

Cultural and Historical Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

The Bethany Beach Cultural and Historical Affairs Committee held a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, in the Bethany Beach Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

All Members present: Carol Olmstead, who presided, Christina Edgar, Mary Lou McNeerney, Mary Lou Urquhart, Carole Calef, Jan Kinsella, Theo Loppatto, and Julie Malewski, Events Director/Media Coordinator.

Call to Order

Ms. Olmstead called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2019 Meeting

The committee approved the minutes as written.

II. Announcements –

- a. Ms. Olmstead and Ms. Kinsella will be attending Michael Naz’s book launch in Rehoboth on February 23rd.
- b. The Library hosted an event called Plastic Pollution (a different speaker/program than what CHAC has planned).

III. Finalize Details for 2019 Cultural Evenings

- a. Michael Naz – April 9th Historic movie theaters in Delaware.
- b. Dune Discussion – May 7th Ms. Malewski gave the committee a proposal from the speaker, Sherri Paris. The committee agrees with the proposal.

IV. Discussion/Vote Regarding Entertainment for Périers Day 2019 – Ms. Malewski shared the 4 options below for the group to consider. They chose The Delmarvalous Dolls. There will be no other entertainment for the event.

- a. WWIIunes – WWII tribute, had them before
- b. La Vie en Rose – French Jazz, had them before
- c. The Delmarvalous Dolls – Andrews Sisters USO Tribute, new
- d. Zydeco-A-Go-Go – Creole Dance, performed on the Bandstand before but not for Périers Day.

V. Review Heritage Trail Brochure –

- a. Ms. Olmstead confirmed that the Dinker House #2 on Atlantic Avenue was sold and will be demolished next month. Ms. Malewski already removed it from the brochure in anticipation.
- b. Journey’s End – The family does not want to have the plaque displayed, so the committee decided to remove the house from the trail and brochure.
- c. Ms. Olmstead contacted Healy Plaques to see about replacing the markers. The representative said they last about 10 years. Tarnishing depends on the location which they are facing. They were ordered in 2 batches. The rep. is willing to

look at them and return them to their original condition at a price of 9 cents/square inch. (Approximately under \$10 each.) The company wants us to take pictures and send them for review. The finish might determine the length of wear (e.g. patina vs. wear; These had a leatherette background.). Ms. Urquhart to send photos of Loop Canal sign to Ms. Malewski to forward with the new ones.

- d. Wording on the brochure is not word-for-word so as not to take away from what's written on the plaque. The committee made minor edits.
- e. March 12th – Addy Sea tour/speaker/luncheon \$30 Ocean View Historical Society members; \$35 non-members.
- f. Website – ***Town History*** is listed under the ***Residents*** tab. The committee would like the Town to place it under its own tab, “History”, or at the very least, “Visitors”. Ms. Malewski to ask the Town Manager’s office.

VI. Update on Dinker - Irvin Cottage Renovations

- a. The builder is making great progress:
 - i. The interior floor and wall colors have been changed. Painting should be finished & doors put back on
 - ii. The exterior painting and replacement of steps will be completed when weather permits. (The steps will be wider with no landing.) A center railing will be added too.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next meeting will be March 12th at 10 am.