

**Provincetown Historical Commission  
December 14, 2007  
Minutes**

Meeting called to order 9:00 AM

Members Present: Stephen Borkowski, Eric Dray, Steven Milkewicz, Taylor Polites and Char Priolo

Members Absent: Polly Burnell (excused), Steven Desroches (excused)

Also Present: Doug Johnstone, Gigi Ledkovsky, Margaret Murphy, and Michael Prodanou

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Polites moved to approve the agenda. Borkowski seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Milkewicz moved to approve the minutes as amended. Priolo seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

**3. Public Statements**

There were no public statements.

**4. Community Preservation Application, Fine Arts Work Center**

Gigi Ledkovsky, Margaret Murphy and Michael Prodanou came before the Commission to discuss their intent to apply for a grant of Community Preservation Act funds to partially finance the rehabilitation of the historic Days Lumber Yard building, which is a part of the Fine Arts Work Center campus.

Borkowski advised the Commission that he is a member of the FAWC Advisory Board. Polites advised the Commission that he is a member of the FAWC Advisory Board and Finance Committee. Milkewicz advised the Commission that he is an abutter.

Ledkovsky, Murphy and Prodanou related the historical importance of the Days Lumber Yard building and artists studios to the history of Provincetown as an art colony. They presented preliminary design studies for the renovation, noting that the design specifically left intact the artists studios and minimized the impact of renovations on the exterior of the building. Murphy noted that the efforts to preserve the historic aspect of the building also involved meaningfully greater

costs to the FAWC, but the Board of Trustees and administration agreed that the importance of preserving of the studios outweighed the additional financial burden. Murphy also detailed the variety of funding sources that had already committed or were in process to finance the \$1 million project. Murphy and Ledkovsky advised the Commission they were seeking \$50,000 in Community Preservation Act funds and hoped to receive the approval of the Commission for this request.

Dray thanked them for maintaining the historic integrity of the building and expressed his support of the funding request. Dray led an open discussion of design alternatives and materials available to the project planners.

Polites expressed his support for the application and thanked them for coming to the Commission with a detailed and thorough presentation regarding the renovation of the structure well in advance of the application deadline.

Borkowski and Priolo also echoed their support of the application.

## **5. History Summit**

The Commission agreed to table discussion of the History Summit until the next meeting. Priolo related to the Commission that Rev. Allison Hyder had offered the Unitarian-Universalist Meeting House as a possible location for the summit.

## **6. Historic Walking Tour**

Polites updated the Commission on the status of the development of a Historic Walking Tour brochure. He reported that he attended a meeting of the Visitor Services Board where Laurel Guadagno agreed to head a discussion committee on the topic. Hersh Schwartz and Lisa Bowden agreed to sit on the committee. Polites invited members to join the committee with him. Priolo expressed an interest in participating in the planning. Polites agreed to report back to the Commission on future progress of the project.

## **7. Acquisition Policy**

Dray agreed to contact Tim McCarthy to discuss the acquisition of certain materials from the Provincetown Theater. Borkowski agreed to request a copy of the Pilgrim Memorial and Provincetown Museum's Acquisition Policy.

## **8. Murchison House**

Dray agreed to contact Rose Kennedy and present her with the initial eligibility findings of the Massachusetts Historical Commission related to the Murchison House.

## **9. Oral History Project**

Priolo reported on the status of the Oral History Project. She stated that PTV was willing to outfit volunteers for the project with video recording equipment. She also reported that John Braden of WOMR was willing to purchase Digital Voice Recorders at a discounted rate on behalf of the Project.

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 25, 2008 9:00 AM**

### **Action Items**

- Johnson stated she would make an effort to inventory her oral histories. Burnell offered to assist her in this inventory.
- Burnell stated that she will bring in a list of names to begin an effort to identify individuals who should be interviewed on a priority basis.
- Desroches agreed to contact Rafter to discuss the possibility of moderating the History Summit.
  - The OHP subcommittee will produce a management plan and present it to the Commission in the near future.
  - Borkowski will bring copies of the Acquisition Policies from the PMPM and PAAM.