



Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')
Preservation Corporation

NOVEMBER 14, 2016 BOARD MINUTES

Meeting start: 5:30 pm

Candace Roberts, Chair- presiding

Attendees: Peggy Buescher, Marco Federico, Mark Roberts, Joy Segal, Alan Segal,
and guest Mara Baird

Approved the Consent Agenda and October minutes

Committee reports

Churchyard

- The Churchyard committee will meet before the end of the year, and finalize the recommendations to be made to Vestry so that an updated booklet can be presented to the Vestry for the January meeting. A request for discussion will be submitted.
 - Considerations include: extending the time frame to be qualified as a Gloria Dei Member in Good Standing; increasing the price of a casket size plot to \$4800 (or more – depending on survey results of area cemeteries); pricing for the most historic spaces priced at a premium
 - As this is an archeological site, we will recommend that no future burial of caskets be allowed as the space is not conducive to use of back hoe equipment
 - We will seek and recommend sole source providers for markers and flowers with the intention that these providers will rebate a portion of each sale back to Historic Gloria Dei for maintenance of the Churchyard
- Community Design application: We reviewed the questionnaire and received suggestions from Mara Baird on how to proceed. Candace intends to fill out the grant request before the end of the year. This grant will be to create a sketch of how the National Park space could be returned to a woodland space and bird sanctuary. The sketch will be used to discuss the project with the Vestry, National Park Service and interested parties. This is a long-term project.
- 501c3 update: Bob Stewart sent a letter to the IRS requesting a change to our status to remove the subsection and have clear 501c3 designation. They have asked for additional materials – which means – it is being considered!
- Sustainability discussion: We reviewed information from Mt Auburn cemetery and will be considering how some their sustainability initiatives can be implemented here.



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- New items:
 - Dine Out fundraising: We will seek 1 or more local restaurants who would be willing to donate a portion of an evening's proceeds to Historic Gloria Dei. This has been a simple and effective fundraiser for area organizations who are able to rally their constituents to go out and patronize the restaurant.
 - Registered Civic Organization (RCO) Summit: Based on input from the Gloria Dei Search Committee, we have learned that there are 31 RCOs in our 2 zip code area. A survey was sent and we received 6 replies. 5 of the 6 think we are not relevant, close enough, or have anything to offer them. Candace proposed that we host a "summit" to bring all the RCO's to our property to meet each other, network, talk about areas of mutual interest and in the process, introduce Old Swedes' to this community. We believe that this summit is best offered by HGDPC with participation from the Vestry and Rector. We will survey the RCO's for interest and proceed accordingly.

6:50 pm: Adjourn

Thank you to Candace and Mark for dinner

Next meeting: January 9, 2017, 5:30-7pm