

Avon Lake Landmark Preservation Society

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Renovation Plans Update

Members of the Folger Home Board met July 13, 2010, with Mayor K.C. Zuber, councilmen Dave Kos and Larry Meiners, and John Shondel, chair of the newly established Avon Lake Historic Preservation Commission (ALHPC). The discussion focused on many areas of concern regarding the attempt by the Folger Board since November 2009 to present and have approved plans for rebuilding the west porch and renovations to the interior. The attending city employees assured the board that a long-time problem will be resolved: the previous lack of a clear process for plan submission, as well as the city's inconsistent communication with the board. Similarly, there will be open lines of communication with the ALHPC, since it impacts the renovations of the Folger Home. We are hopeful that we can now move forward with renovations more expediently, with the city's and ALHPC's support.

In early 2009, the board had spent countless hours with a

draft designer, who provided us with creative solutions to many of our renovation desires. These were not achievable, however, until the issue of the use of the upstairs was resolved. We soon learned that we must have an interior fire egress stairwell in order to provide public use of the upstairs for conference rooms and administrative offices, for example. Thus, it was back to the drawing board and the architect.

In March 2010, the board approached the City Engineering Dept. about installing a window on the east porch, from which to sell ice cream. The submission itself would cost \$175, so we withdrew it. We regrouped with the intent of putting all of our proposed alterations on ONE submission, to reduce the fees.

Enter: the ALHPC in June 2010. This newly established commission is another layer in our process, which is already complicated by our lease of the Home from the city, which requires certain steps and procedures not required of others.

On July 14, 2010, Pam Hoffmann and Pat Fellure met with the Mayor, Tom Carleton (Building Dept.), Joe Reitz (Engineering Dept.), and Ruth Booher (Zoning Dept.). The ALLPS now better understands that we also need to submit plans to the Zoning Dept. for conditional use of the property, since it is zoned residential.

Have you now joined us in our confusion?



Many thanks to Marian Conn and John Earley, who did all the paperwork and legwork with the city in getting our new sign approved and installed in May 2010.

July 30, 4:00-9:00 pm
July 31, 9:00-3:00 pm



Chili Cook-off

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 13, 2010, 4:00-7:00 pm.**

Of course, we need bakers to supply our desserts, as well as volunteers to help us pick up donated supplies and floral centerpieces. Volunteers are greatly needed to work at the event itself.

Of course, we need YOU to come to the event, and bring all your friends, family and neighbors.

Pre-sale tickets help us plan better, to insure that we have enough to feed all our supporters.

Those of you who have worked the event in past years know how much fun it is. Hope to see you again, and that you bring a new volunteer this year.

Contact Pat Fellure, 933.6409 or ptrc_fllr@centurytel.net to volunteer.

Willing Hands Make Light Work

In anticipation of upcoming construction on the porch, inside stairwell and bathroom, we ask you to consider volunteering your time and skilled labor to our efforts. If you or anyone you know can lend a hand in the actual construction process, please contact

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or 933.2736.

