

## **BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

**Present:** S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), D. Carlson (Secretary), S. Hansen, G. Rubright, M.C. Mueller, K. Grimm, D. Callihan, J. Harlan, City Council Liaison S. Baker

**Absent:** W. Mathis (Treasurer/non-voting), K. Schmeling, D. Bennoune, R. Patterson, S. Patterson

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by S. Richardson at 7:10 pm.
2. **Agenda/Citizen Comments:** S. Richardson called for additions to the agenda. No additions were requested. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda as amended. D. Carlson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion. There were no citizen comments made.
3. **City Council Liaison Report:** City Council Liaison Steve Baker reported on a number of issues covered at the most recent meeting of City Council on Monday, September 17th.
  - a. A new zoning ordinance regarding future gun shops within the city limits is being developed. A stipulation within the ordinance calls for limiting possible gun shops to the Woodward Avenue and 11 Mile Road commercial districts.
  - b. The half-block section of Dorothea Street connected to Coolidge Hwy will be cut off from auto usage in the near future to create a "Pocket Park"
  - c. A new rental code designed to address frequent noise complaints associated with properties being used as AirBnB rentals is being developed. It will mandate an interior notification of the city's noise ordinance inside all rentals within the city that are used as AirBnBs.
  - d. The city's solid waste fund has passed an accounting proposal that will likely eliminate the paid yard waste bag tag program within the next fiscal year. Free yard waste pickup will resume.
  - e. A proposal to ban public events with "Midway" style recreation and amusement park rides has been passed by the City Council. A reenvisioning of future Berkley

Days events is underway with lots of community input being considered. This outcome is likely to negatively affect the annual incomes of numerous organizations within the city and contingency plans to address these hardships are also being considered.

4. **Prior Meeting's Minutes:** S. Richardson called for possible corrections to the minutes for the August 13th, 2024 meeting of the Committee. Corrections were recommended for bullet points #6, #8 and #10. D. Carlson stated his intention to make the corrections. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13th, 2024 meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee as amended. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** J. Tong, reporting in place of W. Mathis, recommended the report be tabled until the next meeting, on account of the city's short-staffed finance department. J. Tong and S. Baker will be endeavoring to open a dialog with the finance department over the next month.
6. **Curator's Report:** J. Tong reported that the Berkley Days payout is still being debated. Other curator's issues tabled until next meeting.
7. **2024 Berkley Kit Home Tour:** D. Carlson again reported solid progress of the Tour planning, to the point of nearing completion, and again asked that Committee members save the date of Saturday, September 28th from 10 to 4 pm and do their best to be available as event volunteers and docents on the day of.
8. **Museum Hours:** It was decided that Saturday evening openings of the Museum will be discontinued after October 10th. J. Tong stated his intention to adjust all publicly displayed schedules to reflect the change.
9. **Gifts to the Museum:** J. Tong enumerated gifts to the Museum of the past few months.
  - a. The "Peninsular" store sign, from Robert Jamison.
  - b. A display case built by congregant Fred Campbell that was formerly used at Cana Church, donated by the congregation through Peter Dunkerley.

- c. A collection of 1950s and 1980s Berkley High School yearbooks, plus a collection of “Re-Elect Eck” signs, donated by the Szuber Family through Janette Catchpole.

D. Carlson stated his intention to send “thank you” notes to the donors. J. Tong made a motion to accept the gifts. K. Grimm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

**10. Committee Treasurer:** S. Richardson expressed the need to appoint a new Committee Treasurer in light of W. Mathis’ recent difficulties. K. Grimm volunteered to fill the position, to which the Committee agreed. Committee records currently in Waneda’s possession will be collected by K. Grimm.

**11. Berkley History Book:** J. Tong solicited the Committee’s opinion regarding the sale price of the soon-to-be-delivered reprintings of the Berkley History book: \$20 or \$25? There was a general consensus to maintain the current asking price of \$20. K. Grimm made a motion to maintain the current in-Museum price of \$20 per copy. M.C. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

**12. New Mug Design:** J. Tong passed around an infographic detailing costs for a new mug purchase featuring the Old City Hall painting of S. Patterson. D. Carlson moved that J. Tong be authorized to expend Committee funds in the amount necessary to purchase 144 mugs featuring the approved S. Patterson design. S. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

**13. Tabled Until Next Meeting / To Be Discussed Next Meeting:** Scavenger Hunt, Boo-Kley Days planning.

**14. Good & Welfare:** S. Hansen reported on the condition and new living arrangements of W. Mathis, and stated that she’s doing well and her new place is very nice.

**15. Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, October 15th. The Museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around.

- 16.** S. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 pm. J. Harlan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.