

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

HDC MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 6, 2014
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Call to Order by Chairman Detweiler at 7:00

1. Attendance

Present: Owen Hunt, Nancy Ingalsbee, Peter Savage, Gene Detweiler, Marcia Neigebauer and Jill Bentley

Excused: Kathy Cassady

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator

2. Agenda

Hudson noted that an application had been inadvertently omitted from the agenda and asked that item 5. 6) 111 River St. be added.

MOTION: by Marcia Neigebauer to approve the revised agenda. Second by Jill Bentley.
Motion approved 6-0

3. Minutes

Minutes for September 2, 2014

MOTION: by Owen Hunt to approve the minutes, second by Jill Bentley.

Motion approved 6-0

4. Public Comment

1) 225-227 Hubbard St. (Robert Baker, owner; Seth Hough, architect)

Hough presented historic photos and the proposed new façade.

Savage asked when the current façade was added.

Hough – within the last 10-12 years- existing windows are aluminum frame.

Ingalsbee expressed the opinion that ‘it looks much better’.

Detweiler read the Secretary of the Interior standards

Discussion about the appropriateness of the design. Commissioners expressed concern about presenting a false sense of history. The use of synthetic materials was discussed and consensus was that that is approvable.

MOTION by Owen Hunt to approve the new façade for 225-227 Hubbard as presented. Second by Peter Savage.

Discussion on the time-table for the work

Motion approved 6-0

2) 318 Cutler St. (Dean Michaels, builder)

Michaels described the condition of the chimney on the manse or parsonage for the Congregational Church – later addition, no longer connected and leaks.

Ingalsbee noted that it does not look right.

Detweiler asked for clarification of the activity

MOTION by Peter Savage to approve the removal of the chimney at 318 Cutler.

Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion approved 6-0.

3) 405 Ely St. (David Stankus, owner)

Stankus explained his intent to reduce the size of the existing carport to 38’ x 40’ which will be more in scale with the house.

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Detweiler asked for clarification of the plans, particularly the door under the carport.

Discussion on the drawings. Savage asked about the use of existing materials. Hunt asked if the addition on the other side of the building would be reduced. Stankus – no

MOTION by Ingalsbee to approve the remodel of the carport at 405 Ely as presented. Second by Owen Hunt. Motion approved 6-0

Hudson pointed out that Stankus is also requesting an extension on the approval last year to build a new garage.

MOTION by Peter Savage to grant an extension for the permit for the new garage as previously approved. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee.

Motion Approved 6-0

4) 116 Delano St. (Nancy Olson, owner)

Olson explained the issues with the rear entry porch. They would like to replace the current storm window with a window similar to the one in the side-rear of the house.

Discussion on the type of lights in the door (6 over 6) and the vinyl siding in the roof peaks to be used on the porch.

MOTION by Owen Hunt to approve the remodel of the rear porch as presented. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion approved 6-0.

5) 107 Delano St. (Carolyn Blass, owner)

Blass explained the problems with repair – replacement of the 74” rear door with a standard 80” door.

Discussion about the size and fit of the door

Blass noted that she prefers the arch window wood door.

MOTION by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the application for 107 Delano as presented. Second by Marcia Neigebauer. Discussion – Savage asked if there would be a screen door – Blass – no.

Motion approved 6-0.

6) 111 River St. (Louise & Tim Hondred, owners)

Owners explained that they also own 307 River which is not in a Historic district and did not realize that 111 River is. They previously ordered new windows. Savage noted that his building has had so many changes that it is not contributing much to the historic district.

Hondred described the various improvements they feel they need to make.

Remove the wrought iron front porch post and replace with wood

Replace the tongue & groove porch decking with same material & size.

Doors do not work well and one is already metal

Replace decking on rear deck/porch with same but need to replace the railing with a new railing which must meet code.

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Detweiler asked about the style of the new windows

Discussion on the need to use double hung windows of the same style as existing and use existing casing

Hondred noted that the existing frames have an aluminum wrap

Savage asked if the vinyl siding is in good shape. Hondred – yes

Detweiler asked for more details on the rear deck

Hunt asked about the rear railing spindles. Hondred – these will be square.

Detweiler noted that the bottom rail should not have a groove

Discussion the doors. They could replace the steel door with wood but the HDC will not require it.

MOTION: by Jill Bentley to approve the alterations as discussed and as noted above. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Motion approved 6-0.

5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

1) Riverfront streetscape design guidelines

Hudson not ready to present

7. Additional New Business

1) National Trust grants

Hudson explained that it was decided to hold off until the next grant cycle

8. Education

None

9. Staff Comments

None.

10. Commission & Public Comments

Discussion on ways and means to honor John Pahl for his years of service.

John has expressed a desire to leave his papers to the Historical Society Museum

No conclusion was reached.

Deb Leverage suggested naming the park in the Mill district for John.

Discussion to be continued

11. Adjournment

MOTION: by Owen Hunt for adjournment, 2nd Marcia Neigebauer.

Approved 6-0 @ 8:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson

Historic District Administrator

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