

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

**HDC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, January 5, 2015**  
**DRAFT**

**Call to Order by Vice-Chairman Peter Savage at 7:05**

**1. Attendance**

**Present: Owen Hunt, Nancy Ingalsbee, Kathy Cassady, Peter Savage, and Marcia Neigebauer**

**Excused: Jill Bentley and Gene Detweiler**

**Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator  
And Deb Leverage, city council member**

**2. Agenda**

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the agenda. Second by Marcia Neigebauer.  
Motion approved 5-0

**3. Minutes**

Minutes for November 3, 2014

MOTION: by Owen Hunt to approve the minutes, second by Kathy Cassady.  
Motion approved 5-0

**4. Public Comment**

none

**5. New Business**

**1) none**

**6. Old Business**

**1) 414 N Cedar Street**

Hudson asked the Commission about design guidelines for porch railings  
Discussion. Consensus is that the railings should come before the HDC for  
approval.

**2) John Pahl recognition**

Nancy Ingalsbee brought up the need for some type of recognition by the HDC  
for John Pahl.

Discussion on possible "John Pahl Parkway" – short street to the riverfront  
Various pluses & minuses discussed including "John Pahl Boardwalk"

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to recommend to City Council to name the  
riverfront boardwalk "John Pahl Memorial Boardwalk".

2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Cassady. Discussion. Motion approved 5-0.

**7. Additional New Business**

**1) Mid-Century Modern project**

Hudson gave a status report on the survey for proposed inclusion of the Mid-  
Century Modern structures – Allegan State Bank building and several facades  
done between 1940 and 1970 – into the Old Town Allegan Historic District

**2) Goals & Objectives 2013-2014**

G & O for last year were discussed

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**3) Goals & Objectives 2014-2015**

Discussion. Revised G & O for the HDC were developed

The following were agreed upon:

GOALS:

- a. Continue workshops for local owners & contractors
- b. Cooperate with Kalamazoo, Holland & Grand Rapids within Old House Network
- c. Obtain an inventory of the vacant buildings within the historic districts
- d. Develop a priority historic building list
- e. Develop a public relations program for the Historic Districts

OBJECTIVES: (within next 6 months)

- a. Sponsor & hold one Old House Network Expo in Allegan or more workshops (Kalamazoo cannot sponsor one this year)
- b. Develop two historic building priority lists: one for commercial/industrial and one for residential based on the importance of the resource and deteriorating conditions. (Basis to be upon the historic importance of the resource as opposed to the economic importance but to be available as an additional factor for overall planning elements)

**8. Education**

Hudson reviewed the first two sections of the Primary HDC training manual with the members: “Roles & Responsibilities of the Historic District Commission” and “Historic District Commissioner Basics” - the last included a review of the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and sample wording for motions.

**9. Staff Comments**

None.

**10. Commission & Public Comments**

The commissioners requested that Hudson develop a training session on historical architectural styles for the next HDC meeting

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee for adjournment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Owen Hunt.

Approved 5-0 @ 8:15 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