

City of Norwich Ellis Walter Ruley Committee
2016_07_11 Ellis Ruley Committee Minutes

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

Subcommittee members: Robert Groner, Joe Cooper

Meeting was convened at 10:08am.

A motion to approve the Minutes of June 13 was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes. Motion carried.

Financials: No change from April financials.

Fundraising:

Lottie reported she has not had a response for the Mohegan Sun for the 2nd fundraiser concerning a group we would like to see in order to have a successful fundraiser.

Lottie reported on sending a second notice to four prospective donors of the Circle of Friends.

Old Business

Update on 28 Hammond Avenue Property – the sub-committee walked the property. Robert Groner suggested a couple of trails, benches, a water fountain, and a smoother pavement. Joe Cooper is suggested milling. Frank Manfredi will send a letter to Public Works supervisor for the request of NPU to begin cleaning up the property. He will send a letter to Chris Stevens of the Boy Scouts requesting they clear specified areas, provide benches, a solid support on the ground to provide a place for the benches. It was suggested we also provide for a security camera to oversee the property.

Update on the Ellis Ruley Arts Festival – the sub-committee met with Sandra Jeknavrian, of TRCC and she is willing to spearhead the Festival for Fall of 2017. In the summer of 2018, Vivian Zoe of Slater is willing to work with us on hosting an Ellis Ruley Exhibit. A meeting will be held in the fall of 2016 to begin the actual planning of the festival and exhibit.

Update on the reinstallation of the Bust – Shiela is working with Bob Sewart and Vivian Zoe to get the Bust returned back to City Hall. In addition, Shiela will request an extension of the loan for another year for the bust.

Update on date for presentation to Norwich City Council – will be at the first meeting in October.

New Business:

A community person has been engaged to host a fundraiser. This will be followed up on in the near future.

A motion to cancel the August 8th meeting was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes. Motion carried. The next meeting will be September 12th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lottie B. Scott and seconded by Shiela Hayes at 10:48am. Motion carried.

Respectively Yours,

Shiela Hayes,
Secretary