

Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority

5PM Meeting

April 5, 2011

Danbury Museum, Huntington Hall

43 Main Street

Danbury, CT 06810

In attendance: Mike Kallas, Natalie Weise, Robert Young, Kay Schreiber, Anne Harrigan, Levi Newsome, Jack Deering and Brigid Guertin.

1. Welcome-President Robert Young (Bob)
Bob called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.
 - A. March Minutes -MOTION Kay Schreiber made a motion to accept the January 2011 minutes, Mike Kallas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - B. President's Report- in the interest of time, Bob said he would weigh in on matters as they are mentioned on the agenda. MOTION Mike Kallas to move old business on the agenda before finance, Kay Schreiber seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Old Business
 - A. Brigid discussed the proposal by the Danbury Westerners, and other Danbury baseball interests, in moving the King Street Schoolhouse (sited on the leased property on Mountainville Ave.) to the Main Street campus in exchange for use of the leased property as a parking area. Jack Deering was invited to explain the project. MOTION Natalie Weise to accept the proposal and to have Brigid sign attached document stating the DMHSA's agreement, seconded by Anne Harrigan. Motion carried
3. Finance Report-Brigid Guertin
Brigid confirmed Museum bank account information, recent income and expenses. Board discussed the increasing uncertainty of the Museums financial picture and began to plan for a negative financial picture within the next several months. The Board discussed several options including cutting back staff hours even further than what was instituted in July and then again in December 2010. Brigid will now be paid only 20 hours a week. Budget discussion will have to wait until we

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get the prospective figure form the City of Danbury. Brigid agreed to e-mail budget numbers during the month so everyone would be able to continue the discussion at the May meeting.

4. Executive Director's Report-Brigid Guertin

Brigid spoke about recent tours, programs, volunteers, donations, and Diane Hassans outstanding efforts in the research department. Brigid mentioned the gracious and generous grant by the Cultural Commission to produce our schools programs in May- free of charge to Danbury 3rd and 5th graders.

5. Fundraisers-Brigid Guertin

The Magnificent Millinery exhibit and activities for spring, summer and fall 2011. Brigid discussed the "Sell your Gold" fundraiser on June 16, 17, 18. Brigid asked for help, due to her reduced hours in working certain events and helping with tours.

6. New Business

A. Brigid discussed the proposal by the Friends of Danbury Cemeteries to use the museum as a mailing address. MOTION Natalie Weise in favor of letting Friends of Danbury Cemeteries use the DMHSA as a mailing address. DMHSA reserves the right to rescind the agreement at any time and for any reason, seconded by Mike Kallas. Motion carried.

7. Adjournment-Anne Harrigan made a MOTION to adjourn, Mike Kallas seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm. Reminder, next meeting on Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 5pm in Huntington Hall, Danbury Museum.

Respectfully submitted,
Brigid Guertin
Executive Director

incl. in April 2011
minutes

MEMORANDUM

To: Brigid Guertin, Executive Director
Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority
43 Main Street
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Date: March 2, 2011

From: John W. Deering, Chairman
Committee for the Revitalization of Rogers Park Baseball Field

Re: Proposal for moving King Street School House from Mountainville Road property to 43 Main Street. The description shown below for moving the King Street School House would need to be accepted by both the Committee and the Danbury Museum. This proposal is critical to the total revitalization of the baseball field at Rogers Park and for Rogers Park itself. The need for parking at Rogers Park is without question. It is within the guidelines of the Committee that the maximum effort be made to gain as much parking as possible.

With reference to map 4577 showing property Parcels "A" & "B" of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society Authority. It is the intent of the Committee in its proposal to revitalize the baseball field at Rogers Park to include in the design and specifications moving the King Street School House to the property designated by the Danbury Museum at 43 Main Street, Danbury. This will include excavating for the foundation, the concrete footings, concrete walls and the concrete floor as per design of a Registered Architect and a licensed Surveyor for the location of the building meeting the Planning & Zoning Regulations for the City of Danbury, but not limited to the placement of the building on its new foundation. The proposed use of the property will be to design a free draining parking lot parallel to the paved road accessing the rear of the Middle School, meeting all of the requirements for a Storm-water Phase II Permit, which will be designed by a licensed engineer and included in the master plan for the revitalization of the Rogers Park baseball Field. The fulfillment of this agreement will be based on the acceptance by the City of Danbury and its departments along with the availability of a grant or bonding that will finance this project.

Respectfully,

John W. Deering, Chairman
Committee for the Revitalization
of the Rogers Park Baseball Field

Proposal Accepted,

Brigid Guertin, Executive Director
Danbury Museum &
Historical Society Authority