



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
February 3, 2020

I. Call to Order by Jill Bentley at 7:00pm

II. Attendance

PRESENT:	Dave Redding, Rob Way, Jill Bentley and Cassandra Seelhoff
ABSENT:	Mike Morton, Eddie Quinones-Walker and Brad Burke
TARDY:	None
STAFF:	Joel Dye – City Manager Eric Thompson – PCI, Zoning Administrator

Motion by Rob Way, supported by Dave Redding to excuse the absences of Brad Burke, Eddie Quinones-Walker and Mike Morton. Motion Carried 4-0.

III. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Rob Way, supported by Dave Redding, to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Public Comment

Nora Kelly and Joe Wilson inquired about the process to replace their roof at 409 Monroe Street and potentially demolishing the home at 415 Monroe Street. Nora Kelly and Joe Wilson were directed to contact PCI for the appropriate applications.

V. Applications

1. 440 Monroe Street (tabled from the January 6, 2020 Meeting)

Applicants represented their request to replace wood windows with double hung vinyl windows and remove a picture window and install four (4) new windows and newly cut in transom window. During their presentation the applicants noted other homes that were approved to install vinyl windows as well as noted that they will keep the exterior wood trim around the windows in place. The Commission discussed at length their desire to preserve the wood windows and their concern that the applicants plan to replace the picture window can create a false sense of history.

Motion by Dave Redding, supported by Rob Way, to approve replacement of the wood windows, not including the picture window, and in their place install vinyl windows based on Historic District Handbook Design Guidelines #6. Motion carried 3-1.

RESULT:	Approved (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Dave Redding
SECONDER:	Rob Way
YEAS:	Way, Redding, and Seelhoff
NAES:	Bentley

Motion by Rob Way, supported by Cassandra Seelhoff, to postpone action on the picture window at 440 Monroe Street until the applicant can bring forth a more detailed plan that includes a quote for rehabbing the current window, the size of the new windows, details on the new trim around the new window and its proposed exact placement in the wall. Motion carried 4-0.

RESULT:	Approved (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Rob Way
SECONDER:	Cassandra Seelhoff
YEAS:	Way, Redding, Bentley and Seelhoff
NAES:	None

VI. Staff Approvals

Eric Thompson informed the Commission that he gave a staff approval to replace existing vinyl windows with new vinyl windows at 223 Hubbard Street.

VII. Other Business

The Commission discussed ways to gauge the opinions of the residents of the City's various historic districts and identify which aspects of the districts, they value the most. Through this discussion, the Commission felt a survey would be the best way to accomplish this task and then follow up with a community meeting. Staff was directed to develop a cover letter and survey for the Commission to review at their March meeting.

X. Staff/Commission Comment

Jill Bentley reported that a window at 249 N. Cedar is covered with plywood and would PCI to investigate it and have the window restored.

Cassandra Seelhoff reported that a porch at 249 Marshall that was recently reconstructed did not have the spindles reinstalled.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Dave Redding, supported by Casandra Seelhoff to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

**Joel Dye
City Manager**