



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (HDC) MEETING Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald Monday, 28th March 2022 OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:04PM

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, Malika Pryor - Vice Chair, Jeffrey Harris-Secretary, Commissioner Arthur Williams

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Debbie Morrison [unexcused]

Other: Donya Clowney - Prospective Commissioner

Chair Zobel noted that there is a MHPN (Michigan Historic Preservation Network) conference that all commissioners are invited to; scholarships are available for anyone able to prove their need for these monies to attend.

The February 2022 Minutes were brought up at this time and Commissioner Williams motioned to approve these minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Pryor, motion passed at 6:05PM.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 6:06PM

Chair Zobel informed the commission that CED Director Hinton will likely not be able to attend HDC meetings due to schedule conflicts. Instead, she will do her best to collect information from relevant parties and update the commission on any happenings that the CED Director would typically provide. Secretary Harris suggested maybe Daijah would be willing to attend instead of the CED Director as this would give her critical career experience and alleviate some of the responsibility being shouldered by Chair Zobel. Either way, Chair Zobel will attempt to obtain updates from Ty prior to the commission's monthly meeting.

The MacGregor Library Committee has made it to the second round for the Kresge "KIP-D" grant. The next meeting for this Committee will be next week (following March 28th), which Anne will be attending.

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MICHIGAN STATE PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) - CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM (CLG) – 6:10PM

Chair Zobel quickly informed the commission that SHPO has sent in the official application which we were all sent via email as well.

PRESERVATION PROGRAM GOALS – 6:11PM

Chair Zobel broke down discussion of the Preservation Program Goals (required by the CLG Program) by goal:

The first goal of the program is to support and guide efforts to restore the MacGregor Library. To that end, Chair Zobel will be checking to see if other commissioners, besides herself, can attend these meetings. According to the Chair, the committee is small and would likely be welcoming of other historically minded members. Additionally, Chair Zobel will be writing an email about getting the MacGregor Library nominated to become part of the Highland Park HDC.

The second goal of the program is to share historic property resources and guidance online. To this end, Chair Zobel has reached out to Preservation Detroit and will have a meeting with this board to help with resources to be shared online. The HDC will also organize the information we would like to host on the Highland Park City website.

The third goal of the program is to document and share Living History events from 1950 to the current day with emphasis on civil rights and social change. It was decided at this meeting that the next meeting of the HDC would be cut short in time for Billy with the Detroit Historical Society (previously a coworker of Vice Chair Pryor's) to provide Oral History Training to commissioners and interested Highland Parkers.

The fourth and final goal of the program is to expand the local Historic District to incorporate other residential, commercial and industrial properties. To this end, the commission will hold a workshop (possibly related to tuck-pointing) later this year.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND UPDATES / PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:42PM

Chair Zobel let the commission know that Nathan Harvey is unable to join the historic district commission because he is already on the city's board of review. The mayor was waiting to send both Mr. Harvey and Donya Clowney to the council for approval together, otherwise Donya would likely already be a commissioner.

The commission was also informed that Vice Chair Pryor would be moving to South Carolina in the coming months, but she will remain an active commissioner until she has moved.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:44PM

Secretary Harris motioned to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chair Pryor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44PM

- The next Historic District Commission will be held on April 25th, 2022.