

Historic Sites Committee

Meeting of December 2, 2009

A meeting of the Historic Sites Committee was held in the Admin Room, Central Library at 4:35 p.m. with the following present:

Members: Hilary Bates Neary, Chair, Gina Barber, Gary Kerhoulas, Anne McKillop, Arthur McClelland, Margaret Mitchell, Mike Murphy, Cliff Oliver and Jonathan Vance;

Apologies: Jason Jordan, John Lutman.

HS09/29 Minutes of October 7, 2009

It was MOVED by Mr. Vance and seconded by Ms. McKillop that the minutes from the October 7th, 2009 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

HS09/30 Business Arising from the Minutes – none

Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada plaque for Noble and Wolf v. Alley

Ms. Bates Neary will keep members informed of any progress.

HS09/30.1 129/131 Wellington Street (Antiquities Shop) – first commercial residence

Ms. McKillop provided further information on this property.

HS09/31 Election of Chair, 2010

Ms. Mitchell asked for nominations.

Ms. McKillop nominated Ms. Bates Neary.

Ms. Bates Neary accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair.

HS09/32 New Business

Future Goals and Funding

Members discussed upcoming goals for 2010. The funding of new plaques was discussed. Ongoing funding would be more preferable than individual funding from those who are having plaques placed at individual locations. Other suggestions for funding sources included: Chamber of

Commerce, London Heritage Fund - London Community Foundation and endowment funding. The program - Avanti, is being investigated for possible funding opportunities.

Future Goals and Funding should be included in upcoming agendas.

HS09/32.1 Archives Project

In progress.

HS09/32.2 Walking Guide: Marketing and Updating Towards a New Edition?

The Walking Guide is now available on the LPL website. The current Walking Guide is missing plaques #50 through #64. Texts containing the historical significance and a fuller biography could be added to the LPL website. Students from Mr. Vance's UWO Graduate History course could assist on this project. Mr. Lutman will provide guidelines and oversee the final texts

As an alternative to a new edition of the Walking Guide, the committee discussed the feasibility of issuing a map instead, which could include plaques erected by both HSC and other plaquing bodies, with plaque texts on the back of the map, and with referral to LPL website for more detailed information.

The Walking Guide will now sell for \$5.

The number of Walking Guides left will be counted for the next meeting.

HS09/32.3 Plaques

Farmer's Advocate & Cronyn House - in development.

Engine 86 – when the engine moves, hopefully the plaque will too

Members will do research on the following:

1. 607 Talbot Street, home of London artist, Albert E. Templar – Anne McKillop with Don Menard
2. 172 Central Avenue, once home of Oronhyatekha - Gary Kerhoulas
3. Former station for the South Western Traction Line, and Salvation Army Men's Hostel on Horton Street – Cliff Oliver with assistance from Mike Baker
4. Pilgrim Canadian Reformed Church, formerly Southern Congregational Church on Horton Street, where local St. John's Ambulance originated – Arthur McClelland

5. Rex Theatre on Hamilton Road – Jonathan Vance

HS09/33 Other Business

Correspondence from David Jenkins – Received.

Mr. Kerhoulas presented a list of street addresses at which well- known Londoners lived.

HS09/34 LACH REPORT

For February meeting.

HS09/35 Upcoming Meetings - 2010

February 3rd

April 7th

June 2nd

October 6th

December 1st

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.