

# LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION CANCELLED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA East Meeting Room, City Hall Wednesday, January 9, 2019 7:00pm

**REVISED 12/28/2018** 

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:
- 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chair & Vice Chair

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - A. **DECEMBER 12, 2018**

**Documents:** 

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- 4. REGULATORY REVIEW:
  - A. NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR JANUARY
- 5. FOUNTAIN WORKING GROUP REPORT:
  - A. DISCUSSION FUTURE OF FOUNTAIN WORKING GROUP ASSETS AND MEMBERSHIP
- 6. DANA HOUSE WORKING GROUP REPORT:
  - A. PUBLIC WORKS COORDINATION DEBRIEF OF 12/27 STAFF MEETING
  - B. DANA HOUSE ACTION PLAN CURRENT VERSION REVIEW
  - C. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY
  - D. SAU88 VENUE & PRESENTATION OUTLINE FOR COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
- 7. SPECIAL PROJECTS WORKING GROUP
- 8. STUDY ITEMS:
  - A. MILLS OF LEBANON SUMMARY OF PRIORITIES
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDAS:
  - A. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE OF HEADSTONES

- **B. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**
- C. ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
- D. PECK HOMESTEAD LANDMARK DESIGNATION EVENT TO AWARD MEDALLION
- 10. OPEN DISCUSSION:
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:

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AGENDA HERITAGE COMMISSION JANUARY 9, 2019

AGENDA ITEM #3
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### **DECEMBER 12, 2018**

## CITY OF LEBANON HERITAGE COMMISSION Wednesday, December 12, 2018 EAST MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL

Lindamae Peck (Vice Chair), Rebecca Book, Linda Cole, **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymond Book (Alt.), Karen Zook (City Council), **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert Welsch (Chair), Gregory Schwarz (Planning Board Rep.), Joshua Lascell, Edward Ashey (Alt. & City Historian), Bruce Bonner (Alt. Council Representative). **STAFF PRESENT:** Rebecca Owens (Associate Planner) 

CALL TO ORDER: Lindamae Peck (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM
 Raymond Book was assigned regular membership duties in the absence of Joshua Lascell.

2. Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2018
Amendment: Page 2, line 10: Change "since" to "once"

Moved by Ms. Book to approve the minutes of the Lebanon Heritage Commission meeting of November 14, 2018 as amended. Seconded by Ms. Cole. \*The vote was unanimous in favor, 5-0.

3. Regulatory Review: No applications received for December

Ms. Owens informed the Commission that the Historical Society would be using the Colburn Park Bandstand space, where the Chamber of Commerce office was located, and described what the space would look like.

#### 4. Fountain Working Group Report:

Ms. Peck informed the Commission about the following:

- The Heritage Commission will not be receiving any funds from the Dwinell Charitable Trust. No explanation, other than there are more worthy projects than funding available, was given.
- On a sad note: Ms. Peck said the Glenwood Cemetery Fountain was to be the last project that she, Priscilla Gosselin and Lorraine Morrison were going to do. She spoke about the many projects the Fountain Working Group has undertaken over the last 20 years (1998-2018). They were all in agreement that they would retire after the Glenwood Cemetery Fountain was completed, and since they do not have money to complete this project, they would be retiring now. She said the Heritage Commission should make a recommendation to the City Council about what to do with the funds donated specifically in association to Glenwood Cemetery Fountain. These funds reside with the Rotary Club, because the Rotary Club was the Fountain Working Groups fiscal agent. There would also be a need to contact the donors and ask them if they want their money back or ask them if they would allow the City to apply their donations to a fountain in another location. If the decision is to delay action, for a month or so, in case some funding source becomes available, the Fountain Working Group would take the Glenwood Fountain project to its completion. However, it is probably best to take action now and take what remains of fundraising activity and coordinating whatever needs to be coordinated with the donors and the Rotary Club. A list of donors would be provided.

Ms. Book suggested that conversation be put on hold until the January meeting, when more members are present.

Ms. Book MOVED that the Commission expresses their deepest appreciation to Ms. Pricilla Gosselin,

5 Ms. Lindamae Peck and Ms. Lorraine Morrison for their work on fountains for the City of Lebanon.

The Commission recommends that a letter of appreciation be sent (by the City and the Heritage Commission).

The MOTIONS was seconded by Ms. Cole.

\*The vote on the MOTION was unanimous by quorum (5-0).

#### 5. Dana House Working Group Report:

#### A. Dana House Action Plan - current version review

Ms. Owens handed out the collective effort draft updated version (#4) of the Dana House Action Plan to the Commission.

Ms. Book said the Dana House Action Plan needs to be finalized so it can go to Shelley Hadfield next, and then to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for another review, which is necessary in order for the Commission to get funding.

The Commission spent most of the meeting reviewing the Action Plans step-by-step list of what needs to be done. Their discussion focused on some of the edits the Commission felt needed to be made regarding the exterior/interior of the building, the site plan, potential uses of the property, security options, and benefits of the property to the City of Lebanon and the Dana House relationship to West Lebanon. They also discussed funding sources and potential grants. Ms. Owens will make the suggested changes to the Dana House Action Plan and will bring back to the Commission at their January 2019 meeting for another review.

The Commission also discussed the letter that Chair Welsch sent Ms. Hadfield.

#### B. Public Engagement Survey

Ms. Owens will develop some questions for public survey and bring a draft back to the Commission at their meeting January 2019 for their review. The focus would be to launch this survey in February 2019, which would come from the City's News Alerts.

#### C. SAU 88 Venue & Presentation Outline for Community Open House

Ms. Owens said she spoke with the School District and the Heritage Commission can reserve the auditorium or another room at their Seminary Hill School District Building. Ms. Owens will do a site visit. The Commission discussed other possible site locations but determined that the SAU #88 Auditorium would most likely be the best place to have this event, which would take place in March.

Ms. Owens said if the Commission can get a survey launched in February, the results of the survey can be presented at the March event. Major stakeholders (invitees) for this event would be the school, City officials, the Heritage Commission, DHR and the public. Further discussion took place regarding who else should be invited to this event.

6. **Special Projects Working Group:** Not discussed, as Dana House was the priority for this meeting.

#### 7. Study Items

A. Mills of Lebanon – Summary of Priorities – Not discussed.

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Dona E. Gibson

Recording Secretary

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2	8.	Other Business/Future Agendas:
3		A. Education and Outreach: Not discussed.
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5		B. Arts & Culture Commission: Ms. Peck asked if anyone from the Commission was
6		interested in occupying a seat on this Commission. This will be left on the agenda for the
7		January 2019 meeting.
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9		C. Peck Homestead Landmark Designation - Event to Award Medallion: They are just
10		waiting to hear back from Alice Peck Day Hospital to piggy back with the Award
11		Designation.
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13		D. Minute Changes: Ms. Owens had sent around a letter to the Commission regarding minute
14		changes.
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16	9.	Open Discussion
17	The C	ommission reviewed Chair Welsch's letter to Ms. Hadfield that Ms. Owens's handed out.
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19	The C	ommission also discussed:
20	•	Focusing on an era, or eras, of the Dana House, its architecture, and the history of settlement in
21		this area.
22	•	Developing a possible sisterhood with West Lebanon and the benefits that would come from that
23		historical connection.
24	•	Outreach/Programming Plan to attract visitors.
25	•	Signage.
26	•	Benefits of repairing Dana House and extending the hours and days the Dana House would be
27		open to the public.
28	•	July 4th activities/Annual Founders Day Celebration by local businesses and how Dana House
29		could be part of these celebrations.
30	•	The development of a possible West Lebanon Historic District and looking at a potential CLG
31		grant to fund this project.
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33	10.	ADJOURNMENT:
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35		TION was made by Karen Zook to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Book.
36	* The	vote on the MOTION was unanimous in favor (5-0).
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38	Respectfully submitted,	