

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), D. Carlson (Secretary), S. Hansen, K. Schmeling, K. Grimm, R. Patterson, S. Patterson, J. Harlan (membership pending), D. Bennoune, City Council Liaison S. Baker

Absent: D. Callihan, W. Mathis (Treasurer/non-voting), G. Rubright, M.C. Mueller

1. The meeting was called to order by S. Richardson at 7:07 pm.
2. S. Richardson called for additions to the agenda. None were put forth. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion. There were no citizen comments made.
3. **City Council Liaison Report:** City Council Liaison S. Baker reported on a number of issues:
 - a. At the May 20th meeting of City Council:
 - i. The City's annual budget was approved.
 - ii. The Building & Planning Department made a presentation regarding homeowner building permits.
 - iii. Official proclamations were made regarding National Police Week and the month of June being LGBTQ+ Month, Pet Preparedness Month and National Safety Month.
 - b. Memorial Day events at the City's gazebo were well attended.
 - c. Pending Committee recommissions and other city-wide volunteer appointments will occur in June.
 - d. The next meeting of City Council will take place on June 3rd.
4. **Prior Meeting's Minutes:** S. Richardson called for possible corrections to the minutes for the April 30th, 2024 meeting of the Committee. S. Baker noted that three, not four, of the shops granted licenses to sell marijuana in Berkley are now up and running. D. Carlson stated his intention to make the recommended edit. S. Hansen made a motion

to approve the minutes of the April 30th, 2024 meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee as amended. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

- 5. Treasurer's Report:** S. Hansen reported, in place of Treasurer W. Mathis, a prior balance of \$14,593.34. Expenditures and income are enumerated below:

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| a. Expenditures: | <u>None.....</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$0.00 |
| b. Income: | <u>None.....</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| | TOTAL | \$0.00 |

\$14,593.34 was reported as the month ending balance.

- 6. Berkley Days:** S. Richardson commended the Committee for their exemplary levels of participation in the 2024 event. S. Baker reported that the annual event is nearly certain to continue despite the difficulties of this year's iteration. J. Tong reported that the City plans to close at 6:00 pm on the Saturday of next year's event. Also, \$108 in sales were realized, to be reflected in next month's Treasurer's Report. On a related note, the annual Berkley Volunteer Luncheon time and date were announced: June 12th, 12:00-2:00 pm. Those interested in attending must RSVP with Charlaine Stevenson.

- 7. Curator's Report:** J. Tong reported on a few matters.

- a. The newly installed timer inside the Coolidge entry vestibule of the Village Hall should not be touched, per facilities management.
- b. After a short discussion, J Tong stated his intention to purchase for the Committee a new "Berkley Historical Museum" banner for use at future events at which the Committee sets up a booth.
- c. Gifts made to the Museum in the last month:
 - i. Paul Johnson: A collection of Anderson Junior High School yearbooks.
 - ii. Mark Kuhn of the Lunch Café: A vintage shopping cart from the Shopping Center Market. (More stuff from the old Kresge's to come.)

- iii. Mr. & Mrs. Collins of Franklin Rd: Kroger [grocery store] related business papers dating from the 1920s.
 - d. J.Tong made a motion to accept all three gifts. S. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
- 8. J. Tong made a motion to expend up to \$200 of Committee funds to acquire a sandwich board-style sign to be placed near the Coolidge Street entrance of the Museum while it is open, indicating the Museum's "OPEN" status. R. Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously after some discussion.
- 9. **Berkley Art Bash:** Set-up plans for the Saturday, June 8th event were discussed.
 - a. Load-in: 9:00-9:30 am
 - b. Event: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
 - c. Load-out: 6:00-7:00 pm
 - d. Location of Museum tent: 12-Mile Rd near same spot as last year.
 - e. The volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.
- 10. R. Patterson made a motion that Steven Patterson and Dale Carlson be reimbursed from Committee funds the costs incurred for printing and packaging their respective art and photography prints to be sold for the profit of the Committee at future events in which the Committee participates. Discussion ensued followed by a vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- 11. **Berkley Pride Fest:** Volunteers were solicited for the date of the event, June 23rd. D. Carlson, R. Patterson, S. Patterson and J. Tong volunteered to load-in, load-out and staff the event all day, from noon to 4:00 pm. R. Patterson stated her intention to print up newly discovered LBGTQ+ history for dissemination to the public on the day of the event and requested that Committee members share with her any additional discoveries regarding LBGTQ+ history in our area. It was also announced that the Committee's expected \$50 event participation fee has been waived due to our non-profit status.
- 12. **Rogers School Visit:** The annual Rogers School student visits to the museum took place on May 17th and were reported as "hugely successful" by R. Patterson.

- 13. Social Media:** There was a lengthy discussion of the Committee's presence on social media as well as our rules of public participation. The question of whether we should continue to allow Facebook commenting was raised. There was a round table of opinions expressed without a general consensus arising. Numerous Committee members committed to keeping a closer eye on our social media activity. The subject will be revisited at the next meeting.
- 14. Tabled for discussion at future meetings:** Pattengill School Historical Marker unveiling, Museum Membership program, Berkley High School student volunteer programs, Roseland Park Cemetery Tour, Smocks/Uniforms/Museum Patch.
- 15. Good & Welfare:** Committee Liaison and City Council member Steve Baker is to be married on June 22nd. Congratulations to Steve and his bride-to-be!
- 16.** The date of the next Committee meeting was announced: Tuesday, July 9th. The Museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around.
- 17.** S. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:25 pm. D. Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.