

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of April 21, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

Members attending: Marilyn Burch, Sean Cummings, Dottie Kennett, Isabelle Bosquet-Morra, Sharon Hall, Mary Kilcer, Lee Jamison, Richard Anderson, Karen Hummel, and Cal Burch

The well-attended meeting was held at the railroad station, outside on the east side. Starting soon after 9:00, Ron made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Karen. In discussing fund-raising and station use, the suggestion was made to hand out station pins to the volunteers at the library book sale. The library volunteers were setting up their sale as we met. Farmers market plans are moving along. Karen reported seeing copies of the book, Hudson River Ruins at the Clark Museum. We need to get a poster made. Plans for the Arts Weekend are also moving along. Only one of the artists contacted declined. We need a way to hang the paintings. We will present a copy of the book, dedicated to Ken's memory, to the Library Board on May 14 at their annual meeting. Marilyn reported turning in \$151.50 from coffee money and sales of books and totes.

The survey should be ready soon and will go to the printers. Ron took an all-day seminar on administration of federal funds for the DOT grant. He will work with them to set up a meeting but said that our community involvement is a good thing. Sean is resubmitting our Rheinstrom Hill Foundation grant, asking for funding to finish the windows and doors with an emphasis on security. He will ask for \$10,000, the amount estimated for that part of the project. Sue Chiafullo's grant application last year - also turned down - had been for windows and doors and she should have some pictures.

The electricity project has hit a snag with Jim Melville refusing to sign the easement. Ron has calls in to National Grid and to Scheriff Electric for suggestions. We will probably have to set up a generator for the events in May and June, but it could be situated at the far north end with extension cords so that it would not be so loud. Cal and Richard checked out the hardware for the doors and windows. Door knobs and hinges are missing. Ron talked to Jeff Baker, the architect, who knows a source for the hardware. Renovators Supply might also be a source. We need Yale locks. Ron will request funds from the Town to buy the hardware.

Discussing member concerns, the suggestion was made that the Port-A-Potty could be moved to the north side of the station for aesthetic reasons. Karen donated a pot-bellied stove. It would fit in the station and would give more heat. The committee will call a work day to move it.

Because our regular meeting day would be the same day as the lecture and book signing, the suggestion was made to move the meeting up a week, to May 12. Weather permitting, we will meet at the station.

Ron made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Burch

