 30-year-old 6"-diameter butter-mold plaque that identified the properties that were admitted to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, which included the brass 16" x 10" Travis Scott House plaque for his house.

For contributing properties to the current, April 2010, historic district designation, he showed a 10" x 6" brass plaque. Properties owners can buy this plaque from Elk Promotions for \$400 plus s/h. Those interested should contact Jim for details.

A summary of the effort to A) find a plaque type acceptable to the trustees, and B) affordable for the district's property owners follows:

For general acceptance by the property owner the board decided that the price should be below \$150. It immediately became clear that brass plaques at hundreds of dollars each were out of the question. So, the task became one of finding a durable material that was more cost effective. Cost is also driven by the size of the plaque, i.e., proportional to volume of material.

- A. Engraved zinc alloy met the durability/cost criteria. To retain acceptable legibility at reduced size the board decided to restrict wording to "Worthington Historic District Contributing Property" on a round plaque with the Lantern logo at the center, to enhance recognition, surrounded by the year of establishment, 1803. Jim showed a real-sized color rendering.
- B. Cost was still a problem because at a 6"-diameter the unit price was reaching \$200. A brief discussion on increasing the size to 8" was ended with the recognition of whatever the final cost it would be almost twice (64/36) that of the 6 inch.

The final breakthrough was reached in negotiations: OWA would order lots of 20 units at a price of 943.00. That is equivalent to a unit price of \$47.15 including tax and shipping. Jim asked for approval to order the first lot so that they can be delivered at the time of sale.

Pricing: It was decided at \$67 for members and \$97 for nonmembers. When 20 orders for plaques are in the backlog, subsequent lots will be ordered to be delivered when they arrive.

- State of Ohio Historical Society marker has been proposed for the village green noting the election of the Worthington Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. Jim has requested the city forms from Lynda Bitar and will go forward with the required paper work.

MOTION: Mikel made a motion to go forward with the 6” plaque purchase and larger sign on the Village Green with support from the State of Ohio Historical Society. Motion was duly seconded, and passed.

- Worthington Jewelers: Joe Davis called Jim to ask for support on the Green boundary issue an his election to City Council. Jim supported his Council seat based on several earlier conversations and the answers to some favorite OWA issues. See call notes.

Mikel representing ARB testified before Council in favor of the boundary issue.

Jim at the same Council meeting also testified in favor of Worthington Jewelers.

Mikel said that since Joe is filling Mike Duffey’s seat on City Council that he would most likely pull his building back to 6.5 feet behind the border of the Green making his variance request moot.

- The Party: Margaret will advise of a date between end of January and end of February.

COMMUNITY DIALOG SERIES

- Invite next guests
 - Joe Davis, Worthington Jewelers/new councilman: is scheduled as our March guest
 - Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager of Worthington
 - Chuck Gibson- Director of Worthington Libraries
 - Jeffrey Harris- Economic Development Manager of Worthington

9:00 Next meeting Jan. 24, 2011 / Adjourn

Submitted by Mikel Coulter