

City of Allegan
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Griswold Auditorium – 401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010
HDC MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 2, 2015
DRAFT

Call to Order by Chairman Peter Savage at 7:00

1. Attendance

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

Excused:

Also Present: Patrick Hudson-Historic District Administrator

2. Agenda

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the agenda. Second by Owen Hunt.

Motion approved 7-0.

3. Minutes

Minutes for October 5, 2015, October 23, 2015, and notes for October 29, 2015

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee to approve the minutes of all there meetings as presented, second Jill Bentley. Motion approved 7-0

4. Public Comment

None

5. New Business

1) 509 Trowbridge St. (owners unable to attend)

Nancy Ingalsbee reported on the findings of the three commissioners able to inspect (herself, Kathy Cassady & Owen Hunt)

Porch header rotted, no permit obtained by previous owner, square post installed to prevent collapse of the porch roof, realtor failed to notify buyer (Amanda Martin) of conditions. Commissioners observed that another temporary post is needed to prevent collapse of the east side of the porch. Hudson reported that the Building Department is willing to give the owner until June of 2016 to make the repairs provided the HDC agrees.

MOTION: by Kathy Cassady to agree to the use of the temporary posts until major repair can be completed and allow extension of time to June 30, 2016 for completion of the repairs. Second by Fred Jordan. Motion passed 7-0

2) 402 Trowbridge Street (Safe Harbor, owner)

Lori Antkoviak presented a large drawing of the proposed sign to be done by Robt. Krause, hand-painted, plywood panel, same location, slightly larger.

MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approved the changes to the sign as presented. Second by Owen Hunt. Motion approved 7-0

6. Old Business

1) 212 Trowbridge St. (Dennis Sturgis, owner)

Discussion about the changes on the plan presented to the Façade Committee vs. the plan approved by the HDC last month.

Sturgis passed out copies of the revised drawings.

Discussion on the use of copper for the tower roof.

HDC agreed that this would be acceptable either natural oxidation or anodized.

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MOTION: by Fred Jordan to approve the revised plan with the option for copper if reasonable cost. Second by Jill Bentley. Motion approved 7-0

7. Additional New Business

1) 327 Hubbard St/public library expansion

Hudson explained his meeting with the library committee

Plans are preliminary but the library wants to know if the HDC would approve allowing the “Old schoolhouse” building 327 Hubbard to be moved.

Discussion on the history of the location of the building (moved at least once)

Discussion on the need for expansion of the library building and possible impacts of the addition upon the historic character of that building.

Hudson had contacted Emily Green, owner of 327 Hubbard. She is interested in having the building designated as a separate historic building if that is possible rather than expanding the district.

HDC will want to see the plans for the library

MOTION: by Nancy Ingalsbee with amendment by Fred Jordan both seconded by Marcia Niegabauer to allow moving 327 Hubbard but to find some way to keep the building in either a historic district by expanding the district or as a designated historic building.

8. Education

None.

9. Staff Comments

None

10. Commission & Public Comments

Savage commented on the Ely St. property (Morton) wondered if there is some way to get an independent review of projects.

Neigebauer asked about the Delano St. fence

Savage asked if there is some way to get a list of experts to contact

Ingalsbee said they really need an architect on the HDC

Discussion about compliance and cost for owners

11. Adjournment

MOTION: by Jill Bentley for adjournment, 2nd Kathy Cassady.

Approved 7-0 @ 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Patrick Hudson

Historic District Administrator

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