

Elkins Historic Landmarks Commission  
**Meeting Minutes**  
May 21, 2008

Members present:

Ed Griesel, president, Suellen Gross, treasurer, Rebecca Hackman, Carol Schuler, secretary, and Ellen Spears

The minutes from April 16 were read and approved. Members commented that they appreciated receiving the minutes in advance of the meeting.

**Treasurer's report: \$21,324.55**

Wees District Balance (in trust): \$3,081.83

*Detailed report distributed by treasurer.*

**Update on Downtown Traffic Lights:**

- Ed received a Memorandum of Agreement and form for his signature, which he signed and returned to the WV Division of Highways. The MOA states that WVDOH will remove the historic signals and it acknowledges that this would constitute an adverse effect to the historic resource. As such, it plans to mitigate by installing historically appropriate traffic light poles as well as "decorative lighting fixtures." This meets the mitigation that EHLC requested. Moreover, it appears from the MOA that they may be installing decorative lighting. In addition, EHLC will receive the historic traffic signals. The MOA is attached to the official minutes.
- Susan Pierce of SHPO also signed off on the MOA.

**Kroger Expansion Update:**

- Ed has been trying to get in touch with Robb Kidd of MSES Engineering. The architect on the project is Fenton Childer, and based in Roanoke, VA. Ellen has contacted him and will follow up to schedule a meeting for EHLC on this project.

**Darden House:**

- Ed still trying to get hold of Liz Shomo. She has been paid through June.
- The window project has slowed. Melvin Lester was at the meeting, so members looked at the window with him to clarify some things. We agreed that he should stain the sash he has already stripped to match, but that he should leave the patina intact on other sashes. We also clarified that the bid was for sashes only, not trimwork. We asked Melvin to clean up the broken glass on the floor. Melvin will contact Suellen for approval of the stain. Ellen will serve as backup if Suellen is unavailable.
- Ed sent a letter to the Friends of the Library stating that they could not continue their lease. He sent it "return receipt" and has not yet received the return postcard.

- We will rent the main room to the John Hart Chapter of the DAR for its monthly meetings at the rate of \$35 per monty. There was discussion regarding the need for fixed rate on using the Darden House for meetings. We agreed to set a new rate of \$35 for a half-day or less and \$50 for a full day.
- Ed reported that Sue Gillispie and the YMCA kids have been working on the children's garden.
- Spinner offered to ask David Phares about a potential starting date for our projects.

**Historic District Plaques:**

- Rebecca shared her research. We still need a guideline. Rebecca will try to get something done prior to her leaving.

**New Members:**

- Ed gave the notice to Mayor Guye for the Council Packets. It has not yet run in the Inter-Mountain.
- We discussed whether Bryson Vannostrand might be interested. Also discussed askng Joni Smth (wife of new D&E President) and C.J. Rylands. Carol will ask Joni and Ed will ask CJ.

**Other Business/Misc:**

- Ed did ask Jennifer Giovannitti to attend to report on the Depot Centennial. He will ask again.
- Scott Hill is being renovated into a special event venue by the Smith family. They are Scott descendants. They are reroofing and will give the slate to C-HOPE.
- It was noted that June is traditionally our last meeting until September.
- Rebecca said Good-bye. She will be moving to Pennsylvania in three weeks. THANK YOU Rebecca for all of your energy and hard work!

Respectfully submitted by  
Carol Schuler, Secretary  
May 25, 2008