

Preservation Month 2020 - Meeting Notes

February 21, 2020/5:00 PM / Mark Walker's House

Attendees

Mark Walker - Historic Landmark Commission, Cindy Gardner - Historic Preservation Advisory Board, Jessica Baber - Mansfield Historical Museum

Absent were: Elizabeth Carmody - MISD, Jeff DeLaVega - Hilltop Bicycle Shop, Chris Ohan - Historic Preservation Advisory Board, David Littlefield - Historic Landmark Commission

Notes

- The purpose of Preservation Month is to foster community engagement, promote historical places and heritage tourism, and to demonstrate social and economic benefits of historic preservation (National Trust for Historic Preservation, savingplaces.org).
- Thanks to Mark and Bonnie Walker for hosting our meetings!
- Sponsor / Donor Information sheet has been completed.
- Programs In Place / Scheduled Ideas:
 - Youth Program at the Library - Family History Program for elementary age group - Saturday, May 2, 1-3 pm - Library contact is Julie Crisafulli - Committee member to attend event: Cindy + volunteer(s)
 - Historic Preservation Month Information Table at Library - Saturday, May 2 - Friday, May 8. Committee members / Volunteers needed to man table randomly throughout week, recommended times are: Monday 5/4, 10 am - ?, Tuesday 5/5, 11 am - ?, Wednesday 5/6, 11 am - ?, Thursday 5/7, 5 pm - ?, Friday 5/8, 10:30 am - ? (Take down)
 - Wooden Window Repair Workshop - Coordinated by Art Wright - Scheduled for May 6, 6:30-8:30pm in the Multipurpose Room at City Hall
 - Museum Activities:
 - Small preservation "how to" exhibit will be on display at the museum through the month, details of exhibit are still under consideration.
 - Chris Ohan will speak about the importance of Oral Histories on Saturday, 5/16 at 1pm at the Museum.
 - Jessica Baber will speak/demonstrate/exhibit Safe Storage Methods for Family Treasures on Thursday, 5/23 at 6pm at the Museum.
 - Photography Contest - Use Agreement, Application and Rules are completed; Printing of 8x10's submissions still need a donor, the Museum can help with some costs if necessary; Judging has been changed from a public ballot to a panel of 4 (representatives will be asked from the HLC, HBAP, HMBA and the Arts Commission), submissions will be due mid April, winners announced May 15.

- Essay / Poster Contest within MISD - David will continue to coordinate with Elizabeth Carmody of MISD.
- Bike/Run sponsored by Jeff DeLaVega and Hilltop Bicycle Shop - Jeff was unable to attend the meeting, however we did briefly speak over the phone. Details are still being worked on by Jeff, this event may also be pushed back to August. Mark will continue to coordinate with Jeff.
- Man House Grand Opening - Event will be moved to August to coincide with Mansfield's 130th. Activities will include:
 - An outdoor kitchen and cooking demonstrations
 - Volunteers in period costume
 - Butter churning (interactive)
 - Soap making
 - Candle making (interactive)

Replacing the event tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 30 will likely be a small ceremony dedicating the Man House as a City of Mansfield Historic Landmark.

- Shop Main Street Day/Weekend - Coordinating with Historic Mansfield Business Association for 3rd Thursday (5/21) and the subsequent weekend (5/22-23). - Still not confirmed with HMBA, Cindy will follow up
- Event ideas still in the works:
 - Preservation Demonstrations
 - Scrapbooking for Family History - Cindy working with Michaels to schedule.
 - Historic or Preservation related films hosted by the Farr Best Theater and/or The LOT - Cindy will contact Rosalie Gilbert and Kay Orsack. - This is probably not going to happen, licensing is costly and probably not a good use of funds.
 - Girl Scouts Historic Preservation Badge - Cindy has been in touch with the Girl Scout Council and is now waiting to hear back from local troops.
- Promotion:
 - Social Media - Weekly posts have been created for use on the Museum's Instagram and Facebook pages
 - Jessica Baber will feed our information to the City for posting on Museum and City websites
 - Mansfield NOW and Chamber calendars - Cindy
 - Mansfield NOW Magazine article - Chris
 - Involve Downtown Mansfield Inc. (Downtown App), Chamber of Commerce - Cindy

Next Meeting – Friday, March 20, 2020 – 5pm – Mark Walker's House – 305 W. Broad Street