

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), W. Mathis (Treasurer/non-voting), D. Carlson (Secretary), M.C. Mueller, S. Hansen, D. Callihan, K. Grimm, K. Scharra-Eraqi

Absent: City Council Liaison S. Baker, K. Schmeling, Glenn Rubright, Rachel Patterson, J. Cauley

1. The meeting was called to order by S. Richardson at 7:02 pm. S. Richardson called for amendments to the agenda and none were put forth. S. Richardson called for a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. K. Scharra-Eraqi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. No non-Committee members were present and no citizen comments were made.
2. City Council Liaison Steve Baker was absent on account of a city budget meeting taking place concurrently. No City Council Liaison report was made.
3. S. Richardson called for possible corrections to the minutes for the April 12th, 2022 meeting of the Committee. Changes to parts 4 and 11 were recommended. D. Carlson stated his intention to make the recommended changes. J. Tong made a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the April 12th, 2022 meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer W. Mathis reported a prior balance of \$18,583.28 and expenditures of \$39.56 in credit card processing fees. Income totaled \$260.25 in miscellaneous sales at the Museum and the Public Library, and \$95.36 in royalties from sales of the "Images of America: Berkley" book, with a resulting balance of \$18,899.33.
5. **Curator's Report:** J. Tong reported that Stan Lisica will soon provide the Committee with cloud storage space for the inputting of "Past Perfect" data. Progress on the

Committee's 100th anniversary book is ongoing. Also noted was the upcoming Rogers School Museum visit to take place on Friday, May 13th from 9 am until 2 pm for which the volunteer schedule sign-up is already complete.

- 6. Historical Marker Reports:** D. Carlson reported re-submission of hard copies of the documentary evidence accompanying the Committee's application for the Berkley Village Hall historical marker. D. Callihan reported meeting with Angell School principal Vince Gigliotti and that he will likely be willing to sign the application for the historical marker at the school. Acquisition of interior photographs was reported as the next step in the Angell School application process.
7. The design and acquisition of Museum and Berkley history themed apparel for the purposes of uniforming was further discussed. Retail sales of Berkley themed apparel was dropped from consideration. D. Callihan reported progress in the development of an embroidered patch design. D. Carlson suggested that the design be rendered by a local artist and stated his intention to contact local illustrator Jody Lynn Burton towards that end. The subject was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.
8. J. Tong presented an updated mock-up of the Committee's "Berkley Restaurants of the Past" mug design and reported a new fabrication price of \$6.90 per. There was a general consensus that the Committee should move forward with fabrication of the new design. J. Tong made a motion that the retail price of the new mug be set at \$15. D. Callihan seconded the motion. After much discussion the motion passed unanimously.
9. S. Richardson informed the Committee of our upcoming participation in the Berkley Days event taking place on Saturday, June 11th from 10 am to 6 pm, and stated her intention to create a group sign-up email. J. Tong reported a recent donation to the Committee of leftover "It's A Berkley Thing" t-shirts and made a motion to sell said t-shirts at the Berkley Days event for \$10 per. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously after some discussion.
10. The Committee's involvement in the Berkley Days event was again discussed. J. Tong informed the Committee of our space to be occupied and filled, plus contributions to the

effort made by Berkley resident, Dean Smith. S. Richardson recommended an inventory of remaining street signs to facilitate ease of retail sales. J. Tong stated his intention to sell remaining Berkley themed banners at clearance prices.

11. New Gifts: J. Tong reported a gift of professional, hand-drawn renderings of the strip mall that formerly stood at Coolidge & 11 Mile Rd, donated by Huntington Woods resident, Hank Berry. S. Hansen made a motion to accept Hank Berry's donation. K. Scharra-Eraqi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion. D. Carlson stated his intention to send the donor a thank you letter.

12. J. Tong called for ideas for the contents of a time capsule to be buried near the Village Hall or interred within its masonry as part of the City's upcoming 100th anniversary events. Social media/Facebook posts will present the same call for ideas to the general population.

13. June 14th was reported as the Committee's next meeting date. The Museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around.

14. S. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:16 pm. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.