

City of Allegan
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Griswold Auditorium – 401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010

HDC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 3, 2013
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Regular Historic District Commission meeting:

1. Call to Order by Chairman Detweiler at 7:00

2. Attendance

Present: Gene Detweiler, Nancy Ingalsbee, Owen Hunt, Shawn Gavan, Kathy Cassady, Peter Savage, John Pahl, and Jill Bentley

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator

3. Agenda

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Owen Hunt. Motion approved 7-0

4. Minutes

Minutes for July 1, 2013 – MOTION by Nancy Ingalsbee to accept the minutes as presented, second by Owen Hunt. Approved 7-0

Minutes for August 5, 2013 – MOTION by Kathy Cassady to accept the minutes as presented, second by Peter Savage. Approved 7-0

5. Public Comment

New Commissioner Jill Bentley was welcomed to the HDC by the Chairman.

6. New Business

1) **242 Cutler Street** (Diane Morton, owner, and Seth Hough, architect)

Hough presented the revised plans – changed from July 2012 – the carport is to be scaled back from 28'x14' to 24'x13' due to cost and difficulty.

Siding will now be wood to match the house, paving will be reduced and a brick wall to be painted to replace the fence.

Detweiler observed that no siding had been added where the work had been done before

Hough –that was because they were waiting for re-design approval.

Question about zoning – Hough had discussed that with the Zoning Administrator and there will be no problem.

Savage asked about drainage issues and this was discussed.

Ingalsbee observed that she likes the brick wall

MOTION: by Peter Savage to approve the application as presented (plans dated 8-26-2013) with changes as noted from the previous plan.

2nd by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion approved 7-0

2) **329 Monroe Street** (Joseph Lally, owner – NOT present)

Ingalsbee noted that Lally had contacted her indicating that he could not be present.

Detweiler wants to know how the lattice work will be attached – the drawing does not show if it will be attached to the fascia and how that might affect the crown molding. He suggested that the lattice work should be setback and run between the posts.

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Hunt observed that Lally's previous work had been very good and that this would be on the rear porch.

Hudson said that he thought Lally had indicated that the lattice work would be framed as in the drawing.

Savage said he liked the idea of the frame work as shown in the drawing.

MOTION: by Owen Hunt to approve the installation of the lattice work on the rear porch as requested. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Discussion about the steps, but the application does not mention work on the steps. Motion carried 7-0.

3) **111 Locust Street** (Lacy Underwood, business proprietor)

Underwood explained the sign designs and that the coffee shop sign would be removed. She is looking at either plastic or metal material for the lettering.

Detwieler asked about the zoning.

Savage asked if both signs will be visible

Underwood explained the design.

Hunt had questions about the support structures

Underwood explained the bracket set up.

Discussion about the lacework background – Underwood decided that this would not work.

MOTION by Owen Hunt to approve the signs as presented in the application without the background lacework pattern and with the letters to be either metal or fiberglass as long as they are painted.

Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Approved 7-0

7. Old Business

1) **418 Hastings Street** (Jim Richardson, owner)

Richardson presented a proposal for a replacement door from either Lowes or Minards. He tried to rebuild the old door but it was not worth it.

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve removal of the old door and replacing with one of the "Craftsman-style" steel, 6-light doors as presented. Second by Peter Savage.

Approved 7-0

8. Additional New Business

None

9. Education

None

10. Staff Comments

1) Property Maintenance Code enforcement status

Hudson updated the commission on progress with 219 Hubbard St.

319 Pine and 507 Monroe were given court orders to repair

502 Trowbridge was cited for violation – Hudson noted that the owner had been in contact and that staff approval is possible

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113 Locust – Curves signs – cited – discussion on the lettering – HDC willing to look at lettering but the plastic cover & interior light is not acceptable

240 Monroe – discussion,

Ingalsbee wanted to know why a ticket had not been issued.

Hudson explained that the approval given last year still has one month to go and even if he runs a few days over the administrator has to be reasonable.

11. Commission Comments

Ingalsbee commented on the condition of the **old Penny’s building**

Hudson said that he had heard those allegations as well but upon visual inspection could not find a cause of action at this time. If there is a new occupant then we can look at it.

116 Locust was also discussed. Hudson noted that the owner had been cited and that he may have to cite them for Demolition by Neglect for the awning. Detwieler indicated that the HDC would want the awning restored. The falling bricks from the rear wall are a property maintenance code issue that the owner has been cited for.

Hunt is concerned about the boat parked on the property at 502 Trowbridge. Hudson said he would bring that to the attention of the Zoning Administrator but Hudson was not sure of the regulations on boats.

Detwieler noted that **“Something Sweet” on Locust St.** has done some façade work without approval but it looks ok. He suggested the HD Administrator leave that alone. He is concerned about the “Fresh Fudge” banner tacked to the front of the building – it has been up for some time but he notes that the bar owners might object because HDC made them take their’s down.

Detweiler also urged each HD Commissioner to visit each site before the meeting

Detweiler noted that the sign they just approved for the **“Geezer Gear”** shop is gone. Hudson said he only has rumors but heard that the lease was up and the building had been or was in the process of being sold.

Bentley asked about what was going **on across from 502 Monroe**. There seems to be some interior work in progress – a disposal ramp has been run to one of the windows.

She is also concerned about the boat **at Cedar & Trowbridge**

Ingalsbee informed HDC of the scheduled tour of **“Secret Allegan”** commercial buildings on September 28th but noted that she has had difficulty getting enough volunteers to act as docents. Hudson suggested she ask the County Historical Society.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: by Peter Savage for adjournment, 2nd Owen Hunt.

Approved 7-0 @ 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson, Historic District Administrator

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