

Friends of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 17, 2009

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Nathalie Edmunds at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Attendance
Board Members Present: Nathalie Edmunds, Bonnie Penet, Edward Penet, Ron Rupert, Lesley Chace, Ruth Spiers, Martha Kern-Boprie

Board Members Absent: Linda French, David Wheeler, Steve Gross, Norris Stephens
- III. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2009
It was moved by Ron Rupert and supported by Edward Penet that the minutes of 1/21/09 be approved as drafted. The motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
Betty Jones, Treasurer submitted a written report. Balances in the two bank accounts total \$7,863.44 with \$1,362.86 in checking and \$6,500.58 in savings. Bank rules require a \$1,000.00 minimum balance in checking to avoid a \$9.00 per month fee, and a \$5,000.00 minimum balance in savings to avoid a \$12.00 per month fee. It was moved by Edward Penet and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Home Services invoice
An invoice from Home Services for:
\$2,660.00 fascia board painting and installation, downspouts and gutters
\$ 940.00 piping
\$ 65.00 window repair
\$3,665.00
is due for payment. All work has been completed. It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Nathalie Edmunds to pay the invoice from Home Services for the work detailed above. Motion carried. Ron Rupert abstained from the vote.
 - B. Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF) Grant Update
A funding decision is expected in March at the AAACF board meeting on the application by FOYF for \$100,000. A favorable decisions appears likely. AAACF is also interested in providing ongoing fundraising and board development counsel to FOYF.
 - C. John Fike payment request
John Fike was retained by FOYF as a consultant on the Business Plan development. He also helped prepare powerpoint presentation used during the FOYF meeting with AAACF on 12/17/08. On 12/30/08 Mr. Fike sent a letter to Nathalie Edmunds and Bonnie Penet requesting some payment for his work on the powerpoint presentation. The letter acknowledged that no agreement to compensate him had been made before he prepared the powerpoint presentation. The letter also requested payment if the FOYF grant application was funded. No action was taken on Mr. Fike's request.

D. Storm water Management Grant Update

Ed Penet and Ron Rupert reported that the deck has been resloped away from the Freighthouse, backfilling is complete, fascia boards have been painted and installed, gutters and downspouts have been installed. An 8" drain pipe has been installed on the east side of the Freighthouse. Vent/Grills have been installed around the building.

Work still outstanding includes hanging the 8" drain pipe on the west side of the Freighthouse, install curb and drainpipes.

Rain Garden Update

Cement removal will have to be done after the frost thaws. The size and depth of the rain garden has not been determined yet. If the standard is a 100 year storm, probably 1.5 feet of soil will have to be removed and replaced. The removed soil will be bermed, rather than landfilled. The DDA has offered to provide plants for the rain garden. Washtenaw County Soil Conservation will sell FOYF plants suitable for a rain garden at \$1.00 per plant. The current cost estimate for the rain garden is \$12,000 over three years. Volunteers will help plant the garden. Ron Rupert, Ed Penet and Greg Marker will supervise the actual rain garden construction.

VI. New Business

A. Betty Jones Resignation

Betty Jones, Board Trustee and Treasurer submitted a letter of resignation from the FOYF board. It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Edward Penet to accept Betty Jones resignation with regret, and thanks for her service to the FOYF. Motion carried.

B. Stimulus Package MDOT Grants

Transportation Enhancement funding letter of interest submitted via city council to MDOT on 2/12/09, seeking \$400,000. The first choice is Stimulus funding without a grant match requirement. Congressman Dingell and his staff are assisting FOYF with this application.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued to two architectural firms for the Freighthouse repairs. The firms are Quinn Evans and Brenda Rigdon's firm.

C. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Farmers Market Management was issued to The Depot Town Farmers Market vendors and to Growing Hope. Growing Hope responded that they decline to submit a proposal in 2009.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Ron Rupert and supported by Edward Penet that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by:

Martha Kern-Boprie, Board Member and Secretary