

CITY OF BATAVIA

MEMO TO: Government Services Committee
FROM: Bill McGrath, City Administrator
DATE: June 21, 2010
SUBJECT: Gift to City of Restored Windmill

Bob Popeck and the Batavia Historical Society have arranged (located and paid for) another windmill for the City's collection. I do not know the manufacturer, but Bob tells me that it is from one of the minor Batavia manufactures so does in fact broaden the existing collection.

The first idea for placement was the "Windmill Circle" but staff thinks there should be some consideration of another location, and has recommended one to Bob. The reason for this is that the circle is perfectly set up for the three and a fourth will be out of balance. Additionally, there is electricity and a water sprinkler system, all of which would have to be Julied, surveyed and perhaps moved to accommodate new lighting and the foundation.

A few years ago, we asked the windmill group to please put together a manual including a list of all windmills, a list of intricacies of each, contacts for parts makers, other restorers, and the like, so that the City can be a good guardian of these important artifacts. As you also may know, they, on occasion, break loose or start squeaking like crazy to the extent that employees are distracted. A manual would help us direct immediate attention to the matter and perhaps prevent serious wear and tear or even damage.

Bob Popeck will attend next week's Government Services meeting so that there can be a record of official acceptance of the windmill, and a discussion of its placement. I would also like to emphasize the importance of getting information about these pieces of history.

Please give me a call if you have any questions. Thanks. Bill

C: Mayor & City Council
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Rich Searl
Bob Popeck

