

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

HDC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 3, 2014
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Regular Historic District Commission meeting:

1. Call to Order by Vice-Chairman Savage at 7:03

2. Attendance

Present: Owen Hunt, Nancy Ingalsbee, Kathy Cassady, Peter Savage and John Pahl

Excused: Gene Detweiler and Jill Bentley

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator, & Allen Pilley, Allegan County Historical Society

3. Agenda

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Kathy Cassady. Motion approved 5-0

4. Minutes

Minutes for December 2, 2013

MOTION by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the minutes, second by Kathy Cassady.

Approved 5-0

5. Public Comment

None.

6. New Business

- 1) **Second Street Bridge** (City of Allegan, owner; Nancy Ingalsbee, City Council)
Ingalsbee explained the plan to illuminate the bridge with temporary lights mounted on existing poles on either shore.
Discussion with Hunt & Savage – questions about location, appearance and type of lights.
City Manager, Rob Hillard explained that the lights would be LED type and that the reason the lights would be temporary is that it is not certain that this type of lighting will produce the desired illumination of the bridge.
Further discussion.
MOTION: by Owen Hunt to approve the application for six (6) months temporary installation of LED lights as applied for 2nd by Kathy Cassady. Motion approved 5-0

- 2) **Hanson Park Kayak Launch** (City of Allegan, owner; Tony McGhee, engineer)
McGhee of Abonmarche Engineering, presented the plan based on the Riverfront Redevelopment plan. The proposed restrooms will be in the interior of the Griswold Auditorium and involve minimal exterior alterations – possible need to widen a door for ADA accessibility.
Ingalsbee asked about safety
McGhee explained how the restrooms would be accessible.
Discussion and it was noted that construction may not occur until 2015 – the city is pursuing a grant and needs a 30% match. The city has applied for both a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant (MNRTF) and a Land & Water Conservation (LWC) grant.
Hunt noted that the plan greatly improves the parking
Ingalsbee asked about the kids play area
McGhee indicated that black architectural bollards would be used

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Hillard noted that this is an evolving process and major changes would come back to HDC for review.

Hudson explained the boundary of the Historic district which does not include the kayak launch area

Discussion on appearance and effects

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the application concept and letter of support for the grants. Second by Owen Hunt.

Motion carried 5-0. All present signed the letter of support.

7. Old Business

None

8. Additional New Business

HDC Goals & Objectives for 2014

Discussion on the draft goals based on 2013.

#1 Resources:

Workshops for local owners & builders

Update 3-fold brochures

Add HDC info to website

Outreach to real estate community

Plaques & certificates for property owners

#2 Network with other cities (Old House Network)

#3 Inventory empty buildings in the historic districts and prioritize

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to adopt as restated, 2nd by Kathy Cassady.

Motion approved 5-0

9. Education

None.

10. Staff Comments

1) Winter weather damage report

Hudson informed the HDC about damage to Imperial Carving, Old Masonic Temple, antiques shop on Trowbridge and 217 Hubbard.

11. Commission Comments

12. Adjournment

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee for adjournment, 2nd Owen Humt.

Approved 5-0 @ 8:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson

Historic District Administrator

The minutes of this meeting will be available at City Hal, 112 Locust Street, Allegan MI 49010 (269) 673-5511