

Mr. Delacourt suggested all the comments be incorporated into draft document, and if any comments conflict or are a significant change, they would be brought back as specific discussion items at the next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Dunphy noted the Commissioners had received a Memorandum with some items that required discussion to ensure the Commission agreed with the statements. He asked if the Commissioners preferred to review those items and bring back their thoughts at the next meeting. The Commissioners agreed they would review the draft Guide and all suggested changes and bring any questions or comments to the next meeting.

Ms. Cozzolino stated she really liked the Guide and thought it was great tool, noting she would have liked to have this Guide when she became a Commissioner.

~~This matter was Discussed~~

8D. 2007-0897 **2008 Earl Borden Award**

Vice Chairperson Dunphy stated the Commissioners had exchanged some email communications about the 2008 Earl Borden Award, and opened the floor for formal nominations.

Mr. Miller suggested the Commissioners have a general discussion, noting it had been past practice not to nominate anyone currently serving on a City Board or Commission. He understood the feeling that if the Commission nominated its own members, it appeared the Commission was just "patting itself on the back" and it also perhaps gave the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Mr. Miller stated the award was for outstanding leadership, and he felt that anyone who met the level of outstanding leadership in preservation should be considered. He noted if someone was nominated that was not currently serving on the Historic Districts Commission, it was not quite the appearance of conflict of interest.

Mr. Dziurman stated he was against nominating someone who was involved with the Commission or currently sitting on the Historic Districts Study Committee. He thought members currently serving on those Boards were doing their job, and should do their job well. He stated that preservation leadership should be reserved for something very significant. He agreed doing research was wonderful, but knew of others who had done more research and had not been recognized. He felt a leadership award should be given to someone who had done something significant over a long period of time.

Mr. Dziurman offered an example of the citizens group that was preserving green space. He thought that was preservation at its greatest, although perhaps not historic preservation. He noted there could be some historic properties involved. He pointed out that group as an example of citizens who really did something

significant, which is what the Commission should be looking for. He also pointed out the Commission did not have to award anyone if there wasn't anyone outstanding. He commented the award was not just for preservation leadership, but also for a structure or building. He was not aware of any structure or building that should be recognized.

Vice Chairperson Dunphy asked if Mr. Thompson was interested in heading up the award this year. Dr. Stamps agreed Mr. Thompson would be an excellent choice to head up the 2008 award.

Mr. Thompson stated he was not sure and asked what would be involved. He said he was inclined not to present an award this year. He agreed with Mr. Dziurman that leadership should be over a period of time, and he did not want to give the appearance the Commission was only nominating currently serving members.

Mr. Miller stated he had not worked with the member of the Study Committee that had been suggested, but was aware of the work that person had done to preserve the Stiles School. He found Mr. Dziurman's suggestion very interesting because preserving open space in the City was about as historic preservation minded as the Commission could get. He pointed out there was nothing more historic in Rochester Hills than the land itself. In preserving open space, they were preserving it in the way most people remembered it to be notwithstanding the last 20 to 30 years of development. Most of the pictures or drawings from the 1830's pertained to trees and open space. He explained he was one of the original founding members of that group, and noted that several residents involved in that group had already received the Earl Borden Award, such as Lois Golden, Greg Doyle, and Rod Wilson.

Mr. Miller stated there was one particular couple who were instrumental from the beginning in trying to preserve and protect some of the historical areas of the City, such as the first platted subdivision which consisted of worker's housing for the Western Knitting Mill and which ran along the Clinton River Valley. He commented that couple worked long and hard, and recently the City had approved the purchase of that land. He explained the site bordered the Clinton River Valley, which was where the Indians burned the white dog in the bonfire, and had historical implications.

Mr. Miller referred to that couple and noted one of them currently served on the City's Green Space Advisory Board, but he did not believe that presented a conflict of interest since that group had worked for nearly eight years building interest and developing momentum. He noted they had participated in the County's Greenway Vision Plan. He commented when people said there was nothing we can do, that couple kept asking "what can we do". He remembered that about six years ago they realized the problem was that there were no funds to finance the purchase of open

space, and the group worked toward a millage. He thought that was a crowning achievement accomplished in the City. He stated it was important for the Commission to nominate someone.

Mr. Dziurman stated the award did give the Commission some recognition in the Community, and asked whom the couple was Mr. Miller spoke about.

Mr. Miller agreed it was important for the Commission and stated he would like to nominate Pamela Bratton-Wallace and Andrew Krupp. He stated they resided on Cloverport and commented they had also been involved in working with a group to preserve the Stiles School, and had attended meetings regarding the Elevator Project in Downtown Rochester. He thought they met the level the Commission was looking for, and it would be the first time they had received any acknowledgement for all the work they had done.

Mr. Dziurman asked if anyone else knew them. Mr. Delacourt stated they had been involved in the City for quite some time. He commented that Mr. Krupp's father had designed the City's logo. He stated they were local teachers and represented some great things. He explained Pam Wallace sat on an active City Committee, and that Committee made recommendations to Council on the purchase of property. He commented that there were many residents involved in the green space millage who worked equally hard on that specific millage.

Mr. Miller stated he understood other people were involved with the millage proposal; however, the Krupp's were the only ones other than he, Gerry Carvey, Greg Doyle, Rod Wilson and Dan Kiefer who were instrumental from the beginning. He explained that included the first failed millage, the second successful millage, and noted the Krupp's efforts extended four years prior to that. He thought that what the Krupp's did in keeping interest high and providing a forum for others to click into really made a difference. He said in his opinion the difference between the first failed millage and the second successful millage was the work the Krupp's did with respect to the millage language and in deciding what to ask for in tough economic times. He stated they were key in writing the ballot language, which had been clear and easy to understand.

Mr. Dziurman asked if anyone else involved in the millage would feel slighted if they were not named, noting many had worked hard on the millage proposal. Mr. Delacourt stated the Commission would have to establish why the Krupp's should be nominated above the rest of the individuals involved. Mr. Miller stated one distinction was the number of years of their effort.

Dr. Stamps suggested an award could go to the citizens group, with a special recognition to the Krupp's for their leadership efforts through the years. Mr. Miller pointed out that many other individuals involved in the group had already received an award, and he did not think they would feel slighted. He commented that there

was a group who had worked on the second millage proposal that might feel slighted. He suggested the award could focus on the long work done prior to the millage, rather than on the successful completion.

Mr. Delacourt stated the award was almost being presented to the entire City since the residents voted for the approval of the millage, with special recognition to the "Save our Open Space" ("SOS") group. Mr. Miller agreed the award could be presented to the SOS, with the Krupp's accepting the award on the group's behalf.

Mr. Delacourt asked if the Commission would be putting "open space" under the umbrella of preservation as being an important preservation piece of the Community. Mr. Dziurman stated it was. Mr. Delacourt stated if "open space" fell under the umbrella of preservation, then the millage might be one of the most important things the City had ever done for preservation since it was the first time the residents across the City put up their dollars. He stated the Commission could recognize the entire City for its effort.

Mr. Delacourt stated there was a defined group in the SOS that made it happen, noting it was pretty amazing to watch especially after the first millage question went down.

Mr. Dziurman asked if the Commission would recognize those individuals directly. Dr. Stamps stated the award would go to the entire group, with special recognition of Ms. Wallace and Mr. Krupp for spearheading the effort.

Mr. Miller stated no one knew what the outcome of the millage would be and future land purchases could end up preserving buildings or trees on properties that are historically significant. Mr. Delacourt stated the open space contributed to viewsheds. Mr. Delacourt noted the evolution of the Green Space Advisory Board had been an impressive process beginning with a grass roots endeavor that evolved into a Council sanctioned board that was learning how to make recommendations to Council.

Mr. Delacourt stated the Commission should use care in singling out any two individuals because it was a large group that put the process together.

Mr. Dziurman asked who the award would be presented to. Vice Chairperson Dunphy stated he was going to ask the same question, and asked if there would just be one award. Mr. Miller suggested Pam Wallace and Andy Krupp be recognized as individuals; the SOS be recognized as a group, and the citizens of Rochester Hills, perhaps including City Council because they had agreed to put the millage question on the ballot. Mr. Dziurman stated "citizens" covered everyone.

Mr. Miller noted that the "City" could not come up to receive the award, and even the founding members of the SOS group numbered nine or ten that had grown into twenty to thirty. Mr. Dziurman stated those individuals could be given a letter.

Mr. Miller stated the SOS had been disbanded. Mr. Delacourt asked if there had been a formal structure to the SOS group membership, or whether it had just been an amalgamation of people.

Mr. Miller stated the members had appointed a steering committee to make decisions regarding ballot language, millage amount, what and where they would fundraise, and what the funds would be spent on. He noted the steering committee consisted of the founding members, and there were members who came and went, and some who worked on the first millage but not the second, and vice versa.

Dr. Stamps thought the Commission had the rough idea that the award went to the citizens for their vision in passing the millage, and to the SOS group for their facilitating it happening, with special recognition to the two individuals who were part of the inception and had a long history working on the proposal. Mr. Dziurman noted the two individuals had done more than work on the millage proposal.

Dr. Stamps stated the two individuals would receive the plaque. He noted the idea of presenting a plaque to the City was interesting because it would be hung in City Hall. He suggested a letter be given to all the individuals involved in the SOS group recognizing them for their efforts in bringing to pass this significant event in our City's history, and thanking them for their time, efforts, energy, expertise, and welcoming them to join the Commission at the City Council meeting where they could be publicly recognized. He suggested that during the program the Commission recognize those who worked on the SOS group and ask them to stand.

Mr. Miller stated those individuals should be invited to come to be recognized. Mr. Dziurman agreed. Dr. Stamps stated this could be a step down the line toward a historic preservation millage. Mr. Miller stated he regretted the open space millage proposal did not include historic, noting some on the group had argued long and hard to have that word included.

Dr. Stamps stated he felt comfortable with the idea. Mr. Miller asked if the Commission required that the award recipient be a Rochester Hills resident. Mr. Dziurman stated when the award was created, Mayor Ireland was adamant the award only be given to residents. He indicated he did not know if that was written anywhere, but it had been the policy of the Commission.

Vice Chairperson Dunphy asked if the Krupp's were Rochester Hills residents. Mr. Miller stated not only were they Rochester Hills residents, they were active Rochester Hills residents.

Vice Chairperson Dunphy asked if any Commissioner had any other nominations to suggest. Ms. Cozzolino stated a potential for next year was Mr. LaVere Webster because he resided in a historic home; his restoration of the mural at the Rochester Community School Administration Building; he was a member of the City's Study Committee and a member of the Rochester-Avon Historical Society. Mr. Delacourt stated Mr. Webster was a true public servant as he is involved in preservation because he enjoys it and volunteers his time. *

Dr. Stamps suggested Peggy Schodowski also be considered for a future award. Mr. Thompson stated he had a tremendous amount of respect for Mrs. Schodowski, noting she had done much work for the Study Committee, along with the work she did for the preservation of the Stiles School. *

Mr. Dziurman stated Bruce Hawkins had previously served on the Commission, as had Brett Rasegan, when the work was being done on the golf course clubhouse. He stated Mr. Hawkins had traveled to Lansing and did a huge amount of research that had never been recognized. *

(Enter Member Hill: 8:13 PM)

Present 7 - Brian Dunphy, Melinda Hill, Richard Stamps, Jason Thompson, John Dziurman, Maria-Teresa Cozzolino and Paul Miller

Absent 2 - Micheal Kilpatrick and Michael Sinclair

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Mr. Miller stated there were many people who sat on a Board of Commission who went beyond the norm, and he thought someone sitting on a Commission could be recognized for the work they did on that Commission and work that was done "beyond the call of duty".

Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Webster had recently been reappointed to the Study Committee and he did not have any objection to his nomination for either next year or this year. Mr. Dziurman stated the Commission had never nominated a sitting Study Committee member, but could certainly consider that option.

Dr. Stamps suggested Mr. Webster be nominated as a conclusion to the mural being completed. He commented on Mrs. Schodowski's behalf, noting she had done more than research on the Stiles School, but also did some research on another potential property in the City. He explained when the Study Committee began working on the Preliminary Report for the Frank Farm, there was a question on the archeology end, and Mrs. Schodowski came to him, asked some questions, and then

went to Lansing to gather additional data. He commented she was working on multiple projects, and at the appropriate time she should be considered.

Dr. Stamps suggested the Commission could wait until Bruce Hawkins' book on the Civil War comes out before they nominate him. Mr. Dziurman stated that would tie in nicely with history. Mr. Miller stated he would be interested in reading the book. Dr. Stamps stated he had written a book about the Donner Party, who jettisoned half their belongings west of Salt Lake in the salt flats when he was working as a Historic Archeologist and was sent out there to do an archeological dig on wagon boxes, pony express stations, etc. Dr. Stamps said that Mr. Hawkins had a diary of a Civil War soldier and had visited all the places and done the research, and when the book comes out it will be good, and he should be recognized at that time.

Chairperson Hill asked for a brief update on the meeting to this point. She was advised the Commission was discussing the Earl Borden Award nominations.

Mr. Miller explained the Commission had been discussing Mr. Dziurman's suggestion about the open space millage and the citizens responsible for its successful passage. Mr. Miller stated he had mentioned Pam and Andy Krupp's long efforts on land preservation and open space preservation, even prior to the formation of the SOS group. The second millage attempt was called "Green Space Yes!" which was the group's attempt at using positive language.

Dr. Stamps explained the award would be given to the citizens of Rochester Hills for their vision in preserving the open space and its historic context, with recognition of the SOS group and all those involved who helped bring about the successful passage of the millage, and especially identified two individuals for their long-term involvement in the process and their leadership and continuity and their bringing to a successful conclusion the preservation of open space.

Mr. Dziurman noted the Krupp's had some connection to the historical society as well, having worked on projects with them. Mr. Dunphy stated they had been involved in the Elevator project.

Mr. Miller stated the Krupp's lived on Cloverport, and Cloverport although not recognized as a historically designated district, had historic value to the City of Rochester Hills, Avon Township and the City of Rochester. He explained the bluffs the City had just purchased in that area were very historic property. He provided the example that the bluffs looked down at the area historically described as the area where the Indians held the bonfire and throwing the white dog, which was right by the bridge next to the cement factory. He indicated that was an important part of the development of Avon Township and Rochester Hills.

Mr. Dziurman stated they had done a wonderful job and what they preserved was

very important and the award could be given for preservation leadership. He thought there was enough historical value that the Commission could consider the nomination.

Mr. Miller stated the suggestion was the citizen group behind moving the millage proposal forward. He pointed out several of those citizens had already received an Earl Borden Award for preservation leadership, such as Lois Golden and Rod Wilson.

Mr. Dziurman asked if Chairperson Hill had any nomination suggestions. Chairperson Hill stated she did not, and commented the criteria stated the Commission did not have to give an award every year. She thought it was nice if the Commission did give an award, but had mixed feelings about the suggestion being made from the standpoint of considering preserving green space as a type of preservation. She agreed preserving green space was a type of preservation for the Community, but was not sure it was historic preservation. She was a bit reluctant from the standpoint that it could appear the Commission was just searching for something to give an award to. She was a bit "on the fence" about the nomination at this time.

Mr. Dziurman stated they were deserving because they had done something very significant. Chairperson Hill agreed it was significant, but she did not know if it fell within the criteria for the award.

Mr. Miller stated he was interested in increasing the interest in open space as historic preservation as he did not think there was anything more historic than the land within the City itself. He noted it was the biggest thing the City had that had been there all the way through. He believed the bluffs were historic in so many ways, and it was important the City was able to preserve those.

Dr. Stamps referred to the open space and stated it was the concept. He explained the difference between Avon Township or Rochester Hills and the Village of Rochester was that Avon Township had a lot of open space with farms. The Commission should include a sentence in the award "that they have helped preserve what we were".

Mr. Dunphy asked if the Commission needed to vote on the nomination at this meeting, or if the Commission could wait to the next meeting and give the Commission time to decide if there were any other nominations. The Commission agreed to hold this nomination over to the next meeting.

Mr. Dziurman noted the Commission acknowledged at the beginning of the discussion that they did not have to give an award this year, and no one had any structures that had been renovated that could be nominated, and the grass roots group that moved the millage along grew and became very significant.

Mr. Miller thought the Commission should look for a residence or structure that met the award criteria so as not to overlook anyone. He noted that during the discussion the Commission had developed a list of future preservation leadership nominees.

This matter was Discussed

~~At this time, Vice Chairperson Dunphy turned over the chair of the meeting to Chairperson Hill.~~

Vice Chairperson Dunphy advised Chairperson Hill that the Committee had postponed the election of officers until she could join in the discussion. He noted that all other Agenda Items under "New Business" had been concluded except for the election of officers, and suggested the Commission consider that Agenda Item next.

Chairperson Hill asked if the Commission had reviewed the "What every historic property owner needs to know" Guide. Vice Chairperson Dunphy stated the Commission had received several sets of comments and suggestions just prior to the start of the meeting, and felt they needed some additional time to review the context. The Commission had decided that a revised version would be reviewed at the next meeting.

Chairperson Hill suggested the Commission next consider Agenda Item 8B (Election of Officers). The Commission agreed to move Agenda Item 8B (Election of Officers) before Agenda Item 9 (Discussion).

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Election of Officers

Dr. Stamps stated the Commission had postponed the election of officers until Ms. Hill joined the meeting in the event the existing slate of officers was nominated, all would be present to either accept or decline the nomination. He commented he was comfortable with the well-oiled, enthusiastic machine currently running the Commission, and asked if those Commissioners were willing to continue to serve.

Mr. Miller asked if any of the current officers were unwilling to be nominated. Chairperson Hill stated she was not opposed to keeping the position of Chairperson, but asked if anyone else wanted to take a turn at chairing the Commission to step forward. She felt it was fair to pass the Chairperson position around among the members.

A. Chairperson:

Mr. Miller made a motion to open the floor for nominations, seconded by Dr. Stamps. Mr. Miller nominated Melinda Hill for the position of Chairperson. Chairperson Hill called for any other nominations. Dr. Stamps spoke in favor of Ms. Hill being re-elected as Chairperson because she is knowledgeable, understands