

Minutes of Jefferson County Historic Landmark Commission

April 16, 2014

Members Present: Martin Burke, Eric Jenkins, Curt Mason, Carmen Creamer

Guests: Bill Theriault, Rich Smith (Owner of Vinton Manor)

Minutes: Minutes for the March 19th, 2014 meeting were printed and distributed. Curt Mason moved to accept minutes, 2nd by C. Creamer. Motion passed.

Treasures Report: Treasures report was printed and distributed by C. Creamer. C. Mason moved to accept report, 2nd by M. Burke. Motion passed.

Budget for the 2015 year will be presented at the May meeting.

Discussion of the Capital Assets Policy which was adopted in Nov. 2013. Property owned by Jefferson County Historic Landmarks will need to have a monetary value attached to them for future book keeping records.

C. Creamer moved to accept the revised Capital Assets Policy as advised by Jefferson County financial advisor. C. Mason 2nd the motion, motion passed.

WV Geo. Explorer Project: Presented by Bill Theriault.

Photos from the collection of Doug Reed 100 + of them are currently being loaded into GeoExplorer, matching up with floor plans of the Burr House.

Meeting will be held with Historic Shepherdstown to collaborate with them on digitization of their photographic collections. Historic Shepherdstown may have funds for Shepherd University students to be trained on how to help with the digitization / GeoExplorer process. Meeting will be held to discuss this on May 7th, 2014.

David Kemnitzer, historic architect in Shepherdstown, will be working this year to build an architectural guide of architectural styles using homes and buildings of Jefferson County, WV. Connection with Mr Kemnitzer will also be fostered to share photographic collections.

Currently 33 people are working on transcribing news-papers for GeoExplorer.

Storer College files are currently on microfilm. GeoExplorer would like to digitize these files through the David Larson Fund.

Possible connections are being built with WVU to supply interns for the GeoExplorer project. Mr. Hopkins is currently redoing the virtual tour of the Peter Burr Farm for use with Jefferson County Schools.

Peter Burr Farm: April 26th, 27th will be the Burr Cleanup day. Meeting held with Jefferson County Maintenance Dept. to discuss mowing. Jefferson County Parks and Rec. was also asked to take over mowing for the year at the Burr Farm. Jeff. Co. Landmarks is awaiting response.

Snow Hill: Attempts will be made to find funding for a new roof in the 2015. Cistern will be capped off at snow hill by the wash house as it poses a danger for accidents.

Cement Mill: April 5th Cleanup day and dedication of the new sign was very successful.

Lowe house demolition occurred April 11-12th and was successful. Last steps in the Lowe house project is transfer of funds from American Battlefield Protection Program to Civil War Trust and Conservation Easement amendment.

Purchase of the Cornfeld 3107 Trough Rd. is scheduled for June 30th, 2014. Property will be titled in the name of the JCHLC

Community Outreach: Curt Mason.

Mailing sent of historic Preservation information sent to all JC Landmark owners.

The historic windows workshop in Shepherdstown had a large attendance and was a great success.

Connection was made with Jefferson County Middle Schools coordinator Debby Arvon. Landmarks will continue to work to reach out to JC Schools.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13