

**Town Centennial Committee
MINUTES
March 11, 2019**

The Town Centennial Committee met at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

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

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

Kathy Strom moved that the minutes for the February 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 is coordinating with the Town staff to collect items for the Time Capsule. Suggestions from the Committee included the following: *Forecasts*, *Town Chefs of Chevy Chase*, the Town cookbook from the 75th anniversary celebration, a Town Directory, a Community Handbook, a New Resident Welcome Bag, a Land-Use Handbook, photos from events, Communities not Canyons sign, and items from the Centennial celebrations.
- **Centennial *Snipit*:** Barbara Rose reported that the April *Forecast* issue will include the final *Snipit*. Barbara recommended that the *Snipit* focus on past anniversaries and the events, publications and activities that came out of these anniversaries. The Committee identified the Fourth of July picnic and parade and the Town cookbook coming from the 75th Anniversary and the Town's history book, *The Town of Chevy Chase Past and Present*, coming out of the 65th Anniversary. Barbara also suggested that the final *Snipit* include a mention of those activities coming out of our Centennial celebration – the sculpture in the Lee Wick Dennison Sustainable Garden, the oral histories and the time capsule.
- **Oral Histories of Town Residents:** Bridget Hartman reported that she met with Town staff about how to proceed with the oral history project. Given the modest amount of funds anticipated in the project (up to \$5,000), staff felt that these activities could be appropriately included in the overall annual community activities budget. Bridget indicated that she would send a Centennial update to the Council which would include the oral history project. A meeting with Dr. Joan ZenZen will be set up at a later date to refine the scope of the project and criteria for selecting those to be interviewed.
- **Centennial Reception for the Progressive Dinner:** Cathy Slesinger led the discussion on the food for the event. She will create various creations of cheeses, vegetables, dried fruits, nuts and rolled meats in the spirit of "Ain't Too

Proud to Meg.” She recommended eight large platters. Cathy will send out a menu list to the group. The bar will include beer, wine and seltzer. The group agreed on wine glasses, rather than plastic cups for the bar and linen tablecloths for the tables, Centennial cocktail napkins and Centennial Reserve wine labels for white and red wine. Lisa will have on display the history and the house histories exhibits as well as the time capsule. Bridget suggested Stephanie Grill to handle the flowers for the reception. The overall room set-up will follow the configuration of the June 2018 reception. Kathy Strom, Ellen Ericson, Lisa and Bridget indicated that they could help with the event.

- **Lee Wick Dennison Sustainable Garden:** Bridget and Kathy provided an update. At its February 13 public work session, the Town Council approved the final plans for the garden and the solicitation of competitive bids for the installation of the garden. It is anticipated that a landscape firm would be selected in late spring/early summer with installation in early fall 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Bridget Hartman

Next Meeting Update: April 11, 2019