

Randolph Carroll, Chairman
Thomas P. Clifford III, Vice Chairman
Loisann Marazzi, Secretary
Eileen Krugel
Bartholomew Flaherty

MINUTES HISTORICAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

The February 24, 2011 meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. in the Erlingheuser Room, City Hall, by Randolph Carroll. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag. Present were Randolph Carroll, Thomas P. Clifford, Bart Flaherty, Eileen Krugel and Loisann Marazzi, also in attendance: Michael Soberany and Marian O'Keefe. Quorum present.

A MOTION deviate from the agenda to have a public session was made by Thomas P. Clifford with a **Second** by Bart Flaherty. **MOTION PASSED.**

Michael Soberany stated he was here to see if the Ansonia Historical Commission will help them out in recognizing Peiree Lellement, who lived here in Ansonia and was the inventor of the modern bicycle. I will leave more of the explanation to Marian O'Keefe to explain when I am done. There will be a bicycle tour (see attachment) which will start in New Haven and end in Ansonia, which was the home of Peiree Lellement. I would like to have the commission/city help us with recognizing him on June 12, 2011, if at all possible.

Eileen Krugel questioned Mr. Soberany about traffic control on June 12th and cost to the city. Mr. Soberany said it is a free ride, they are on their own. The participants would sign a waiver that there is no liability to the City.

Marian O'Keefe explained that she had done a lot of research on Pierre Lellement, who moved here to Ansonia from France and invented the modern bicycle and patented it while living in Ansonia. She, also, would like to see Pierre Lellement recognized. She stated that she had attended an Ansonia Riverwalk/Bicylce Path presentation awhile ago and they had stated that a plaque honoring Pierre Lellement would be installed. Ms. O'Keefe was wondering if it was still in the plans.

A MOTION to close the public session was made by Eileen Krugel, with a **Second** by Loisann Marazzi. **MOTION PASSED.**

A MOTION to amend the minutes of November 18, 2010 to read in paragraph five that Mike Schryver stated at the library meeting that he was going to install in ground lighting around the library fountain, was made by Randlolph Carroll, with a **Second** by Loisann Marazzi. **MOTION PASSED.**

A MOTION to accept the previous amended minutes of November 18, 2010 as presented was made by Bart Flaherty, with a **Second** by Eileen Krugel. **MOTION PASSED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Sympathy card and note sent to the Gibbs family.

FRIENDS OF THE ANSONIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION:

Status quo.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. LIBRARY FOUNTAIN:

Loisann Marazzi stated that she contacted the director of Emmett O'Brien Technical School to see if the plumbing department, pro bono, would be able to assist us in trying to determine if we can use the original lions mouth as part of the fountain. The director stated that when we are ready, just call the plumbing department head and explain in detail what we want, and they will discuss it, and that she did not see a problem.

B. ESSAY CONTEST:

Mr. Carroll stated that he encumbered \$175.00 for the essay contest.

Loisann Marazzi informed the commission that Mr. Joseph Flynn has agreed to assist her again in the judging of the Essays.

PAYMENT OF BILLS FOUND TO BE CORRECT:

A MOTION to pay all bills found to be correct was made by Thomas P. Clifford, with a **Second** by Eileen Krugel. **MOTION PASSED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION to commend the presenters, who were just here to honor Pierre Lallement and to dovetail the festival in New Haven with Ansonia, and that the commission support them in anyway we can, was made by Thomas P. Clifford, with a **Second** by Loisann Marazzi. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mr. Carroll stated that there are two questions, one is the bicycle tour and two is the plaque, and a discussion followed.

A. BUDGET 2011/2012:

Mr. Carroll stated that he sent in our request for the recording secretary pay and for the commission and he is worried that B.O.A.T. will cut the budget.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 31, 2011.

There being no further business to discuss, **A MOTION** to adjourn was made by Loisann Marazzi, with a **Second** by Eileen Krugel. **MOTION PASSED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen C. Levine
Recording Secretary