



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (HDC) MEETING Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald Monday, 27th September 2021 OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 5:47PM

The meeting was hosted by Chair Zobel in the Highland Park Fire Station and also called to order by Chair Zobel, roll call was performed by Secretary Harris

Commissioners Present: Anne Zobel - Chair, Malika Pryor - Vice Chair, Jeffrey Harris-Secretary, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Art Rizzo

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Debbie Morrison

Other: none

Chair Zobel began this meeting by requesting a motion to approve the August, 2021 HDC Meeting Minutes. The motion was moved by Vice Chair Pryor and seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion passed unanimously at 5:48PM.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 5:49PM

The CED Director, Tyrone Hinton, was in a special meeting during the time of this HDC meeting and was not able to provide any updates this month. This was a special meeting of the City Council regarding a mixed-use project proposal for the strip of land between California and Woodward.

DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT – 5:52PM

Chair Zobel confirms this topic is to remain dormant for the time being.

EXPANSION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION – 5:52PM

Chair Zobel has been in contact with Mallory of the MHPN regarding the HDC's next workshop. Mallory may be able to help us find a tuck-pointing expert, but Mallory will be leaving the Network for other opportunities soon. The MHPN will still be accessible to the HDC despite

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Mallory's transition. Commissioner Williams suggested Vice Chair Pryor's husband for the tuck-point workshop; the Vice Chair will see if her husband is comfortable teaching this topic, or knows anyone who would be.

There was also discussion between commissioners over the target date for our next workshop and it was decided that we have insufficient time and resources to have a workshop this year, and will focus instead on spring of 2022.

INTRODUCTION INTO THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM -

6:04PM

Chair Zobel introduced this topic by explaining that she and Secretary Harris had been on a call with Alan Higgins who works as the Certified Local Government Coordinator for the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO - which operates under the direction of the federal Department of the Interior). The purpose of this call was for Alan to explain how the Highland Park Historic District could admit the city of Highland Park into SHPO's Certified Local Government program. Chair Zobel explained that once admitted to this program, the city would be eligible for grant programs that offer money for maintaining, restoring and securing historic resources. As an example, Alan said the Ford Piquette Museum in Detroit receives large grants annually which the Museum uses to fund various renovations within the structure. During the call, Chair Zobel and Secretary Harris mentioned the MacGregor Library as a possible resource that would benefit from those funds.

The items needed by MI SHPO to evaluate the HDC's ability to enter the CLG program are as follows:

- Résumés from each of the commissioners
- Highland Park's Conflict of Interest Policy - Chair Zobel mentioned she would contact the city's attorney for this item
- A letter from the mayor affirming that the city approves of this certification.
- Demonstration that the HDC follows Michigan's Open Meetings Act
- Four expressly stated goals of the HDC - Chair Zobel mentioned that the verbiage related to the HDC's creation provides a lot of room to come up with many types of goals. Secretary Harris mentioned that maybe the inclusion of the MacGregor Library under the jurisdiction of the HP HDC could be a goal; but there are many challenges to this idea.

The HDC's topic then moved on to the MacGregor Library. Vice Chair Pryor mentioned that she has connections to the UoM Library Science community and suggests they might be a great resource to assist with goals related to the MacGregor Library. Commissioner Williams also expressed concern over the roof of the MacGregor Library. Vice Chair Pryor says that someone got drone footage of the Library during the city's most recent clean up event and she will see if she can find it.

Chair Zobel gave all commissioners an assignment to put together their résumés if they are not already put together. Meanwhile Chair Zobel will work on the other requirements

PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:37PM

No public attended this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:39PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39PM

- The next Historic District Commission will be held on October 24th, 2021.