

City of Allegan – Historic District Commission

Draft Minutes for Monday, August 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Savage at 7:00 p.m.

Those Present; Commission Members Nancy Ingalsbee, Fred Jordan, Kathy Cassady, Peter Savage, Marcia Neigebauer, and Owen Hunt. Commissioner Jill Bentley was absent and excused

Fred Jordan made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Owen Hunt. Motion passed.

Fred Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 6, 2015 HDC meeting, seconded by Marcia Neigebauer. Motion passed.

There was no public in attendance for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Homeowner Isaiah Halstead of 434 Monroe applied for permission to change his front door from steel cross buck with glass, to fiberglass with no glass. No one appeared on behalf of Mr. Halstead. The Commission felt that they had sufficient information to rule on this matter even without a representative. Fred Jordan made a motion to approve the changing of the front door as per the application, it was seconded by Owen Hunt, and the motion passed unanimously.

Homeowner Randy Frizzell of 203 Cutler Street applied for permission to change out the side access door to the residence from a wood door with a window to a steel door with no window. The homeowner, Randy Frizzell, was present to explain his request. Although the new door does not meet historical recommendations, a Motion was made by Owen Hunt, seconded by Marcia Neigebauer, that, due to security issues, and the fact that the door is not seen by anyone on either Cutler or Chestnut Street, permission should be granted for the new steel door with no window. The Motion passed unanimously.

Homeowner Trudy Henrickson of 506 Marshall Street applied for permission to replace all 13 windows in the home. Ms. Henrickson appeared on her own behalf. After discussion, a Motion was made by Fred Jordan, seconded by Kathy Cassady, that the homeowner be given permission to replace all the windows with no requirement that they be wood. Commissioner Fred Jordan informed the applicant that the window companies would provide removable decorative window separations and that she can request that all windows match with 4 over 4, even though the present windows do not all match. The Motion for permission to replace all 13 windows passed unanimously.

Commissioner Marcia Neigebauer of 302 Cutler Street moved to the Applicant seat to present her request for a sign on the new property that will be called The Allen House, but that is adjacent to, and part of, The DeLano Inn. During discussion on this matter Commissioners indicated they thought the mock up of the new sign did not have the proper proportions as it related to the name The Allen House. Upon a Motion made by Owen Hunt, seconded by Nancy Ingalsbee, permission was granted for a sign matching the mock up provided, with the provision that Applicant may change the size of the portion of the sign saying The Allen House, in order to make that larger and more noticeable. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the appointment of an HDC Representative on the Allegan Planning Commission, and the consensus was that it does not seem necessary to have someone attend all Planning Commission meetings on behalf of the Historic District Commission. It was agreed that, if a matter is to come before the Planning Commission that requires an HDC Representative, HDC Chairman Peter Savage will attend upon prior notification. Commissioners agreed unanimously to make this change.

The HDC Basket project was discussed. Commissioner Nancy Ingalsbee notified the Commission that 25 of the Images of Allegan books can be purchased directly from Arcadia Press, and that, by using her author discount, the price would be reduced from \$498.75 to \$254.00, plus shipping. Commissioner Marcia Neigebauer has obtained coupons for the baskets from several downtown

merchants, and Commissioner Nancy Ingalsbee will contact Montage, Creative Events and Ace Hardware to request coupons, and also to contact Penny Brown at Allegan General Hospital for flyers and information, and to locate the Allegan Historic Home Walking Tour brochure for the baskets, and candy from Something Sweet will be added in addition to something from Creative Events.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon a Motion made by Marcia Neigebauer, seconded by Fred Jordan, and approved unanimously, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Ingalsbee, Acting Secretary