
Cleveland Restoration Society

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

The Sarah Benedict House
Cleveland, Ohio

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

All exhibits and attachments referenced herein are on file in the CRS office and are available upon request.

Trustees in Attendance

Michael Baruschke	Hannah Fritzman Belsito	Richard W. Cline
Michael Cummins	Susan T. Delaney	Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells
Thomas Einhouse	Lin Emmons	Greg Frost
Dale K. Hilton	Anthony W. Hiti	Douglas R. Hoffman
Scott Holbrook	William J. Hubbard	Neil P. Mohny
Dana Noel	J. Gordon Priemer	Rosemary Reymann
Robert A. Weeks	Debra Wilson	

Staff in Attendance

Kathleen H. Crowther, President
Michael Fleenor, Director of Preservation Services
Ann Bish, Business & Finance Manager

Special Guest in Attendance

Karen Gahl Mills, Executive Director, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture

- I. Call to Order – Mike Cummins, Chair of the Board
 - A. Minutes of the January 21, 2014 Meeting were approved.
 - B. The success of the Community Luncheon was discussed. The Board was thanked for its participation.
 - C. Special Guest – Karen Gahl Mills, Executive Director, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture reporter that CAC provides nearly \$90,000 in funding per year to CRS. There will be an important ballot issue to renew the funding mechanism for CAC in November 2015 and the Board is asked to support the renewal.
- II. Action Item:
 - A. Mike Cummins and Ann Bish, Business & Finance Manager, provided a summary of the 2013 audit and requested approval of the 2013 audit. The audit was approved.
 - B. Capitalization Policy – Ann provided a summary of the new fixed asset capitalization policy. She explained that it was reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. The Board approved the policy.
 - C. The Board approved a resolution to apply for CDBG Funds.

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- III. Informational Report to the Board regarding 2834 Courtland Boulevard, Shaker Heights
 - A. Kathleen Crowther, President, provided an overview to the Board on the significance of the property and CRS's desire to play a positive role in its rehabilitation.
 - B. Scott Holbrook, Trustee, discussed the legal approach of pursuing receivership in Common Pleas Court.
 - C. Michael Fleenor, Director of Preservation Services and Dana Noel, Trustee, provided important information to inform the board that while the house is deteriorated, its rehabilitation is straightforward. Also shared was the assessment of Michael Chesler, Trustee.
 - D. The Board approved moving forward with the investigation of this property.
- IV. Advocacy Report: Anthony Hiti, Vice Chair and Trustee, reported on the plans for Cleveland's Public Square and CRS's statement on the new designs. The Board approved the statement.
- V. Doug Hoffman, Trustee, reported on the task force he has set up on sacred landmarks.
- VI. Gordon Priemer, Vice Chair and Trustee, reminded the Board that the Nominating & Trustees Committee shall begin its work and asked for recommendations for new trustees.
- VII. Old Business – none
- VIII. New Business -- none
- IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 20.

Minutes respectfully submitted in part by Bill Hubbard, Board Secretary with assistance from Kathleen Crowther, President.