

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), W. Mathis (Treasurer/non-voting), D. Carlson (Secretary), G. Rubright, M.C. Mueller, D. Callihan, S. Hansen, D. Bennoune, City Council Liaison S. Baker

Absent: R. Patterson, K. Scharra-Eraqi, K. Grimm, K. Schmeling, J. Cauley

1. The meeting was called to order by S. Richardson at 7:07 pm. S. Richardson called for additions to the agenda. None were put forth. S. Hansen made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. M.C. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. No citizen comments were made.
2. **City Council Liaison Report:** City Council Liaison Steve Baker noted that April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and thanked the Committee for its work. He then reported on a number of matters discussed at the meeting of the Berkley City Council on Monday, April 3rd, 2023:
 - a. Former city councilperson Natalie Price's service to the community was formally recognized. She is now serving as a State Representative in Lansing.
 - b. June 10th was set as the date of the 2023 Art Bash.
 - c. A "social district" on 12 Mile Rd between Kipling and Tyler in which it is legal to carry alcoholic beverages from establishment to establishment is being considered.
 - d. Upcoming city millage election will take place on Tuesday, May 2nd. City services will be cut in the event it doesn't pass.
3. Berkley Mayor Bridget Dean entered the meeting to observe and thanked the Committee for its work in organizing and promoting the city's upcoming 100th Anniversary observations.
4. S. Richardson called for possible corrections to the minutes for the March 14th, 2023 meeting of the Committee. Edits were recommended for bullet point #9. D. Carlson stated his intention to make the recommended edits. S. Hansen made a motion to

approve the amended minutes of the March 14th, 2023 meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee. M.C. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.

- 5. Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer W. Mathis reported a prior balance of \$16,416.70. Expenditures and income are enumerated below:

a. Expenditures:	Credit Card Fees.....	\$39.95
	Staples.....	\$224.68
	D. Callihan reimbursement for patches.....	\$139.21
	<u>Berkley Days support.....</u>	<u>\$1000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,403.84
b. Income:	Berkley Public Library sales.....	\$52.00
	<u>Credit Card sales.....</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$72.00

\$15,084.86 was reported as the month ending balance.

- 6. Curator’s Report:** J. Tong reported on a couple of matters:
- a.** A lecture on Berkley kit homes will take place at the Berkley Public Library on April 12th at 6:30pm. A kit home exhibit is presently on display at the Museum. May’s exhibit will be a history of “Berkley Days”. June’s exhibit will feature restaurants of Berkley’s past.
 - b.** The son and daughter-in-law of the Berkley Theater’s last owners recently visited the Museum. A special event at the Museum dedicated to the Theater’s history is in the offing.
- 7. Historical Markers:** D. Carlson reiterated the expected June delivery date of the Village Hall historical marker. D. Callihan floated the idea of a commemorative magnet being distributed at marker’s dedication event, rather than a medallion, which was determined to be too expensive. D. Carlson stated his intention to collaborate on a project to produce said magnet. D. Callihan reported May 19th at 6pm as the date and time of the

Angell School historical marker's dedication. An ice-cream social will be included as part of the festivities. The Pattengill School marker plans are also moving forward. D. Carlson stated his intention to make the photograph of the school to be used on the marker.

8. **100th Anniversary Catalog:** J. Tong reported that all articles are completed, submitted and formatted and that the catalog should be ready for presentation by the next meeting of the Committee.
9. **“Berkley Home” plaques:** Tabled until next meeting due to R. Patterson's absence.
10. **Time Capsule:** J. Tong floated the idea of the time capsule being embedded in the masonry of the Village Hall or other structure on the city's administrative campus, rather than being buried, with a plaque posted nearby. He will further discuss the idea with contacts in the Public Works Department. S. Hansen recommended that a copy of the 100th Anniversary catalog be included in the time capsule contents. Content written by very young Berkley residents was also suggested.
11. **Smocks/Uniforms/Museum Patch:** S. Richardson reported little progress on finding the right smock or vest online but stated her intention to have examples to show at the next meeting. The idea of an apron instead of a smock or vest was also discussed.
12. **Credit Card Fees:** Additional charges were questioned. W. Mathis stated that the last charges came in February and it is unlikely we'll see more. S. Baker recommended that the credit card machine be unplugged to avoid any possible net connection being established.
13. **Berkley Kit Home Tour:** D. Carlson reported another Kit Home Tour date change, this time to September 30th, 2023. The Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah was cited as the overriding factor in the decision.
14. **Roseland Park Cemetery Tour:** Potential dates were discussed. There was a consensus supporting a date from mid to late October. October 14th, 21st and 28th were

all suggested as possible dates. The issue was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

15. No new gifts to the Museum were reported.

16. Berkley Days: J. Tong called for Berkley Days volunteers for May 12th, 13th and 14th.

S. Richardson stated her intention to send out a group email for organizing the volunteer effort. A “road rally” will be part of this year’s event and will include a stop at the Museum on Saturday, May 13th from 2 to 5pm. Volunteers will also be needed at this time.

17. Good & Welfare: S. Baker’s recent engagement and the birthdays of Committee members J. Tong, W. Mathis and S. Hansen were acknowledged.

18. S. Richardson reported Tuesday, May 9th as the date of the next Committee meeting. The Museum shift sign-up calendar was passed around.

19. J. Tong made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:28 pm. D. Callihan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.