

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

**HDC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, April 6, 2015**  
**DRAFT**

**Call to Order by Chairman Peter Savage at 7:00**

**1. Attendance**

**Present: Nancy Ingalsbee, Kathy Cassady, Peter Savage, Fred Jordan , Jill Bentley, and Marcia Neigebauer**

**Excused: Owen Hunt**

**Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator**

**2. Agenda**

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to amend the agenda to include an application from Robert Leverage for 148 Mill District and election of a vice chair for the HDC; and to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Kathy Cassady.

Motion approved 6-0.

**3. Minutes**

Minutes for March 2, 2015

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the minutes as presented, second by Marcia Neigebauer. Motion approved 6-0

**4. Public Comment**

None.

**5. New Business**

**1) 632 Grand St. (Seth Hough, architect for Paul & Martha Jordan)**

Hough presented updated plans:

- the eave height is raised to match the existing eaves
- windows redesigned to match existing (2 over 2) instead of 4 over 4.
- Also requesting the use of AZAK or Boral material for the siding on the addition – will match size and shape of existing wood siding on the rest of the house.

Discussion favorable on all counts

MOTION by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the design as presented for the proposed addition to 632 Grand, second by Jill Bentley. Motion approved 5-0 (Fred Jordan abstaining)

**2) 203 Cutler (owner not present)**

Jordan noted that the existing door is 8-foot wide

Savage observed that they are proposing to move the door

Jordan of the opinion that two 8-foot doors would better suit the building

Engalsbee – the door design is not appropriate for the Dutch Colonial carriage building nor for the Queen Ann style house.

Motion by Marcia Neigebauer to postpone action and request more information from the applicant. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill Bentley. Discussion about the style of the proposed door and need for structural information. Postponed 6-0

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**3) 148 Mill District (Robert & Deb Leverage, owners)**

Robert Leverage requesting a 200 sq.ft. shipping container to be placed below grade in the shipping dock area out of view from the street.

Discussion on visibility & other permits.

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the application as presented, Second by Fred Jordan. Further discussion. Motion approved 6-0.

**6. Old Business**

1) None.

**7. Additional New Business**

**1) Kayak Launch – grant support requested (Engalsbee representing the City)**

Discussion on the overall plan for the waterfront and affects upon the Griswold.

MOTION by Nancy Ingalsbee that the proposal will have no negative impact upon the Griswold Civic Historic District. Second by Marcia Negebauer.

Further discussion. Motion approved 6-0.

**2) 135 Cook Street (Kurk DeKryger & Becky Lee representing the Food Pantry)**

Allegan County Food Pantry in connection with the Bridge Church (a 501.3 C) on Race Street, is proposing to purchase the house at 135 Cook St., merge the property with the adjacent church lot, demolish the house and garage and build a food pantry building (allowed under the zoning ordinance as a Special Use accessory to a religious institution).

Discussion about the mapped Flood Plain and recent flooding of 135 Cook.

Discussion on the possible sale or gift of the house and having it moved to another property and/or salvage of materials and architectural features of the house.

MOTION by Fred Jordan to allow demolition of the house and garage for the purpose of constructing an accessory food pantry for the church. Second by Nancy Ingalsbee. Discussion about the need to review the architectural design of the new building by Ingalsbee, amendment accepted by Jordan.

Motion as amended approved 6-0

**3) Election of Vice-Chair**

Jill Bentley nominated Nancy Ingalsbee as vice-chair.

Motion to close nominations by Fred Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marcia Negebauer.

Motion approved 6-0. Because nomination is unopposed nomination is confirmed.

**8. Education**

Mi Place workshop information was distributed. Negebauer and Ingalsbee will attend in Grand Rapids.

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**9. Staff Comments**

Hudson reported that the second draft of the Mid-Century Michigan Architecture project or Old Town Allegan Historic District Addendum will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office next week.

**10. Commission & Public Comments**

Peter Savage welcomed Fred Jordan to the HDC.

**11. Adjournment**

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee for adjournment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jill Bentley.  
Approved 6-0 @ 7:59 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