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# Unapproved minutes

CANDIA HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2013 – 7PM  
TOWN OFFICE MEETING ROOM

Present:

Diane Philbrick, Carol Howe, Betty Sabeau, Ray Cresswell, Carmelle Druchniak,  
Hans Rothwangle

Guests: Al Couch, Kathy Binns, Semiquincentennial Committee rep

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Semiquincentennial Petition Day**

Kathy asked the Commission for volunteers to participate in the Petition Day program, to be held March 22 at the Congregational Church. A pageant written and presented in 1963 has been updated, and townspeople are needed to attend and participate, dressed in colonial garb.

The Commission members provided Kathy with contact info and promised to spread the word.

In related news, Diane announced that Mary Claire Hefferman (sp?) has volunteered to update the bicentennial history of the town written by Paul Sargent (sp?).

## **Commemorative Plaque**

Discussion about the contributions to the proposed Smyth Memorial Building (SMB) renovation project by the late Rick Monahan (killed in a January auto accident) and the late Ron Thomas, a commission member and a longtime advocate of the project, led to general agreement that a commemorative plaque in honor of the two men should be included in any work done at the SMB.

## **Results of Deliberative Session**

Diane spoke of the session and voter approval to keep Warrant Article 3 (seeking voter approval of funds for SMB renovation) on the warrant. She and other commission members expressed dismay at a resident's question about the costs of building demolition, and the fact that the budget committee voted 8-1 NOT to recommend the project. There was speculation on the reasons behind the vote and who was the lone voter in favor.

## **Commission Membership**

There was brief discussion about commission membership. Full membership is seven full members and additional alternates. Diane pointed out Carmelle and Hans are alternates, and would they consider moving to becoming full members? Al was also mentioned as a potential alternate, but no action was taken.

## **Warrant Article #3 -- Flyer**

Lengthy discussion took place about the wording of a flyer in support of Warrant Article #3 to be included in the town meeting/voting packet distributed by the local Boy Scout Troop. One side will have a bulleted announcement urging support of Warrant Article #3, and the reverse a lengthier write-up detailing the history of the proposed project.

Cost of printing 1600 flyers is \$144.

Commission members also will reach out to other town groups, email the flyer to friends and neighbors, distribute it at select locations around town (CYAA, the dump), and will also consider making signs to post around town. Carmelle volunteered to create a large sign for the front lawn of SMB.

## **Cogswell Trust**

Betty is working on a letter of application to the Cogswell Trust for funds to cover the cost of the lift included in the SMB project. There was general discussion of the use of grants and other private funds in relation to a town-funded project, assuming voter approval of Article 3.

## **Minutes**

There was no discussion or approval of January minutes – Amanda Soares was absent, but emailed minutes the day after the meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Heritage Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5.