

Town Centennial Committee
MINUTES/UPDATES
January 21, 2019

The Town Centennial Committee met at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall.

Members present: Bridget Hartman (chair), Julia Bellinger, Ellen Ericson, Lisa Flores, Murray Horwitz, Barbara Rose, Cathy Slesinger.

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

Projects/Events in Process

- **Chili Dinner:** Barbara Rose, who also serves on the Community Relations Committee, reported that the Chili Dinner at Chevy Chase Elementary School was moved up from February 24 to February 10. The entertainment this year is Leroy Hyson, a musician. She mentioned that the Community Relations Committee would welcome set-up/clean-up help from the Centennial Committee. Several members offered to lend a hand. Bridget Hartman will send an email to Wicca Davidson to confirm arrival time. Centennial cupcakes will come from Woodmoor Bakery who provided the cookies for the Centennial kick-off reception on June 17, 2018. The Committee also discussed having the history exhibit created by Lisa Flores on display. This exhibit was at the June reception and the July 4 Parade and BBQ. Lisa will bring the exhibit, and if space permits, set up the display. The Committee discussed finding a high school student to videotape short Centennial congratulatory remarks notes and/or statements/stories about living in the Town. Murray Horwitz suggested that the Committee approach B-CC High School. Julia Bellinger, who also is on the Community Relations Committee, offered to ask her son, a student at B-CC High School and photographer, about the possibility of help from him or another student at the school.
- **Time Capsule:** Lisa Flores reported that the January *Forecast* included an article on the Time Capsule. She showed the Committee the Time Capsule collection box and signage which are now in the Town Office. Lisa indicated that she will set up the display at the Chili Dinner and be on hand to answer questions from and offer suggestions to Chili Dinner attendees. She will also bring the memory book so that residents could continue to add their recollections of life in the Town. Although the Time Capsule was conceived as a virtual capsule, several Committee members expressed a desire to bury some sort of box as a physical reminder of the capsule. Discussions will continue at future meetings.
- **Proclamations:** Bridget Hartman thanked Committee members Ellen Ericson and Kathy Strom and Town Manager Todd Hoffman for their work in securing proclamations from our elected county, state and national representatives. She also thanked Town resident Pat Burda for coordinating with Chesapeake Framing

who is now framing the documents. Chesapeake Framing will hang the documents in the Town Hall with Pat overseeing the installation.

- **Centennial *Snipit*:** With the 25th anniversary of the Chili Dinner, Barbara Rose will pull together a Centennial *Snipit* that provides highlights of past Chili Dinners. The Committee discussed several ideas for the final two *Snipits*, but reached no conclusions. Discussions will continue at future meetings.
- **Oral Histories of Town Residents:** Bridget Hartman distributed a proposal from Joan Zenzen, a historian recommended by Montgomery History (formerly the Montgomery County Historical Society). Ms. Zenzen has completed more than 200 oral history interviews. She has worked for the National Park Service, Gettysburg College, Montgomery College and Montgomery History and is a volunteer with Peerless Rockville. The Committee asked the chair to follow up with Ms. Zenzen.
- **Spring Event:** Plans for the Lee Dennison Garden at Zimmerman Park are progressing. Backyard Bounty will be submitting final design plans to the Town Council at its February 13 Work Session. Once accepted by the Town Council, the mayor will authorize the Town Manager to issue requests for quotes from landscape firms to install the garden. The Centennial Committee had previously discussed the idea of a spring ground-breaking event of the garden to coincide with the conclusion of the Centennial. This no longer appears to be feasible as installation for the garden is now slated for the fall of this year. Plans for a garden sculpture are also on hold until design plans are finalized. As was reported by Barbara Rose at the November Centennial Committee meeting, the Community Relations Committee is organizing a Progressive Dinner in the spring. The date is now set for April 13. The Centennial Committee discussed offering to host the opening reception for this event, serving Centennial hors oeuvres and a signature beverage. Update: This idea was enthusiastically received by the organizers of the Progressive Dinner and other members of the Community Relations Committee.
- **4th of July Celebration:** The Committee discussed the idea of ending the year-long Centennial celebration with an event at the 4th of July where the children would assemble the Time Capsule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Hartman

Next Meeting Update: February 18, 2019