



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**PUBLIC MEETING OF HIGHLAND PARK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald, Highland Park, MI
26 June 2023**

5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 5:36PM

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, Jeffrey Harris-Secretary, Malika Pryor - Vice Chair, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Donya Clowney

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Debbie Morrison, Commissioner Anthony Askew

Other: None

The March 2023 Minutes were brought to the table for approval. Commissioner Clowney motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously at 5:36.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 5:38PM

There were no new updates from the CED Director.

Anne informed the commission that Carlo Liburdi is moving forward with the purchase of the Ford Administration Building from WA3 and the city of Highland Park. He anticipates a closing in July. He is applying for a placemaking grant for this property.

Anne will be sending the McGregor Library survey out to Highland Parkers via email; currently the primary method of inviting citizens to complete the survey is on yard signs posted around

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PROPERTY REQUESTS – 5:41PM

There were no property requests at this meeting.

MICHIGAN STATE PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) - CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM (CLG) – 5:41PM

Anne regrets to inform us that our grant request for the McGregor Library through the commission's CLG membership was not approved. She will be contacting Alan Higgins with MI SHPO to find out what we can improve next time in order to obtain the grant. Thanks to Damon Garrett and Anne Zobel for their great application, sorry it didn't work out this time!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT – 5:45PM

Anne would like the Oral History Project to reconvene soon. She is still pursuing the MOU with the city, though she would like to continue moving forward without the MOU.

Donya reports that she is simply waiting for people to schedule an interview time with her; due to her busy schedule, she can only conduct interviews on Wednesday. Arthur suggested that Donya contact Martha Scott, Highland Park area's county commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5:52PM

No public were present at this meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 5:52PM

While Anne is disappointed about the SHPO grant rejection, she is focusing on our CLG commitments. One such commitment is on improving the commission's footprint on the internet by searching out other historic districts and highlighting items the Highland Park HDC could use to this effect. Jeff will begin this research. Additionally, another commitment is that commissioners continue doing training - Donya reported she completed some HDC related training this summer online.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:00PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00PM

- The next Historic District Commission will be held on July 24th, 2023.