



## HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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### HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (HDC) MEETING Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald (ZOOM) Monday, 26th April 2021 OFFICIAL MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER - 5:49PM

The meeting was hosted by Tiffany Tiley via Zoom and 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, Commissioner Art Rizzo, Commissioner Debbie Morrison

**Commissioners Absent:** none

**Other:** CED Director Tiffany Tilley

Chair Zobel began this meeting by requesting a motion to approve the March, 2021 HDC Meeting Minutes. The motion was moved by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Vice Chair Pryor. The motion passed unanimously at 5:50PM.

#### REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 5:51PM

Updates from the CED Director are as follows:

The city is giving out Meijer food gift cards to low-moderate income citizens. There are 32 cards left as of this meeting, about 90 are already applied for. The gift cards will be given out once they arrive; at this time the city is only accepting and approving applications. Highland Park residency and proof of income is required.

A special city council meeting will be held today at 6:00 regarding the creation of a brownfield designation and the pursuant commission (which will report to the TIFA Board). Another meeting on this topic will be held at a currently undisclosed time on Wednesday, April 28th.

The CED Director reports that she was invited to check out the proposed Joe Lewis Greenway through Highland Park. She is excited for this Greenway, which will connect the West side of

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Detroit with Highland Park, Hamtramck, downtown and the Dequindre Cut. Highland Park is still raising funds for its portion of the Greenway. The city of Detroit purchased the railway in Highland Park that will serve as the framework of the Greenway.

Hamilton bike lanes should be added this summer.

Chair Zobel added a few notes to this section of the meeting. Firstly, she mentioned the repairs that had been made to the Ford Administration Building were completed by a potential buyer of the property (she found this out from WA3).

The meeting was interrupted at this point by a disconnection from Zoom at 6:01, the meeting resumed on Secretary Harris' private Zoom account at 6:16PM and, as a result, the meeting was no longer public.

### **MAY 2021 COMMUNITY EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT - MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK – 6:18PM**

Chair Zobel began by explaining to the commission that registration for the 22 participants was first sent to an email list of Highland Parkers with known interest in the Historic District Commission. When only 4 people from this list signed up, the event was broadcast through a Highland Park facebook group via Eventbrite and all remaining openings were filled. If anyone would like to participate in this event, they can contact Chair Zobel or Secretary Harris to be placed on the waitlist.

Next the commission discussed the volunteering commissioners will be doing during the event. Secretary Harris and Commissioner Arthur Williams will be coming at 7:30AM to help setting up the event with the help of Sue Norander. All commissioners and Mallory Bower with the MHPN are expected to be present by 8:30AM to help start the event. Secretary Harris will be bringing donuts, and Vice Chair Pryor will be bringing coffee.

Mallory will be assisting by making sure that all safety precautions regarding lead based paint are being adhered to and to help the commission and the public understand how to avoid the hazards of lead based paint. She will be bringing hazmat type suits for participants to wear and there will be tarps both on the ground under the tables and on top of the tables so that dust from sanding and chips of paint are caught and do not contaminate the ground. In addition to lead, the commission will be marking places on the ground that are 6ft apart from any other spot so that participants may remain at a safe distance from other participants. Vice Chair Pryor also mentioned that participants should be sent some kind of "Lead Safe" flyer so they can read up on the subject before starting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:48PM**

No public attended this meeting either during the publicly or privately hosted Zoom meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT – 6:48PM**

Secretary Harris motioned to adjourn this meeting, Commissioner Art Williams seconded this motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48PM

- The next Historic District Commission will be held on May 24th, 2021.