HPAB MEETING AGENDA – July 22, 2021 @ 7:30PM

Location: Cranford Community Center

Attendees:

Steve Saltzman, Jeff Pistol, Bill King, Jason Gareis, Teresa Bulger, Ron Meeks, Loretta Smith

Approve minutes of last meeting [minutes approved]

Board Secretary for meeting [Teresa B]

Treasurer’s Report (Alan) – current balance as of 7/9/21 $ 7,010.44

Report from Chair - missing resume: Randy

* We received another plaque order. We now have two.

 **Old Business:**

**Status of Audio tour of Cranford Historic sites – you have seen report!**

* Monday or Tuesday we are expecting the sample sign, Droescher’s Mill
* If they are met with approval, we could potentially have them ready by next Friday, may be ready to bring them to the Town Aug. 2nd
* Jason is going to reach out to contact the Chief within the police dept to find out the person to contact at DPW for installation by Sept 25th

**Social media** HPAB Facebook page updates ‑ Amy and Randy

 -We will need postings on the Historic Audio Tour QR codes signs (Steve S. will handle providing information to Amy)

**HPAB website** - Bill and Steve

- Email address is not very visible on the website

**River tour brochure** ‑ Teresa and Kinney – no news

**Variances** – Ron – one variance request for property sub-division reported by Ron. New construction of a single family home, adding a garage, but getting rid of the extant house’s garage. No objections.

**Cranford Master Plan** ‑ Historic Preservation Element ‑ Steven

 We are on the Planning Board agenda for Wed. Sept 22 7:30pm! If you are free that evening PLEASE come to show your support. If we aren’t all there why should anyone else support this?

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**New Business**

Donation in memory of Michael Mason. Ron and Bill will attempt to find out if the River Walk Committee that Michael was heading will be meeting and if they will be collecting money for restoration of the gateway plaza at South and Centennial Aves.

Potential Student Representative, Katelyn Shaw, not final yet.

Cranford Day --- Cranford HPAB table, maps to sell, sign etc. Sept 25

 Teresa and Ron offered to staff the table!! Loretta and Jeff will be at the event!

Planning Board Meeting Sept 22nd --- We need a Powerpoint Presentation. ?Kinney will be making the presentation, maybe he can also put together a rudimentary powerpoint?

Historical Society Relations --- Margaret G. & Steve S met. Not interested in sharing a table, but is interested in having liaison of each organization attending each other’s meeting. She is bringing it to her Board. If meetings are open to Historical Society members, maybe one of us could attend without sitting on the board.

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Maureen MacDougall is no longer associated with HPAB.

Plaques

- Received a request from a Facebook member to purchase a plaque. House at 821 Springfield, is within a “non-contributing” portion of the North Cranford Historic District. It was agreed that since it is located within the previously-defined boundary of the North Cranford Historic District, he can buy a plaque if he wishes.

Sperry Observatory

Received SHPO correspondence with respect to the Sperry Observatory Certificate of Eligibility. The SHPO agreed with our assessment that the Observatory is eligible for listing on the NR under Criterion C, but didn’t agree with our argument for Criterion A.

Next meeting Thursday Sept. 23 (7:30)