Ohio History Connection Hosts Updates on Downtown Caldwell Historic District Project

Several attended the recent update meeting on Downtown Caldwell Historic District Project hosted by The Ohio History Connection: Brian Little, Jeremy Biddinger, RVC Architects; Susan Tietz, The Ohio History Connection; Gwynn Stewart, Ohio State University Extension; DoAnna Hart, owner of the Mill Building; and a representative of Noble County Historical Society; Jeff Minosky, Caldwell Village Council; Brett Carmichael of Lawhon & Associates and Allen Fraley, Noble County Chamber.

The Ohio History Connection, Ohio’s nominating authority to the National Register of Historic Places Program with the U.S. Park Service, recently hosted an update on the application process for the Downtown Caldwell Historic District Project.

Brett Carmichael, MA, an architectural historian and archaeologist with Lawhon & Associates, engaged by project coordinator RVC Architects, has worked diligently to research and outline the Caldwell district’s application for consideration by The Ohio Historical Sites Preservation Advisory Board on Dec. 6. The town councilman and the district’s property owners believe the program “will work to the benefit of the program,” Susan Tietz said, historic district and inventory manager for Inventory with The Ohio History Connection, said, “That’s the time to demonstrate its potential for the work to be done by the district.”

The project was a dream of Jeff Minosky, a member of the Caldwell Village Council and of The Noble County Historical Society. Minosky, Gwynn Stewart, community development educator with Ohio State University Extension, applied for and secured a $12,000 pipeline grant through the Ohio Development Services Agency to cover the costs of the research and application process.

The district is in downtown Caldwell with the Noble County Courthouse Square at the center and commercial areas surrounding. The application features the area’s significance to the growth of Caldwell and Noble County, as well as buildings important to the architectural past.

Registration is open in December, additional Ohio properties may be necessary before it is submitted for final consideration by the Ohio Historical Sites Preservation Advisory Board, which then takes 45 additional days.

The Caldwell Board of Education voted to renew Superintendent Kasey Cottrill’s contract at its regular meeting Monday evening, October 21. The members of Cottrill’s contract call for four years with a three percent increase in pay.

In other business, Superintendent Cottrill received Mary Page and Jane Smith for their years of service to the district and wished them well on their retirement. Dave Hansen was recognized for donations totaling over $31,000 to the district.

Pat Garibay, Chief Operating Officer of the Vato Group, made a presentation explaining representing the Moose Lodge.

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