



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert B. Blackwell Municipal Building
12050 Woodward Avenue
Highland Park, Michigan 48203
Chairwoman A. Zobel

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (HDC) MEETING (ZOOM Meeting) Monday, 22 March 2021 OFFICIAL MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:53

The meeting was hosted by Tiffany Tiley via Zoom and called to order by Chair Zobel.

Commissioners Present: Anne Zobel - Chair, Malika Pryor – Vice Chair, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Art Rizzo, Commissioner Debbie Morrison

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Harris (excused).

Others Present: CED Director Tiffany Tiley; Invited guest Mallory Bower – Michigan Historic Preservation Network; Public Participants – Ponce Clay.

A motion to approve the February 22th, 2021 HDC Meeting Minutes was moved by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Commissioner Rizzo. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Ponce Clay introduced himself as a local property and business owner who wanted to observe and learn more about the Commission's activities.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR –

Ms. Tiley did not have any updates specific to the historic districts but did provide the following general updates.

- The City is submitting the Community Development Block Grant application to Wayne County. Activities will include public safety, demolition, and housing rehabilitation for income eligible homeowners.
- A development team including Volunteers of America is proposing an affordable housing development to take place on the "California site" bounded by Woodward, California, John R, and the alley. The developer is seeking Low Income Housing Tax Credits. This site is adjacent to the Highland Heights National Historic District.

HISTORIC FORD BUILDING DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT 2020 PLAN OF ACTION –

Chair Zobel stated that she has reached out to the Woodward Avenue Action Association Chair and is awaiting his response on the status of the sale of the Ford Administration Building.



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EXPANDING THE HISTORIC DESIGNATION TO INCLUDE HISTORIC DISTRICT STREETS

Discussion deferred to agenda item VIII – Community Education Demonstration Project.

May 22, 2021 Community Education Demonstration Project – Michigan Historic Preservation Network

Chair Zobel introduced Ms. Bower of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Ms. Bower provided an overview of the Network's mission and talked in detail about Window Restoration Workshop. She explained that the event will include a presentation and hands-on opportunities to work on wood windows. The intent is to dispel myths of working with historic window and empower home homeowners to take on these activities that will save money, match energy efficiency and protect the home's historic integrity.

She explained that the workshop facilitator, Jim Turner, would like to limit participation to 10-15 people and the registration will be limited to Highland Park residents.

Vice Chair Pryor asked if the demonstration could be recorded and shared with those that cannot attend. Ms. Bower offered to send links for a collection of window restoration workshops presented by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office on Youtube.

Ms. Bower also shared that the Network can host future workshops on topics including brick / masonry repair and additional window sessions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Clay asked if there was guidance available to make improvements to historic commercial properties. Chair Zobel offered to send him the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Buildings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Williams ask how he can help out with the Window Workshop event. Chair Zobel offered to send out a sign-up sheet for work assignments before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:43PM

Next meeting will take place on Monday, April 26, 2020.