

Mount Molloy Boiler Block Benefit Committee, Inc

Minutes - 04/12/2021

Convened: 12:30 / Chair: John Brisbin

Members as at 04/12/2021: Cyril Vains, John Brisbin, Sue Northey, Gerda Domen, Simon Hawse, Bruno Martin, Caroline Lieber, Lorne Cubit, Pam Finch

Quorum for meetings: 4 members

Attending: Cyril Vains, John Brisbin, Caroline Lieber, Pam Finch, Gerda Domen, Lorne Cubit

Apologies: Simon & Clare Hawse, Sue Northey, Bruno Martin

RADF and DES acquittals

John advised on the completion of the Conservation Management Plan project with all grant monies being expended to the consultant as budgeted. The acquittal form has been submitted within the deadline. Waiting to hear of acceptance, noting a potential for additional funding requirement due to co-contribution clause.

The RADF grant for signage and fencing has been submitted to Council for acquittal, There is a reserve of \$845 to be used for a form of "fence/signage" as approved by the RADF admin officer.

Financial report

The Year-to-Date finances, reconciled to the bank, were presented and accepted by the group. For noting: \$160 donation from Gerda and \$20 membership for 2022 from Pam. **ACTION:** JohnB to circulate list of members and fees paid/unpaid.

Fences, paths, and advisory signs

We are still discussing the preferred approach to the intertwined ideas of a heritage boundary fence, a demarcated path (creating an implicit "safe route" around the site), and location-specific signs.

We have generally agreed that a fence (even a low, slack-chain style) is not preferred as it is too intrusive visually. An alternative idea is that, instead of a fence, we could use small signs at each artefact to (a) label and inform visitors as to what they are looking at; (b) provide a simple advisory to use caution; and (c) assert that the artefacts are protected under law and may not be disturbed.

The concept of a "safe path" has been discussed and, while we have agreed that the concept is sound, it is not clear exactly where the path would be or how it would function on the site, especially around the back of the boiler where the engine, blowdown tank, and winch form a single "zone of interest."

ACTIONS:

- JohnB: to draft some ideas for the signs to circulate and prompt further discussion;
- Caroline: to draft a path route around the site;
- Cyril: to contact Council and ferret out any regulations for the path (eg, handicap access, path width, handrail requirements, etc)

Plaques, tables, and structures

Caroline provided an account of the testing so far with ceramic plaques. The big challenge is how to manage the lettering that will be needed for each dedication message. Results so far have not been good. Ellen Tyrell (professional ceramacist) will likely be in Molloy over the Wet, and Caroline suggests she may make some more progress with Ellen's help.

The feeling was that we need to remain open to other ideas, like metal (copper?) plaques, etc.

This connects with the idea of the proposed "long table" where the plaques could be mounted in the tabletop, protecting them and showcasing them in a very social setting. The design of the table needs to be advanced by someone with furniture/cabinetry design talent. **ACTION:** JohnB will approach Glen Cambage for advice, referral, or assistance.

We agreed on the need to conceptualise the plaques and the table with enough detail so that a flyer can be made up early next year to promote the plaque fundraising campaign.

This leads to the question of some sort of shelter/structure to house the long table. Lorne has previously suggested we let the community know that we are seeking donations of local timber. We may get a tree here or there and can stockpile them until we have enough to build the structure.

The structure will need to be Council-approved. Lorne suggested we contact Bob Carroll and his son who are long-time local building inspectors. **ACTION:** Lorne to contact Bob and arrange for a meeting to discuss their support for the Boiler Block project.

Working party and Fig-tree Trimming

JohnB proposed that the fig tree should be trimmed on 22 Dec, which is our (approximate!) Summer Solstice. **ACTION:** Special request for able-bodied and knowledgeable tree folk to assist. Party to assemble on-site at 3.30pm Weds 22 Dec with ladders, chainsaws, safety harnesses/PPE. The working session will be followed by champagne and ceremonial salutations for the season.

In the interim, there is a pile of pavers that need to be stacked neatly around the base of the chimney so that we can keep the area mown. **ACTION:** Anyone with 30mins to spare here and there is invited to shift a few pavers.

Next meeting: 05 Feb 2022

<p>This is a true and faithful record of the meeting, as agreed by attendees.</p> <p>Date: _____</p>	<p>John Brisbin, President</p>
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