

Town Centennial Committee
MINUTES/UPDATES
September 12, 2018

The Town Centennial Committee met at 7:15 PM in the meeting room at the Lawton Center.

Members present: Bridget Hartman (chair), Lisa Flores, Murray Horwitz, Cathy Slesinger, Barbara Rose, Kathy Strom, and Ann Wild (secretary).

Cathy Slesinger moved that the minutes/updates for the July Committee meeting be approved. Lisa Flores seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Projects/Events in Process

- Bridget Hartman reported that the previously discussed Fall Event proved to require more lead time than was available. Also, several of the musical performers were unable to and/or would want to perform at the time suggested. The Committee considered holding a **Spring Reception** on either Sunday, April 28, 2019, or Sunday, May 5, 2019, in the Lawton Center Social Hall to coordinate with a potential ground-breaking of the Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden (see below).
- The Committee discussed that it would like to incorporate the **Centennial activities into the Town's annual Chili Dinner**, likely to be held on February 10, 2019. Since the Community Relations Committee was meeting concurrently as our Committee, Barbara Rose went over to discuss with them if they were amenable to this addition to the Chili Dinner. She reported back that they were. Possible elements that might be included are Centennial cupcakes, a separate table for residents to add their Town memories to the Centennial time capsule, display of the Town History exhibit along with photos/histories of Town homes, and the large Town map for children and their parents to affix their Town memories.
- Bridget Hartman and Kathy Strom reported on their well-received presentation at the Wednesday, July 11, Town Council meeting on their efforts to explore the possibility of establishing the **Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden**, using Lee's bequest, in Zimmerman Park. Bridget and Kathy, working with Irene Lane, Sally Kelly, Vicky Taplin, and Thorton Matheson from the Climate and Environment Committee, had identified that location as being the most suitable in the Town for the garden. The Town Council will hold a public hearing and then vote on this proposal at its Wednesday, October 10, meeting. The Committee hopes that groundbreaking for the garden could occur before the end of the Centennial year (April 2019) and be held in conjunction with the Centennial Spring Reception.
Update: At the October 10 Town Council meeting, the Council approved the use of the Dennison bequest for the sustainable garden. However, the Council

discussion suggested that the installation of the garden may not be able to take place until fall 2019, which may alter the Centennial Committee timetable discussed above.

- At the groundbreaking/dedication of the garden, whenever it occurs, Murray Horwitz, who knew and worked with Lee Dennison, will offer brief remarks and is reaching to others who knew Lee to speak as well.
- Murray Horwitz also expressed his interest in working with the Committee on **commissioning a piece of sculpture for the garden.**
- **To give residents the opportunity to learn more about the proposed Lee Dennison Garden at Zimmerman Park.** Kathy Strom will be present at the Town's Green Fair on Saturday, September 22. This all-day event, sponsored by the Climate and Environment Committee, is intended to promote more environmentally friendly approaches to home living.
- The Committee discussed the pros and cons of having **oral histories of Town residents** taken on video, which could feature only a limited number of residents, vs. recording them individually, which could include more residents. (Such recordings would then be transcribed and, with permission, be posted online.) After some consideration, the Committee decided on the latter option. Bridget Hartman and Murray Horwitz agreed to investigate possible sources for recording oral histories.
- Kathy Strom is in the process of requesting current state and local officials to issue **proclamations congratulating the Town on its Centennial.**
- Barbara Rose reported that the **Centennial Snippet** in the October *Forecast* will explore the history of Zimmerman Park.
- Ann Wild reported that she has prepared a **packet for the 24 identified long-time residents.** Ann passed around an example of one of the personalized certificates of congratulations on behalf of the Town that is part of the packet, which also includes the list of the 24 long-time residents, photo(s) of the 17 long-time residents who were present on July 4 to cut the Centennial cake, a Centennial fan, and a personal note from Ann on behalf of the Committee. Various Committee members, along with Ann, volunteered to deliver the envelopes to the residents. Ann will send out an e-mail requesting additional volunteers to deliver the packets that are yet to be completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Wild

Next Meeting: Monday, October 15