



## HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**PUBLIC MEETING OF HIGHLAND PARK  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald, Highland Park, MI  
28 November 2022  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES

#### **CALL TO ORDER - 5:33PM**

The meeting was hosted by Chair Zobel in the Highland Park Fire Station and also called to order by Chair Zobel, roll call was performed by Secretary Harris

**Commissioners Present:** Anne Zobel - Chair, Jeffrey Harris-Secretary, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Donya Clowney, Commissioner Anthony Askew, Commissioner Debbie Morrison

**Commissioners Absent:** Malika Pryor - Vice Chair [excused]

**Other:** Angela Lugo-Thomas

The October 2022 Minutes were brought to the table for approval. Commissioner Clowney motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Morrison. Motion passed unanimously at 5:35

#### **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 5:35PM**

There were no new updates from the CED Director

#### **PROPERTY REQUESTS – 5:36PM**

None

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#### **HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

**Chair:** Commissioner Anne Zobel

**Vice Chair:** Commissioner Malika Pryor

**Secretary:** Commissioner Jeffrey Harris  
Commissioner Anthony Askew

Commissioner Arthur Williams

Commissioner Debbie Morrison

Commissioner Donya Clowney

## **MICHIGAN STATE PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) - CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM (CLG) – 5:37PM**

Chair Zobel began this topic by going over the three grant proposal concepts the commission had elected to consider for a vote [see CLG Grant Proposal Concepts Sheet for all details].

Concept 1 is an Artifact Remediation Project for McGregor Library that would, among other things, identify and repair the source of water entering the lower level of the building, remediate mold/mildew conditions and remove and clean valuable objects (particularly objects unique to Highland Park). Donya added that this grant requires proof of income; the city will have difficulty providing this. However, according to Anne, Wayne Metro may be willing to be fiduciary, and that would satisfy this condition.

Concept 2 is to obtain money to pay local experts to conduct workshops for citizens including window restoration, tuck pointing, exterior siding, etc. Arthur added that this concept would also be useful to help people identify historic and valuable items within their homes and properties within Highland Park.

Concept 3 is to obtain money for retaining Highland Park consultants to complete Part 1 National Register Nominations for select buildings. Anthony believes this would open various historic buildings within Highland Park to finding opportunities and help the community prioritize their protection. However, Anthony believes this concept might be better to pursue at another time.

Anne would like to run these Concepts past Alan with SHPO and see how he feels about their scope and feasibility. Anthony motioned to allow Chair Zobel to submit one of the three Concepts on December 9th per the recommendation of our CLG Liaison (Alan), seconded by Secretary Harris, motion carried at 6:19PM.

## **ORAL HISTORY PROJECT – 6:19PM**

Angela (guest) will schedule an introduction/orientation with the Detroit Historical Society facilities on November 30th. The members of this project are very eager to get started. Anne had a discussion with the city attorney Ford who was concerned about the HDC acting on behalf of the city. Secretary Harris recalled that cooperation with the city on this particular project is not required as the project body is working exclusively with the Detroit Historical Society who will be coordinating the release of the historical recordings the project generates. Project members agreed to proceed with the ROI and Interview Agreement instead of the desired MOU with the city. Anne, as a representative of the project, will reconvene with the next administration regarding an MOU in case the city would like to be a part of the Oral History Project.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:33PM**

Secretary Harris notified the commission that Ruth Harlin had passed. Her funeral is to be held on December 3rd. Commissioner Williams let the commission know that the memorial signs for Alexis Williams and Frank Ross have been erected on the island at the corner of Eason and Woodward. There was discussion about the light show displayed on the McGregor Library, but the exact date did not seem to be set in stone at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:42PM**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM

- The next Historic District Commission will be held on January 22nd, 2023.