



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street
Allegan MI 49010
July 5, 2016

- I. Call to Order by Chair Peter Savage at 7:00pm
- II. Attendance
Present: Peter Savage, Nancy Ingalsbee, Jill Bentley, Kathy Cassady, Marcia Neigebauer, Fred Jordan

Absent: Brad Burke

Also Present: Lori K. Vander Clay, Deputy City Clerk, Lori Castello, PCI
- III. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes
Fred Jordan, supported by Marcia Neigebauer, made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016. Motion passed by acclamation.
- IV. Public Comment
Douglas Langhorst voiced his concerns if his building at 243 Hubbard Street has any historical significance other than being located with the district. Members would like to have 243 Hubbard as an agenda item for the August meeting.

Mary Ann Girouard, 20 Oak Court would like the City to investigate the earth moving equipment and activity at the former Elks Lodge. Staff will look into.
- V. Applications
 1. **330 Monroe Street**
Owner not present. The members discussed. Fred Jordan, supported by Kathy Cassady, made a motion to approve as presented in the submitted application. Motion carried.
 2. **516 Trowbridge Street**
Owners, Jason Watts and Lesley Goodwin were present. They explained their options and shared pictures with the members. Marcia Neigebauer, supported by Fred Jordan, made a motion to approve as presented in the submitted application. Motion carried.

3. Signage Requests

Lori Castello, PCI introduced Michael Setterstrom. She explained that Michael is a painter that has relocated to Allegan from Minnesota. She would like the members to review applications received from business owners tonight, so that Mr. Setterstrom can start working on them.

Lori Castello, stated that she have a verbal to proceed with paint/refresh the front of **223 Hubbard**.

225 Hubbard: Michael explained that the back of this building is cement block and the owner would like to repaint with a stucco texture. He also stated that he will be powerwashing the cement blocks and also removing all the excess caulking. Peter Savage commented that the appearance of the building will be changed by using a stucco technique and that members really need more time to review. Nancy Ingalsbee stated that the members need more information. Peter Savage, supported by Fred Jordan, made a motion to proceed as presented. Motion failed with Nancy Ingalsbee, Jill Bentley and Kathy Cassady voting no. The members will be making a site visit after the meeting to examine the building. A motion was made and approved once members made a site visit.

128 Locust: Repair and repaint the existing sign. Nancy Ingalsbee, supported by Marcia Neigebauer, made a motion to approve as presented in the submitted application. Motion carried.

101 Locust: Lori Castello explained that the owner would like the window facing on Hubbard Street covered with a painted composite sign and placed on the outside of the window. Fred Jordan, supported by Marcia Neigebauer, made a motion to approve as presented.

212 Trowbridge: More information is needed.

Jill Bentley would like to provide Michael with more information regarding the Historic District guidelines, so he has it for further reference.

VI. Staff Approvals

VII. Old Business

Neighborhood Awareness Initiative

City Manager Rob Hillard reviewed the Allegan Neighbor Initiative and would like to get a sense of how neighbors can make a difference in their neighborhoods. Peter Savage stated that currently neighborhoods are not identified, so why name them now. Nancy Ingalsbee commented that neighbors will come together on a common issue affecting the neighborhood. Fred Jordan likes this idea but how can you measure? It's like herding cats. He also stated that you would need to find that "dynamic" person from each neighborhood to promote where they live. City Manager Rob Hillard asked how do you

promote neighborhoods. Conducting surveys? Nancy Ingalsbee thinks promotion would be neighbor to neighbor.

Lori Castello, PCI talked about 142 Brady and according to section 13-56 (3) of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the commission has the authority to start the Notice of Demolition by Neglect. Lori Castello, PCI shared a draft letter with the commission. Peter Savage, supported by Fred Jordan, made a motion to accept the following findings on 142 Brady Street on behalf of the Historic District Commission:

1. The exterior door is still in need of reparation/restoration/replacement.
2. Multiple attempts to contact you to resolve this matter have been made and documented.
3. No response or application or other indication of action upon your part to resolve this matter has been received.
4. The building at 142 Brady Street has historical significance to the City of Allegan.

Nancy Ingalsbee, supported by Marcia Neigebauer, made a motion based on the above findings, the Historic District Commission has made a recommendation that a historic resource within a historic district is threatened with demolition by neglect. Motion carried.

VIII. New Business

215 Monroe Street, wood has been placed on the structure to block off the front porch. Lori Castello, PCI will investigate.

200 Fourth Street, the process has started to either condemn or repair.

IX. Commission Comments

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk