

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

HDC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 4, 2013
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Regular Historic District Commission meeting:

1. Call to Order by Chairman Detweiler at 6:58

2. Attendance

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

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator, and Ariel Anderson-Intern with Nancy Ingalsbee

3. Agenda

MOTION: by Peter Savage to approve the revised agenda as presented. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion approved 7-0

4. Minutes

Minutes for October 7, 2013

MOTION by Nancy Ingalsbee to accept the minutes as corrected, second by Owen Hunt. Approved 7-0

5. Public Comment

None.

6. New Business

- 1) **111 Locust Street** (This-N-That Antiques, Lacie Underwood, business the owner)
Underwood requests to reuse the previous wood sign from the coffee shop, which will be repainted with the name of the new store – she presented a drawing of the new sign face.

Detweiler asked if it would be the same location

Underwood – yes.

MOTION: by Owen Hunt to approve the application for the redesigned sign for 111 Locust as presented 2nd by Kathy Cassady. Motion approved 7-0

- 2) **513 Marshall Street** (Robert Sousley, resident)

Sousley explained that he is a relative of the owners and lives in the house.

Discovered bees nesting in the wall and had to remove the wood siding to get them out.

The siding could not be re-used, so he put vinyl siding on and intends to paint it to match the house. He did not receive the Notice-of-Violations because they were addressed to the Syer Trust (owner) and the executive was out of state.

Discussion on the relationship of the rear additions to the original Greek Revival Style house and Marshall Street. Rear of the house is actually closer to Herkimer Street and the front faces the tennis courts in the park on Marshall.

Sously – the front part (Greek Revival) he has documents dating this to 1860.

Discussion on the siding for the rear additions.

Savage the top priority should be that the colors match.

Discussion on Sously's schedule for rehabilitation.

Hunt to Sously – You must apply to the Historic District Administrator whenever you make changes to the exterior of the buildings.

Discussion on reasonable time limit to complete.

MOTION: by Kathy Cassady to approve the application on the condition that within 10 months all of the siding on the entire house is painted to match and that vinyl siding

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shall only be used on the two rear additions and there shall be no vinyl siding on any part of the two-story original portion of the house.
Second by Peter Savage. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Old Business

None

8. Additional New Business

None

9. Education

None.

10. Staff Comments

1) Property Maintenance Code enforcement status

Hudson updated the commission on status.

2) Support letter for Certified Local Government grant application

Hudson explained the two-part proposal to bring the Allegan State Bank building into the Historic District as a contributing structure by expanding the definition to include Mid-Century Modern architecture, which is now over 50 years old.

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to support the CLG grant application to study the inclusion of Mid-Century Modern architecture as contributing resources in the Old Town Historic. Second by Owen Hunt.

Motion approved 7-0. Letter of support was signed.

11. Commission Comments

1) Kathy Cassady reported on restarting the Heritage Home Network Group with a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 14th at 7 pm @ 121 Park Drive, Allegan.

2) Betty McDaniel asked if more citizen time could be allotted.

Chair agreed.

Brian Watts, 434 Hastings St., explained an urgent problem with drainage on his site and asked if the HDC could approve modifications to the foundation.

Detweiler said that the HDC could meet in an emergency but to have the Historic District Administrator, Patrick Hudson, inspect the site and determine if he could approve the work or if it needs a meeting.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee for adjournment, 2nd Jill Bentley.

Approved 7-0 @ 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson, Historic District Administrator

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