

City of Allegan
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Griswold Auditorium – 401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010
HDC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 1, 2016

Call to Order by Chairman Peter Savage at 7:01

1. Attendance

Present: Nancy Ingalsbee, Fred Jordan, Owen Hunt, Peter Savage, Jill Bentley and Marcia Neigebauer

Excused: Kathy Cassady

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator

2. Agenda - Revised

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the revised agenda. Second by Marcia Neigebauer. Motion approved 6-0.

3. Minutes

Minutes for December 7, 2015

MOTION: by Jill Bentley to approve the minutes as presented, second Fred Jordan. Motion approved 6-0

4. Public Comment

Jason Watts announced that he & his wife have purchased 516 Trowbridge and hope to be discussing improvements with the HDC soon.

5. New Business

1) 110 Locust St. (MORPH LLC, business owner)

Submitted design for new sign above the awning to use the same materials as the Hathaway Cottage sign

Discussion on materials and placement

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the project as presented. Second by Jill Bentley. Discussion on materials (plastic) and structure. Motion passed 6-0

2) 532 Hubbard St. (Cam Gallagher, contractor)

Gallagher discussed the reconstruction of the porch and that the original columns have been retained. Brick steps were not original and owner is asking to replace steps with wood but replace the iron railing with a new one of the same design and materials.

Gallagher also asked if they could replace some of the existing porch siding with "Smart Board" of the same dimensions.

Discussion on the nature of "Smart Board"

MOTION: by Nancy Engelsbee to approve the application for the wood porch steps – replacing the iron railing with same style & materials

Second by Marcia Neigebauer. Motion approved 6-0

MOTION: by Nancy Engelsbee to allow replacement of some of the wood siding on the porch with same dimension "Smart Board". Second by Jill Bentley

Motion approved 6-0

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6. Old Business

1) 118 Locust St. (Bruce & Ruth Ann Carns, owners)

Hudson explained the expiration of temporary permits under the Property Maintenance Code and the request of the Building Department for a deadline. Carns explained the situation with their issues with the real estate market. Discussion about reasonable deadlines and that the windows must be either repaired in a final manner or replaced and if replaced the HDC must review the proposed replacements at the March 2016 HDC meeting. Further discussion about possible financial assistance for the Carns through the City's Façade Improvement Program.

All agreed that the Carns will return in March with a final plan.

2) 212 Trowbridge St. (Dennis Sturgis, owner)

Sturgis presented a request by Country House Furniture to allow signage on the new awnings. An example was presented and discussed.

MOTION: by Jill Bentley to approve as presented, second by Nancy Ingelsbee. Motion approved 6-0.

3) Marcia Niegabauer – report on Morton's property on Ely St.

She spoke with Morton about hold up in replacing the siding and was told he is held up by not being able to find replacement windows.

7. Additional New Business

1) Michigan Historic Preservation Network membership renewal

Discussion on the value of the membership

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to have the City renew the MHPN membership, second by Owen Hunt. Motion approved 6-0.

2) Report on cost of professional material review contractor for HDC

Hudson contacted 4 local contractors for cost estimates. Three were interested but only Dean Michaels responded with a bid. \$30 per inspection, \$50 per written report.

Discussion on possible times such a report might be needed.

MOTION: by Marcia Niegabauer to request the City Council to give HDC a budget item for \$240 to cover 3 inspections and reports. Second by Engalsbee.

Motion approved 5-0 with Engalsbee abstaining.

8. Education

1) none

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9. Staff Comments

1) HB 5232 & SB 720

Hudson distributed copies of draft legislation in the Michigan House and Senate that would amend Michigan's Local Historic District Act, PA 169 of 1970.

Discussion on the effects for local districts

Fred Jordan asked that the commissioners read the text and prepare to discuss at the next HDC meeting

10. Commission & Public Comments

None

11. Adjournment

MOTION: by Fred Jordan for adjournment, 2nd Owen Hunt

Approved 6-0 @ 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson

Historic District Administrator

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