

Mechanics Hall Committee minutes for Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Present: Larry Pistrang, Jennifer Shenk, Karen Rossow

Absent: none

Larry opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Minutes from December 5, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Agenda: 1.) the survey MHC sent out and 2.) Request for Proposals.

- 1.) 101 surveys have been completed thus far. There may be some more coming in as it was mentioned on an informational sheet distributed town-wide with the annual street census. Deadline is January 11th. Jenn will update our information after that date. CMRPC has assisted with organizing our data with excellent summary graphs. We are glad that there was an open-ended question which permitted people the opportunity to voice their opinions. This also helped inform the committee on the level of understanding people have regarding the purpose of the survey and of our intentions.

A slight majority express interest in varying levels of restrictions to be imposed on the sale agreement. The minority of respondents did not want any restrictions. The majority of the people who wanted restrictions wanted the front exterior of the building restored/preserved, with others hoping for more involved restoration of the structure. Therefore the committee unanimously feels that a reasonable compromise would involve imposing the restriction that the exterior front façade including the pillars be preserved and restored.

- 2.) We reviewed Larry's Request for Proposals. Overall we think it is outstanding. We will individually send him any edits or questions we have so at the upcoming meeting we will have a final document prepared. There are some aspects Larry feels we should consult Nina Nazarian on prior to submission to the Select Board.
- 3.) Next meeting: Tuesday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the small conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Agenda to include completion of the survey and RFP. We expect this to be our final meeting prior to submitting our work to the Select Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Rossow