

OOBMITS Meeting Notes – May 16, 2016

Members Present: Dan Blaney, Megan McLaughlin, Pat Brown, Wendy Chase, John Bird, Susan McGinty

ITEM 1:

Finalize Panel Locations & Route Selection

- The Committee decided to change the route so that it is shorter and takes less time. The following sites were eliminated: New Olympia Hotel, Boyden House, Elsmere, School Street Schools
- Dan Blaney will help to create a map reflecting the new route and panel locations, preliminary map:

1. Ocean House	6. St. Margaret's Church	11. 1907 Fire	16. PAIRIE BUILDING Seashore House
2. Staples Inn	7. Post office	12. Fishie	17. Train Depot
3. Historical Society	8. Everett	13. Velvet	18. Brunswick
4. Grand View Inn	9. Loof Building	14. Pier	
5. Old Orchard House	10. Seaside Park	15. Alberta	



- It was recommended to start the tour at either the Historical Society or the Town Hall.
- The committee would like the introductory panel to show other points of interest and addresses to get to these other places, QR Codes on the panels will be really helpful for this and for advertising.
- It was mentioned that the panel for the Brunswick should include information on aviation as well since a lot of Pilots stayed there.
- The Grand Stands for the auto races were on Old Orchard Street and it was recommended that this panel be in that vicinity.
- The panel for the Fire of 1907 could be in the square facing East Grand.

- It was recommended to have a discussion regarding the need to get easements to put panels on private property.
- Megan will get a cost for the posts from DPW. The panel at McCarthur in Biddeford is on a really sturdy post, this could be used or the ones in Kennebunk.

ITEM 2:

Presentation to Town Council

- Megan showed the committee a draft powerpoint presentation.
- The committee decided the best date for the Council Presentation would be **June 21st. It would be great if committee members could attend the meeting.**
- It was mentioned to try and see if the Town Council can offer any seed money for the project.

ITEM 3:

Other Business

- The next steps for the project after the Council presentation will be to start raising funds to implement the panels next summer, the following comments were made in regards to fundraising:
 - Donations from Saco & Biddeford Savings?
 - Megan will be setting up a GoFundMe page for the project.
 - The committee could have a benefit night where 2% of profits raised go toward Museum in the Streets – businesses interested in this?
 - Could we fit under the service agencies budget at the Council Meeting?
- Megan had a meeting with the Ocean Park Association Property Committee to discuss the project and they seemed receptive to the idea, they have to put it through their process. It was mentioned that if Ocean Park and Old Orchard Street are done as one tour, there would be between 8-10 panels in Ocean Park. The total number of panels is 30 and so far we have 20-22 locations on Old Orchard Street, we've narrowed some of these down which might leave more room for panels in Ocean Park. One of the issues brought up was sign pollution and another was people stopping at the end of the Old Orchard Street tour and not going down into Ocean Park and vice versa.
- Some ideas for panels in Ocean Park: Tennis Courts – Frost learned to play tennis there, Ocean Park Hotel/Granite State Hotel
- Could we have a trial run of the trolley going to Ocean Park on a busy week such as July 4th to help facilitate people traveling to Ocean Park from Old Orchard Street and vice versa for the tour? The cost to Ocean Park this year for a stop is \$1,500.