

City of Norwich Ellis Walter Ruley Committee  
2016\_04\_11 Ellis Ruley Committee Minutes

Attendance: Lottie B. Scott and Shiela Hayes, Frank Manfredi, Joe Cooper

Meeting was convened at 10:02am.

A motion to approve the Minutes of March was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Joe Cooper. Motion carried.

**Financials:** Financial Report submitted cash of \$9,378.69. Discussion of following up with potential major donors will carry forth with all. A motion to accept report was made by Shiela Hayes and Lottie B. Scott. Motion Carried.

**Fundraising:**

Lottie B. Scott will continue to contact individuals with respect to the Ellis Ruley Circle of Friends and Sponsors. We will look into scheduling another fundraiser at Mohegan Sun in September with the Sky Box.

**Old Business**

Update on Property –Joe Cooper reported the property has been flagged. Joe will schedule tree clearing and work with the committee to determine where parking and paths could be located. We have several volunteer groups to reach out to assist with clean up the property as well as including the Ruley family members. Discussion of the inventory items left on the property should be secured (take photos) and stored for later. Schedule a walk through on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to determine a plan to clear and create the park to install benches, tables, panels and plaques. Shiela will investigate the cost of the recent panels installed by the Historical Society.

Update on Arts Performance and Festival – Lottie will reach out to TRCC President and other artist to begin planning the art festival and other events. Host the festival downtown including local artist to exhibit and perform to promote Ellis Ruley. Discussion of possibly giving an art student at TRCC a stipend to study and then teach others about Ellis Ruley painted.

**New Business:**

Lottie Scott mentioned that we should look into the Smithsonian African American Museum may be including Ellis Ruley. Shiela will look into this and report back.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes at 10:55am. Motion carried.

Respectively Yours,

Shiela Hayes,  
Secretary