63RD ANNUAL MEETINGTHE NEW HAVEN PRESERVATION TRUST

MAY 22, 2024, 6:30PM ONLINE GATHERING



MEETING AGENDA

- 1 Call to Order, Charlotte Rea, President, Board of Directors
- 2 Welcome to Annual Meeting for 2023
- 3 Approval of the Minutes of the 62nd Annual Meeting
- 4 Treasurer's Report, Glenn Trunkfield
- 5 Election of the Nominees to Board of Directors
- 6 Portals to the Past and Future

Long Wharf Pier, Transportation through the Years Susan Godshall

Lessons from a Cesspit: Uncovering the Past to Plan for the Future Oliver Gaffney

Modernism and Beyond

Rona Johnston

7 Closing Remarks

MINUTES OF THE 62ND ANNUAL MEETING

May 25, 2023 / held online, submitted by Rona Johnston, on behalf of Sue Jacobson, Assistant Secretary

WELCOME

Rona Johnston, Board President, welcomed everyone to the Trust's 62nd Annual Meeting. She then called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

In her introductory remarks, Rona noted that the Trust is delighted to have a growing membership, which bolsters not only the Trust but also the cause of preservation in New Haven.

She also directed attenders to the Trust's Annual Report, which had been made available online in advance of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Members voted to approve the minutes of the 61st Annual Meeting, held online on May 26, 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Glenn Trunkfield presented the Financial Summary for 2022, available to view in the Annual Report.

The Members voted to approve the Treasurer's Report for 2022 pending audit. Rona thanked Glenn for the skills, wisdom, and clarity he brings to his position as Treasurer.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

One Director stepped down from the Board during 2022: William (Bill) Christmas

Elsie Chapman, on behalf of the Governance Committee, presented the slate of new Directors. No nominations were made from the floor.

The Members voted to approve Wm. Frank

Mitchell, Jeremy Mudd, and Abigail Roth to serve as Directors at the Preservation Trust for one initial (3-year) term.

Elsie Chapman, on behalf of the Governance Committee, presented the slate of current Directors who have indicated they would serve a further term.

The Members voted to approve Channing Harris to serve a further term (3-years) as a Director at the Preservation Trust.

Rona thanked Elsie and her co-chair, Sue Jacobson, and all members of the Governance Committee for their work.

ILLUSTRATED TALK

With the business of the meeting complete, Rona asked Sarah Tisdale, Director of Preservation, to present on "Recent Themes in Preservation".

Sarah spoke about the Trust's work in 2022, highlighting three themes: (1) data and information (2) the value of preservation and (3) partnerships.

Sarah focused in particular on the Trust's commitment to ensuring current and reliable information on historic properties is available. This endeavor has included identifying areas where the City's information and maps were missing critical information and working with the City to revise the 90 Day Demolition Ordinance. It has also involved updating the Trust's internal maps and data and making the public aware of the new ConnCRIS historic property map generated by the State Historic Preservation Office.

Sarah explored how the Trust uses historic information to educate and engage with the

public, touching on the Trust's focus on sharing the values of preservation through educational materials and social media. She also noted the Trust's delight at receiving a state grant to work on a National Register nomination for Long Wharf Pier.

And Sarah celebrated the Trust's ongoing relationships with partnering organizations such as the State Historic Preservation Office, local history societies, and DOCOMOMO US, which celebrates Modernism throughout the United States.

Rona thanked Sarah for her stimulating talk and also for her fine contribution to preservation in New Haven since joining the Trust almost a year ago.

RECOGNITION

Rona directed attention to the large 'Preservation Family' acknowledged on the Annual Report. She wholeheartedly thanked everyone who has supported the Trust, whether financially, through donations and sponsorships, or with skills, advice, time, energy, and enthusiasm.

The Meeting voted to adjourn at 7:20pm.

NEW HAVEN PRESERVATION TRUST BOARD NOMINATIONS 2024

PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Kenya Adams-Martin



Kenya Adams-Martin is a wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and dedicated community member in the Cedar Hill neighborhood of New Haven. She is a

retired employee of the State of Connecticut Department of Developmental Disabilities where she worked for over 35 years. She was raised in New Haven, attended schools in New Haven and graduated from James Hillhouse High School in 1984. Kenya attended Gateway Community College and for two years attended SCSU. She's passionate about people, community and our outdoor surroundings.

Through her research, Kenya learned that her home was built in 1880 by the Casey family and that it was moved on logs to its present location. Her family is the second family to occupy the home – 23 years and counting.

Meenakshi Alreja



Meenakshi Alreja, PhD was born and educated in New Delhi, India. Meenakshi is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the Yale University School of

Medicine and a fellow of Silliman College at Yale University.

A neuroscientist and educator by training,

Meenakshi's research focused on brain circuits involved in learning and memory and on brain pathways that link reproduction and energy metabolism. She enjoys teaching, advising students and working on all matters related to education.

Meenakshi has previously served as a board member for the Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven. She is eager to learn more about New Haven, its architecture, historic communities and contribute to their preservation.

Dorthula (Dottie) Green



Dottie retired from
Unified School District
1 after a 30-year
career in education
as school teacher
and principal. A
life member of the
National Council of

Negro Women (NCNW), an 'organization of organizations' whose mission is to lead, advocate for, and empower women of African descent, their families, and communities, she is president of the Greater New Haven Section of NCNW, which founded the African American Women's Summit. She is active in the Dwight Central Management Team and supports the Friends of Dwight and Friends of Kensington Park. She has served boards including the Union Temple Church, United Way of Greater New Haven, Fellowship Place, and the Advisory Board of the Dixwell Community House, and the Community Healing Network. She lives in an 1869 Italianate in the Dwight Community.

Alex Meier-Tomkins



Alex is a native of Buffalo, NY. Having been raised in such an architecturally stunning city, he has been fascinated by residential architecture, urban planning, and

vibrant neighborhoods his entire life. His education and working life brought him to Philadelphia, Manhattan, and then New Haven, where he encountered decidedly different aesthetics. Since moving to New Haven with his wife in 2003, Alex has woven himself into the fabric of this diverse city. He has worked in the wine & spirits industry here for 20 years. In 2020 he started the Instagram page @newhavencthomes, which is not only an homage to the great houses and architecture of New Haven, but also boosts the indomitable spirit of the proud residents of New Haven and the beautiful homes they maintain in every neighborhood of our great city.

Beth Miller



Beth Miller is the Deputy Director for Advancement and External Affairs at the Yale Center for British Art. She has had the privilege of working at the Center,

one of the great modernist buildings in New Haven, since 1992. Beth has a background in art and architectural history and investment banking (public finance), and brings expertise in fundraising, marketing, and communications.

Beth has appreciated the variety of New Haven's architecture from the time she moved to the city in 1988 to attend the Yale School of Management, where she received her master's in public and private management (MPPM). She is committed to balancing the preservation of the city's history with embracing new ideas to meet the changing needs of the community

Chandni Vasisht



Chandni has always loved historic towns and cities and the public spaces that they have to offer. Living in vibrant and historic cities like New Orleans and San

Francisco cemented her love for architecture and landscape design. Chandni currently works at the Yale Child Study Center and is a mom to 2 wonderful children, Devi and Yogi. She spends most of her time in New Haven and enjoys connecting with new people in the community. Chandni and her husband are working to restore their early 1900s home in the Prospect Hill area.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

resigned since the 62nd Annual Meeting
Elise Chambers Susan Godshall
Roberta Pilette Elihu Rubin

Ming Thompson

We record, with great sadness, the death of Director Susan Jacobson

Completed three terms with the 63rd Annual Meeting Elsie Chapman Roberta Pilette

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