

City Hall Restoration Commission

Summary of Meeting held on Monday, June 12th 2017

Location: Third Floor Conference Room

Present: J.J. Bell, Jan Bell, Steve Dexter, Jim Hafey, Deb Laurie, Curtis Wightman and Maggie Rosa

Minutes

- Minutes from the June 5 meeting were not reviewed.

ADA Parking

- The retaining walls along the entrance to the ADA entrance are being rebuilt today.
- Door handles has been exchanged that comply with the automatic door openers (handles on the interior of the door, push plate on the exterior)

Automatic Door Openers

- Curtis explained how to use of the automatic door openers. Signage will be designed by Richard Luecke.

Ventilation of the Auditorium

- Jim Hafey noted that there was a good intake of air when the windows were opened. This week's high temperatures will test the system.
- Jim noted his concerns about the switch being hot. While he does not consider this to be a fire issue he will be monitoring the situation.
- Gail McCarthy is working on getting the photographer on site.

Tower Interior Restoration Project

- MKA has agreed to provide a proposal.
- Kevin Buckley of KBA Architects provided a proposal which includes the costs for construction documents, bidding, construction management and reimbursables totaling \$7,500 and construction cost of \$35,500. Jim noted that often KBA fees are less than predicted. J.J. will contact MKA to ascertain what they would estimate for the project.
- On Tuesday Richard will be meeting with Bruce Slifer about the railings

MAAB requirements for building elevator

- Bill Sanborn is working with the elevator company to figure out what can/can't be achieved.
- Maggie to send Curtis the information re variance and MAAB requirements.

State funding

- J.J. reported that State Rep. Ferrante noted that any decision will be made no earlier than October and more likely after January 2018. She is working with State Senator Tarr to secure funding for the electrical and fire protection/alarm needs of the building.
- Maggie generated a letter re the historic significance of the building, the money and sources thereof for the past 13 years of restoration and the reports that we commissioned in 2015 from MKA re these needs.
- Chris Sicuranza requested details about the various CH restoration projects which Maggie provided by way of Final Reports.

Painting near to the Auditor's Office

- Jim's electrician fixed the problem re the lighting and the brass plaque has been removed for cleaning.

New Business – Volunteer Badges

- Steve recommended that people who are volunteering for work in City Hall wear a badge to indicate their status.

Maintenance (No update)

- J.J. will nudge David Campbell re the clock face repair. Ongoing.
- Richard provided a set of photos detailing the points that they noticed.
 - These included:
 - The wooden "City Hall." signs on the Warren Street and Dale Avenue entryways are deteriorating and are in need of restoration. Jim is aware of this and is thinking about he could access these signs (he needs a bucket truck for this type of work)
 - On the North Elevation the light fixture should be replaced one that is more appropriate and fully shielded.
 - Jim has appropriate lighting that can be installed. Has gone onto the electrician's to-do list.
 - Granite work

- Warren Street entryway granite steps are in need of repointing
- Northeast corner – tar removal
- Doorways in the basement well of the building – need to be fixed up so that the appearance is respectable.
- Railing on the North Elevation – some pieces are missing and will be fixed up as part of the ADA parking project

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting will be on Monday June 19th at 10:00 a.m.