



Danbury Historic Properties Commission

Minutes July 14, 2011

City Hall Room 3C 5PM

Corrected by minutes of September's meeting

Call to order: 5:10 PM

In attendance: Laurie Weinstein, Jack Robbins, Todd Knapp, Mary Saracino. Dennis Elpern, ex officio

Guests: Dr. Cosimo Sgarlatta, WCSU, Kay Schreiber, Friends of Danbury Museum, Bob Young, President, Danbury Historical Society

Minutes of June 9, 2011:

Correction: *New Times* article mention was never published.

Motion to accept as corrected: Jack Robbins Second: Laurie Weinstein

No Old Business

New Business:

1. Discussion of upcoming City Council Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

A vision of the project for which we are requesting \$2800 from the City was discussed. This is a refundable amount if the grant from the state is granted. The project will prepare a predictive model of potential prehistoric sites in the Danbury region. The money will be used for postage to survey City of Danbury residents. This is a survey will help the city in planning future development, and provide an opportunity for community outreach and participation.

2. The mayor has requested that we partner with the Danbury Historical Society and the Friends of the Danbury Museum. Representatives were present to explain their work and needs.

Bob Young discussed the history and mission of the Historical Society; educational programs for 3rd and 5th grades in city history and colonial history respectively at no cost to public school students. He also discussed needs of the museum, particularly the Ives House which needs

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substantial renovations. He would also like to see the Museum more included in City Center activities.

Kay Schreiber discussed the \$70,000 shortfall and looking for a new ways to partner with others. Budget is \$200,000/year: expect \$60,000 more.

Laurie Weinstein discussed the update to the Museum Studies program T WCSU, using the Danbury Museum as its anchor. Student internships and help are a possibility.

Dennis Elpern discussed way in which the Planning Department has surveyed historical sites in the past and is working to pass regulations in City Center to have developers who apply for tax abatement to comply with Dept. of Interior guidelines to have buildings comply through design linkages.

July 26 is the next Museum Board Meeting

Sources of publicity suggested: Bob Miller @New Times, Mark Langlois @ Danbury Patch, Bill Montgomery of Danbury Land Trust

Adjournment at 6 PM to attend the City Council Ad Hoc Committee meeting

Respectfully submitted

Mary Saracino

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Saracino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".