

CITY OF OTTAWA

301 West Madison Street
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OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC)

April 9, 2015 Minutes

Present: Farley Andrews, George Cary, Mayor Bob Eschbach, David Rabideau, Mollie Perrot, Tami Huftel, Kim Czyz

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mayor Eschbach advised the OHPC that the City Council has allocated a \$5,000 line item for the OHPC to cover expenses for seminars, plaques, historic street signage, etc.

Kim contacted OHS Superintendent Matt Winchester and inquired about teaching local history. Matt advised that OHS has taught State and local history for many years and that there are 80 students signed up for next year for that class.

At the request of the OHPC, Kim will also contact Marquette Academy and inquire about teaching local history.

Discussion regarding seminars.

Mollie provided information about a seminar in Murphysboro, Illinois June 23-25, 2015. Mollie, Farley and David are interested in attending. There are grant dollars available through the IHPA to CLG members. Tami will provide the OHPC names to the IHPA for this seminar.

Tami provided information about a seminar April 21 in Sterling. Mayor Eschbach is interested in attending if his schedule allows.

Mollie suggested hosting a networking event with other CLG communities. Tami found information about an upcoming event like this in Will County. Tami will get more information and email it to the OHPC.

Discussion regarding creating an endangered list of local properties. The State describes an endangered property as:

- *A threatened historic place important to the community*
- *An irreplaceable local landmark fallen into disrepair*
- *An architecturally significant building or structure that's been abandoned.*
- *A historic district or building type threatened by poor planning or public policy.*

It was suggested that the OHPC establish a list of approximately five endangered properties.

Moved by David Rabideau, second by George Cary to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes as written.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Czyz
Administrative Assistant to the Mayor