

CITY OF BURTON
PUBLIC ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2012, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Danny Wells at 6:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wells, Heffner and Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Young, Clerk's Office.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion regarding establishing a Burton Historical Society.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Wells said this meeting was going to be a reiteration of the last. They should get the Council's blessing for the establishment of the Historical Society.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wells stated many people are interested in being part of the Historical Society and they are waiting until it is discussed at the Council Meeting. He would like to get Bob Walls involved.

Mr. Heffner said they should have a virtual Historic Society and collect items and data until they can get a building.

Mr. Walls said all of downtown Flint used to be in Burton. He has a history book from 1859.

Mr. Heffner said they could get bits and pieces of Burton's history from Flint.

Mr. Walls said they have the history of how Station #2 was created. He said Meijer had a huge picture of the first Fire Truck.

Mr. Wells said they need someone to drive this and asked Mr. Walls if he would be interested.

Mr. Walls replied he won't commit tonight, but suggested they get a group of people together and then have them decide who they want to be the Chairman. He said he would participate in his spare time. He loves to research and is willing to help.

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Mr. Craig said he could be useful through the Parks and Recreation Commission and is willing to help out.

Mr. Wells said there has to be a chain of command. There will be several sub-committees and Chairs of the different sub-committees. He would like to take some members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and form a sub-committee. He has been asked how they are going to raise money. The 501C is going to have to happen but until then he was going to ask the Council to put on one fundraiser. Julie Adams came up with the idea for a Historical Society Ball.

Mr. Heffner said on September 29, 2012 the Parks and Recreation Commission is having a Gala.

Mr. Wells said the City could hold fundraisers as long as they have someone committed to following through on it.

Mr. Heffner said they looked into becoming a 501C for the Gus Macker, but were not able to.

Mr. Wells said the City has a line item in the budget where we could have a fundraiser and hold the money until the 501C was complete.

Mr. Heffner said the City couldn't fund the Historical society if it is a 501C.

Mr. Wells asked Ms. Miron if she would be willing to be involved in the Historical Society.

Ms. Miron said she would be involved. She said the building at Center and Maple is the original schoolhouse from the 1800s. It would be a great place for a museum and Chamber of Commerce building. They are able to seek funding from the Federal government for homes and barns that are at least 100 years old. She said it is important to get all of Burton's history recorded before it is lost.

Mr. Wells said a Historical Society is about bringing the City together. He said it would be nice to videotape people telling their stories and archive them. The Historical Society should have a fundraiser and get businesses involved to make donations. He said they should create a time capsule.

Mr. Walls said they should mount the plaques from the old Fire Station onto the new Fire Station.

Mr. Craig suggested the Historical Society have an "oldest photo" contest to obtain photographs from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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