



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (HDC) MEETING Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald Monday, 27th June 2022 OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 5:41PM

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 [by phone], Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Debbie Morrison [by phone]

Commissioners Absent: none

Other: Donya Clowney - Prospective Commissioner, Anthony Askew - Prospective Commissioner

The May 2022 Minutes were brought to the table for approval. Commissioner Morrison motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed unanimously at 5:43

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) DIRECTOR – 5:43PM

There was no report from the CED Director Ty Hinton tonight; instead there was a city council meeting at which Ty was a scheduled speaker.

Chair Zobel informed the commission of the submission of the Letter of Support that was approved by the commission for Mr. Liburdi's application for funds related to the Ford Administration Building. It was submitted on June 6th and the grantor will likely contact Mr. Liburdi about his request within two months.

Also brought up during this update was the reissuance of the introduction letter the HDC sent to owners of property within the Model T Campus. The chair believes this letter should be resent to the owners as a reminder. Once sent, we will update Frank Haywood since he is on the front lines of anything being changed to properties within the city.

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Lastly, the McGregor Library was awarded the KIP-D grant for community engagement. Anne will be contacting Harriet Strickland about how to support this effort.

MICHIGAN STATE PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) - CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM (CLG) – 5:55PM

Chair Zobel began this topic by mentioning that she printed the press release for the City of Highland Park's nomination to the CLG Program - the release can be found on the state's website and some state-level business related news.

The Underrepresented Communities Program was brought up again during this time as it may allow the HDC, through the City, to nominate Highland Park properties to the national register of historic places (the first step to adding properties to the purview of the HDC). Conceivably, the HDC could nominate the McGregor Library, the old Ruth Ellis Center, or the Old Fire Station. In order to receive the grant, the property must be historically relevant to underrepresented groups such as LGBTQ, women or racial/ethnic minorities. Need to notify the state of our desire to apply by early July. Anne will call Todd Walsh for more information. Secretary Harris will review the literature provided by Anne on the topic and communicate his thoughts as soon as possible.

Alan Higgins will be attending our next Historic District Commission meeting.

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWING STEERING COMMITTEE – 6:08PM

Chair Zobel informed the HDC that the Steering Committee met on June 20th - attendees were Anne, Jeff, Donya, Angela Thomas, and Malika. The committee is looking into buying its own recorder so it is not reliant on the Detroit Historical Society. The committee is also awaiting the powerpoint Billy used to teach participants of the interviewing workshop how to conduct an interview. Chair Zobel has volunteered to do the google documentation and questionnaires side of this project. Donya let the commission know that each interviewer will have a quota of 5 interviews of Highland Parkers. Vice Chair Malika will be reaching out to others that work with Billy that may have more time to provide the materials the commission is requesting.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS – 6:16PM

Chair Zobel let the HDC know that Anthony Askew had met with Mayor Hubert Yopp and the mayor is supportive of Anthony joining the commission. This means that appointment letters should be sent to both Anthony and Donya in the near future by the mayor's assistant. The chair also sent all commissioners a powerpoint presentation regarding the state historic tax credit. This tax credit applies to both locally and federally recognized historic properties. She encouraged the commission to take a look at the details since this credit signifies positive movement for historic preservation

ADJOURNMENT – 6:25PM

Secretary Harris motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chair Zobel. Meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM

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