

City of Norwich Ellis Walter Ruley Committee  
2017\_03\_13 Ellis Ruley Committee Minutes

Attendance: Frank Manfredi, Lottie B. Scott and Shiela Hayes, Frank Manfredi  
Subcommittee members: David Fenn, Robert Groner, and Joe Cooper  
Media: Ryan Blessing -The Bulletin

Meeting was convened at 10:02am.

A motion to approve the Minutes of January 9 was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes.  
Motion carried.

**Financials:** Received from the Finance Department. A Motion to accept financial report of \$15,473.69 was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes

**Fundraising:**

**Grants:** Submitting Grants to various foundations between March and May.

**Fundraising:** Planning an event for June of 2017 on the campus of Three Rivers Community College including dinner and presentation on Ellis Ruley Project.

**Old Business:**

**Update on 28 Hammond Avenue:**

The subcommittee had a site visit on the property. They have developed a draft drawing of the site including benches, parking, landscaping, water fountain and other amenities for the park. Next is to develop a budget and create a final drawing of the proposed park. Discussed the need to review the City of Norwich Monument Application and the CT Freedom Application and prepare necessary documentation for submission.

**Update on Ellis Ruley Arts Festival and Exhibit:**

The ER: Interactive Educational Arts Festival at TRCC is being planned for September of 2017. Meetings to plan the event are on-going and outreach to Wequonnoc and IDCS Art Teachers and Principal/Directors were scheduled in Feb. 2017. The next meeting will be scheduled for March of 2017.

The ER: In the Light Exhibition at Slater Memorial Museum is being planned for September of 2018. Monthly meetings to plan the event are on-going. The next meeting will be scheduled for April of 2017.

The Bulletin is interested and willing to work with us on the above two projects.

David Fenn gave an update on his project and he continues to research material about ER.

Writer's Block – no update

**New Business:** Discussed updating the sponsorship names to include collaborative partnerships and in-kind contributions donated by individuals or businesses.

**Citizens Comment:** None

Next meeting is April 10, 2017 at 10:00am.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes at 11:32am. Motion carried.

Respectively Yours,

Shiela Hayes,  
Secretary