

APPROVED MINUTES OF CHPB, MAY 13, 2013

In preparation of the Chil-E-Fest, we met at the Senior Center to begin a trial run tour of Chili's historic points of interest.

ATTENDANCE: Bonnie Moore, Chair; Linda Hamilton, Secretary; Phil Supernault, Rona Pearce, Mike Tata, Melissa Pernesky, Pete Widener and Mary Sperr, liaison. Stan Hamilton was our guest bus driver.

We had Stan take our picture next to the van with the magnetic Preservation Board signs. Bonnie will give these photos to the local news media. During the tour, we discovered that there were so many points of interest along the way that we would need to abbreviate the tour on July 4 and return before the parade which begins at 5 PM.

From the Senior Center we traveled west to North Chili, south on Union Street, then to Clifton on the southwest corner of town. We headed east on Morgan Road, our southern boundary. We traveled north on Scottsville Road and then west on Paul Rd back to Chili Center.

Suggestions for the tour included having a map with interesting details of places which aren't easily viewed from the vehicle or due to time constraints could not be discussed completely. A possible stopping point may be the Cobblestone School House where passengers could use the outside bathrooms. We would still like to have Phil and Melissa create an interactive game for passengers. David Dunning would like the tour to be free of charge to Chili citizens. We would probably need to have folks preregister for planning purposes. We discovered that riders are interested, but may begin having their own conversations during the tour. Because of this, we may need a newer, small, air conditioned bus with a good sound system. We want to make a good impression on our first such tour of Chili.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Approved Minutes:

Pete moved that the minutes be approved and Rona seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Fuhrman Home:

Pete visited the Fuhrman home and took photos. He reported that it was originally a Salt Box home but has many major changes. He and Jerry agreed that the land is more valuable than the house due to windows of all sizes, jacking in the floors and roof, and other issues. The house is 200 years old and on valuable land which would meet the qualifications for landmark status. Pete gave us a written report on his visit with Jerry Furhman.

Bonnie reported that she has not been able to make contact with John Testa to discuss the Recognition Award. Rona said that she lives near him and will try to contact him.

Carole Thoms sent an electronic version of the history of her home and property. It is a wonderfully done, extensive document. We would like to use some of the photos during the Town Board presentation of Landmark Status. Perhaps Rona could condense the document for that purpose.

Bonnie will order two plaques for Carole Thoms (circa 1825) and the Fuhrmans (circa 1815).

Bonnie asked us to critique the trial tour and send our suggestions and comments to her.

Our meeting adjourned at 9 PM with a motion from Mike and a second from Phil.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hamilton, Secretary