

Braintree Historical Commission
Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018
Fletcher Hall – Braintree Town Hall

Present: Elizabeth Mees (Chair) Kate Nedelman-Herbst
Ron Frazier Santina Giannino

Also Present: Christine Stickney, Director of Planning and Community Development

Meeting convened at 7:05 PM

Reorganization:

Chair, Elizabeth Mees had asked this be put on the agenda to see if there was an interest of any other members to be Chairman. All present agreed she was doing a good job and were fine with leaving her as chair. Members did discuss reminding the Mayor of the vacancy open and the need to two other members as alternates that would be helpful with quorum issues – Christine will send an email to the Mayor. Elizabeth suggested reorganization be revisit in October as an agenda item that there may be a full board by then.

All Souls Church – Off Elm Street *(Member Kate Nedelman-Herbst recused herself from this matter)*

Christine shared an email from Bob Bloomberg dated 2/16/18, representing the Church for an application to be submitted to the Mass Historical Commission for pre-development studies for the Church. Ron Frazier noted that Mr. Bloomberg's email is not specific to what they are submitting a grant for more information is needed. Chair Mees speculated it is probably for certain studies needed for an assessment of the church to determine the historic fabric for preservation for the National Register. Members felt it should be put over to the next meeting however Christine noted they have a 3/23/18 deadline and asked if she could try and contact someone this evening for clarification. Christine was able to reach the applicants via phone, Linda Steiner described over speaker phone that the Church is in fact working on a grant to help fund what needs to be done for the Church to be in compliance with the National Register – she cites an example like how to handle the lead stain glass windows restoration. The grant would allow a preservation architect to assist All Souls with a historic preservation assessment that could be later providing a plan for restoration. The Commission thanked Linda for the additional information. Ms. Giannino **MOTION** to send a Letter of Support on behalf of All Souls Church for inclusion in their MHC grant application, seconded by R. Frazier- vote approved (3:0:1 KNH Abstain)

(Kate Nedelman-Herbst rejoined the meeting discussion)

Daugherty Gym – CPA Application

Christine shared an email from Derek Manning, CPA staff re: an application he is working with Nelson Chin from recreation for improvements to the structure. Christine noted that some of the items listed are not eligible activities under CPA however his description maybe of a larger project that only a portion will be paid with CPA funds. Members would like to have a discussion with Derek to learn more about the project and asked he be invited to the next meeting. Kate Nedelman Herbst **MOTION** to table this matter and have Mr. Manning come to a commission meeting when the CPA Application is completed, second by R. Frazier – unanimously voted.

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Elm Street Cemetery

Christine reported the decorative fence has been taken down and brought to the DeAngelis shop for work through the winter. Next steps are to clear the brush along the outside perimeter of the wall on abutters properties that we have right of entry authorization – one abutter Yaser Saleh has not agreed to allow us on his property. Members asked if DeAngelis could send pictures of the fence restoration progress.

American Legion

Christine reported the Mayor's office did not include the funding (\$650k) for half of the construction costs in the Capital Budget to the Council. A decision was made in the Mayor's office to send it back to the CPA to fund the second portion which will be before the CPA on March 12, 2018. There is a concern that this could potentially delay the overall time table for the project now and the 100 year celebration.

Demolition Delay

Members asked that an email be sent to the Council and ask the status of the pending ordinance already in subcommittee.

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Ron Frazier noted a minor correction on the 2/16/17 minutes change talent bank from to "form" R. Frazier then **MOTION** to accept the minutes as amended of 2/16/17, seconded by S. Giannino – unanimously voted. R. Frazier **MOTION** to accept the minutes of 1/29/18, seconded by Kate Nedelman Herbst unanimously voted.

Members asked that an email be sent to the Mayor asking for the appointment of the Braintree Historical seat and two alternate members as allowed per the Charter to help with quorum issues.

Members also noted the need to start to work on the Historic Inventory of additional areas and structures soon.

Ron Frazier **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Santina Giannino – unanimously voted

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stickney, Director
Planning and Community Development