

2024-0152 2024 Earl Borden Award Discussion

Vice Chairperson Granthen noted that it is time for the Earl Borden Awards discussion. She asked if there had been someone considered in the past that they are not thinking of.

Mr. McLeod mentioned that the Questers were considered two years ago, and were given the award last year.

Vice Chairperson Granthen commented that at the last Historic Districts Study Committee meeting, there were so many members of the community that wanted to keep the entire historic area as a district, and asked if there might be a way to honor the housing itself or the owners of homes in that area. She stated that perhaps the Commission could recognize the residents of the Winkler Mill District and their efforts and could be shown an appreciation for their input and passion for the district.

Dr. Stamps stated that in the past they have given the award to a group of people who supported some activity, and he would say that this could be on a list of potential honorees. He stated that he feels really good about the award given a couple of years ago for the Gate Lodge on Adams Road entering to Meadow Brook Hall. He commented that the Commission received good publicity for giving out that award and that gave them some support for their ongoing projects.

He mentioned the property on Crooks where the house was torn down, an assisted living constructed, and the barn is still remaining. He suggested that perhaps the award might be an incentive to justify the expenditure of funds to preserve the barn.

Vice Chairperson Granthen noted that they have shored up the barn, but have not done much else to it. She asked if any of the staff members had any ideas.

Mr. McLeod noted that it was coincidental that they mentioned the Winkler Mill group, and he commented that while it is one year removed from the Stoney Creek 200th Anniversary, it might be a nice way of honoring their celebration. He pointed out that they are obviously a close knit group.

Vice Chairperson Granthen noted that the library is 100 years old.

Mr. McLeod added that the City itself is 40 years old.

Vice Chairperson Granthen commented that these are all excellent ideas.

Dr. Stamps suggested that he would like to propose sending a letter to whomever was responsible for the City Hall display regarding the Stoney Creek Bicentennial.

Mr. McLeod noted that Mr. McKay and the Museum put that together.

Dr. Stamps stated that it would fit in with the discussion that this is a celebration

and perhaps they deserve recognition.

Vice Chairperson Granthen noted that these are excellent ideas. She commented that Mr. McKay has received the award so many times; however, the Stoney Creek anniversary is very special.

Mr. McLeod noted that in his mind it would be for the entire district rather than simply the Van Hoosen Museum.

Vice Chairperson Granthen asked if the resident association has a chair or president.

Mr. McLeod responded that he was not sure if they did. He commented that they could ask Mr. McKay if there is a designated person other than himself that might represent the residents. He suggested that there should be an official motion and vote to recognize Stoney Creek for its bicentennial with the Historic Preservation Board award.

Mr. McGunn made that motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Tischer. After calling for a voice vote, Vice Chairperson Granthen noted that the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by McGunn, seconded by Tischer, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Altherr-Rogers, Elias, Granthen, Stamps, Tischer and McGunn

Excused 3 - Lyons, Thompson and Lemanski

Resolved, that the Historic Districts Commission recognizes the Stoney Creek Historic District for its Bicentennial with the Historic Preservation Award.