



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (HDC) MEETING Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald (ZOOM) Monday, 22 February 2021 OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 5:36PM

The meeting was hosted by Tiffany Tilley via Zoom and 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 Art Rizzo, Commissioner Debbie Morrison, Commissioner Malika Pryor

Commissioners Absent: none

Other: CED Director Tiffany Tilley, Rod Liggons, Daijah Sanders, Council-person Deblon Jackson

Chair Zobel began this meeting by beginning a round of introductions between all participants. All commissioners are residents of Highland Park and have at least an appreciation for historic preservation. Tiffany Tilley is the CED Director and Daijah Sanders is the assistant to the CED Director. Deblon Jackson is a city council member, and Rod Liggons is Public Relations Director for the city.

A motion to approve the January, 2021 HDC Meeting Minutes was moved by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Secretary Arthur Rizzo. The motion passed unanimously at 5:44PM.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 5:45PM

The CED Director only had a few updates for this meeting.

Sars-COV-2 vaccines are being distributed at the Recreation Center on February 23rd and 24th from 9 to 3PM for citizens over 65 and essential workers. For more information citizens can call 313 590 0470 or visit the official government website of Highland Park, MI.

The Auction List has been created, it contains only properties which have existing structures. Once a date has been selected for the auction, the CED Director will inform the commission of

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that date.

DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT PLAN - 5:53

Chair Zobel believes the commission should hold off on this topic for a bit while she discusses a strategy with the Public Relations Director, Rod Liggons. She did confirm, however, that she would like the commission to be part of putting a spotlight on the Ford Campus in hopes of preventing any further loss of historic resources.

MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT REINSTATEMENT – 5:58PM

Chair Zobel requested input on the Thank You Letter she wrote to Representative Helena Scott and Senator Adam Hollier regarding the reinstatement of the MHPTC. All commissioners approved of the letter and the CED Director confirmed that both she and the Mayor would like to sign the letter with their appreciation as well. The letter will be sent out when all signatures have been collected.

MAY 2021 COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK – 6:02PM

Chair Zobel reiterated the commission's demonstration will be held on May 22nd, 2021 Jim Turner of Arden Park will be hosting this demonstration which will provide a how-to restore old windows for community members. She also confirmed that Sue Norander has agreed to allow the demonstration to take place at the Highland Park Recreation Center. Chair Zobel will complete the contract Sue Norander has given her and Rod Liggons and Deblon Jackson will help get the word out regarding the workshop. Sue believes the city will waive any fees from the city related to the workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:09PM

Daijah noted that she would like a list of all current commission members.

Council-person Deblon Jackson mentioned that she would like to gather up citizens looking to beautify the city of Highland Park and clean up certain areas where rubbish has accumulated. Of particular import is a portion of land near McNichols and Oakman with a great deal of old tires. Deblon noted using the "Citizens District Councils" or CDCs, for this objective. Chair Zobel asked about this Councils. It seems as though each of Highland Park's three districts will select four people from the citizens within their district to form a small council. More information about how these Councils work was not given at this time.

Commissioner Debbie Morrison noticed that the HDC needed one more Commissioner to be full. Chair Zobel stated that she will begin looking at final council-person applications soon.

The commission took a moment to welcome Malika Pryor to the commission. After a long time attempting to get onto the commission, it is nice to see her at these meetings. Shortly after her welcome, Chair Zobel asked if anyone would like to be the Vice Chair of the commission. Malika mentioned some interest and Chair Zobel asked if the commission should vote her on. The commission agreed and Debbie Jackson motioned for Malika Pryor to be voted in as our new Vice Chair. Arthur Williams seconded this, and all other commissioners were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:29PM

- The next Historic District Commission will be held on March 22nd, 2021.