

Town Centennial Committee
MINUTES
April 11, 2019

The Town Centennial Committee met at 7 PM in the Lawton Center Small Conference Room.

Members present: Bridget Hartman (chair), Ellen Ericson, Lisa Flores, Barbara Rose, Cathy Slesinger, Kathy Strom

Cathy Slesinger moved that the minutes for the March meeting be approved. Barbara Rose seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Projects/Events in Progress

- **Time Capsule:** Lisa Flores reported that she continues to coordinate with the Town staff to collect items for the Town's Time Capsule. She showed an example of the time capsule which is in the lobby of Suburban Hospital. The time capsule celebrates the 50th anniversary of the hospital. The time capsule is designed as a pedestal with a false bottom that holds the commemorative materials. On top of the pedestal enclosed in plexiglass is a rock from the ancient Pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem. The rock was given as a gift from the State and people of Israel to the people of Bethesda. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, who organized this effort, chose Suburban Hospital as the location for display. Lisa will investigate costs of similar display case for the Town's Time Capsule. The Committee discussed ideas of a "signature" object to represent the Town with discussions to continue at a future meeting.
https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/suburban_hospital/about_the_hospital/history/pool_bethesda.html
- **Centennial Reception for the Progressive Dinner:** Cathy Slesinger reported to the Committee that Rebecca Hockfield and she have been shopping this week for eight platters of food. Cathy asked for volunteers to set up the room (1pm), to prepare the food (4:30 pm) and to serve as runners to refresh the food 9 (6:15 – 7:15 pm). Bridget Hartman reported that the Centennial wine labels turned out well for the red and white wine bottles. Emily McCarthy has ordered glasses, linens and Centennial cocktail napkins. The Committee discussed room layout. The food will be on two tables along the long ends of the Town Hall. The bar will be set up in the alcove under the Centennial Proclamations. Lisa Flores will display her historical exhibit. Stephanie Grill will arrange the flowers for the room. Miguel Hernandez, Town maintenance assistance, agreed to help with the event.
- **Oral Histories of Town Residents:** Bridget Hartman reported that she will be reaching out to Joan Zenzen, the consultant leading the project to set up an

introductory meeting. Bridget Hartman, Barbara Rose, Cathy Slesinger, Kathy Strom and Ann Wild indicated that they would like to help with the project. Bridget anticipated that a meeting would take place in the summer. [Update: A contract between the Town and Joan Zenzen was signed in May. The amount allocated for the project is up to \$5,000. A meeting with Committee members and Joan was set for August 1.]

- **Lee Wick Dennison Sustainable Garden:** Bridget Hartman and Kathy Strom provided an update. Town staff is currently writing the documentation for request for quotes to install the garden. It is anticipated that the documentation will be sent out to a list of potential landscape contractors later this month with a response deadline sometime in May and selection of the contractor in June. Garden installation is expected in the fall. [Update: Six proposals were received. At its July 12 Town Council Work Session, the Council awarded the contract to Backyard Bounty whose bid was substantially lower than the competing landscape firms.] Bridget reported that Katie Vita will be contacting Interlochen to inquire about the possibility of the interest of a student or teacher creating a sculpture for the garden. The Committee expressed strong interest to continue to support the garden and sculpture efforts. It talked briefly about ideas for a fall “ribbon-cutting” event.

Bridget Hartman thanked the members of the Committee (Julia Bellinger, Ellen Erikson, Lisa Flores, Murray Horwitz, Barbara Rose, Cathy Slesinger, Kathy Strom and Ann Wild) for their hard work and enthusiastic support in shaping a wonderful Centennial year of community-friendly projects, activities and events. She and the Committee members attending the meeting agreed that they looked forward to the fall to continue to work together on the Oral History, the Dennison Garden and the Time Capsule projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Bridget Hartman

Next Meeting Update: TBD