

Burlington Historical Preservation Commission

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 @ 2:00 PM

ATTEND IN-PERSON or VIA ZOOM

In-Person

Burlington City Hall
833 S. Spruce Street
Burlington WA 98233

➤ *Room 218 (upstairs, to the right)*

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Dial-in: 1-253-215-8782

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Meeting ID: 894 1322 5314

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Agenda:

CALL TO ORDER

Rick DeGloria

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 12, 2022)

Rick DeGloria

OPEN COMMENT

Rick DeGloria

OLD BUSINESS

Rick DeGloria

1. Carnegie Library: June 25 Appreciation Event

Margie Wilson

NEW BUSINESS

Rick DeGloria

2. 2023 Budget Allowance for Commission

Sarah Ward

3. Shift from Parks & Rec to Community Development

Brad Johnson

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Rick DeGloria

Next Meeting: October 11, 2022 @2:00PM

Enclosures:

:April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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Burlington Historical Preservation Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, 04/12/2022

(Meeting held via Zoom)

Commission Members in Attendance:

Janet Berger, Rick DeGloria, Edie Edmundson, Larry Gilbert, Doug Johnson, Mark Knutzen and Margie Wilson

City Staff in Attendance:

Recreation Director Sarah Ward and Parks & Rec Admin Specialist Shelley Johnstone

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chairperson Rick DeGloria at 2:12PM.

MINUTES: A motion to approve of the minutes of the 01/11/2022 meeting as submitted is made by **Margie Wilson/Mark Knutzen**. All in favor; motion is passed.

OPEN COMMENT

Follow-up Items. Rick DeGloria shares that he is still working to collect information about 3 items he would like to follow-up on for the commission: (1) funding opportunities that may be available from the American Rescue Plan; (2) the status of the Lodging Tax Grant originally awarded to the commission for the Carnegie Library's 2020 architectural consult; and (3) grant opportunities from Western Washington University's Center for Business and Economic Research that may potentially have benefit for the commission. He has made some headway, but will hope to have more to share by the next meeting.

Antique Piano. Larry Gilbert shares that he has been contacted about donation of a circa 1920's upright piano. It may be a good eventual addition to the Carnegie Library. The donation needs to happen rather quickly and storage space is a problem. After some discussion, **Mark Knutzen** offers to accept the donation personally and store the piano until the Burlington Historical Society has the ability to directly accept and store or display donated items.

Next Priorities for the Commission. Margie Wilson suggests an update to the commission's conversation about its next priorities and making sure that the city's budget reflects support for those priorities where applicable. This topic will be included on the commission's July agenda. Finding a meaningful way forward with plans for the Carnegie Library's renovation and repurposing as a museum looms large at the top of the priorities. **Margie** also suggests seeking a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation for the installation of a historic marker at the library.

OLD BUSINESS

Carnegie Library Doors. Margie Wilson shares a few photos taken of the library with its new doors installed. Chad Fisher volunteered his expertise to install the doors which was finished on March 29. Sharon Lovejoy of the Colonial Dames of America, one of the grantors that made purchase of the doors possible, is creating a plaque to commemorate the helping hands that made this project possible. Margie would like to be sure it is noted that an Australian Timber oil was used to seal the doors; a mahogany tone was used for the interior and a blonde used for the exterior. She says the experts at Ekrem Hardware helped her to select the oil and the color tones, and explains that the blonde tone should weather better on the exterior. It is important that the oil be used every 2 years to reseal the doors in order to preserve their integrity. Margie notes that there is not an awning or overhang above the doors which leaves them exposed to the elements. She wonders if adding one would be period appropriate and hopes that as the Carnegie project moves towards renovation as a museum, architectural consultants can help with these type of questions.

Margie comments that the door hardware selected is a historically relevant “Ribbon & Reed” design which represents “Strength & Unity”, a very appropriate sentiment for the Carnegie.

Margie proposes hosting a recognition event to honor the many contributors to this project. After surveying board members, Saturday, June 25 is decided upon as the date. A brief reception with refreshments at Burlington’s current library before a short walk to the Carnegie is the plan.

Commission’s Vacant Position. **Shelley Johnstone** offers an update on outreach efforts to fill the commission’s vacant Historic Resource Professional position. The vacancy has been advertised in the Skagit Valley Herald, both in print and online. It has been posted on the City’s main webpage as well as advertised to the e-subscriber list. **Shelley** has reached out via email to a contact list provided by **Margie Wilson**. She found **Michelle Thompson** to be a tremendous help. She is the commission’s current contact at the State DAHP office and has posted a call of interest on the agency’s social media resources.

Michelle has confirmed that vacancy of 1 of the 2 required Historic Resource Professionals required for the Certified Local Government (CLG) program will not necessarily hold up the commission’s immediate goals. The CLG program’s procedures do allow options for CLG members who are making ‘good faith’ effort to fill their vacancy. The commission must obtain advice of a qualified consultant if considering actions pertaining to the CLG program’s mission, such as historic registers.

Doug Johnson suggests contacting local architectural firms. **Margie Wilson** suggests that perhaps a personal phone call may be the key. **Sarah Ward** volunteers to make phone calls to any suggested contacts. **Larry Gilbert** offers to speak with Sedro-Woolley Museums’ archivist to gauge her possible interest. **Rick DeGloria** offers to connect with **Brian Dempsey**, city’s assistant engineer, to see what points of contact he might have for the commission.

Notable Women Historical Display and Other Historical Display Plans. **Larry Gilbert** reports on the Notable Women display’s grand opening hosted at the Visitor Information Center on 01/22/2022. He says the opening went well with about 30 people in attendance of the opening. **Doug Johnson** spoke on behalf of his ancestor, **Clara Garl Morrison**. Members of Burlington’s Historical Society spoke on behalf of each of the other ‘Notable Women’. The VIC display will be viewable for several months. The Society has also added an historical display to the Burlington Library, “Burlington’s Great Heritage” which focuses on a variety of subjects – sports, farmers, businesses, parks. The library’s display will be viewable for the next month.

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURNED by Sarah Ward at 3:28PM.

NEXT MEETING: July 12, 2022 beginning at 2:00PM.

Meeting minutes transcribed by Shelley Johnstone, secretary for Burlington Parks and Recreation.