

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

SPECIAL HDC MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 21, 2014
DRAFT

Call to Order by Vice-Chairman Savage at 7:00

1. Attendance

Present: Owen Hunt, Nancy Ingalsbee, Kathy Cassady, Peter Savage, and Jill Bentley and Marcia Neigebauer(arrived 7:05)

Excused: Gene Detwieler

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator

2. Agenda

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the agenda. Second by Owen Hunt.

Motion approved 5-0

3. New Business

1) 323 Cutler Street (1st Congregational Church, owner)

Ross Menhart, contractor, explained the issues discovered while re-roofing the church. The truss and rafter system was severely damaged last winter. In removing the aluminum soffit more damage was discovered. After review by a structural engineer (Mark Servinski, PE) it was determined that 150' of soffit and fascia must be removed and the rafter ends must be reconstructed. The 1980s structural remodel which damaged the truss system was discussed. Hudson explained the Secretary of the Interior standards. Menhart pointed out that the majority of the trusses have been damaged. The original fascia had a rake cut (1"x10") and the soffit and crown molding were integrated. The intent is to box over the entire soffit with aluminum as is the current situation.

Ingalsbee noted her experience with the cost of crown molding.

Bentley expressed concern about what would happen if someone decided to fully restore the building at some future date.

Menhart said that they have documented the existing fascia, soffit and crown molding designs.

Discussion by the commission

Hunt noted that the costs to fully restore are prohibitive.

MOTION: by Owen Hunt to approve the removal of the original soffit, fascia and crown molding and reconstruction as applied for with the condition that the existing design details be documented. 2nd by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion approved 6-0

Menhart noted that current roof system that failed was 2'x5's on 3' centers as re-built in c. 1982. He also said there is an early photograph of the church showing the soffits in the church entryway.

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4. Commission Comments

- 1) Nancy Ingalsbee – noted that the Blass’ found an eagle design in the front door frame decorations. She would like to formally recognize Blass’ for their restoration.

MOTION by Ingalsbee to award a Certificate of Appreciation to Blass’
2nd by Neigebauer. Motion carried 6-0

- 2) Marcia Neigebauer we could have people submit nominations
Savage liked this idea
- 3) Discussion on coming events
- 4) Status of 352 Cutler was discussed – MTS has begun enforcement
- 5) Jill Bently brought up notifying new owners of Historic District requirements
Discussion

5. Adjournment

MOTION: by Owen Hunt for adjournment, 2nd Jill Bentley.
Approved 6-0 @ 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson

Historic District Administrator

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