



HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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**PUBLIC MEETING OF HIGHLAND PARK
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**
Highland Park Fire Station, 25 Gerald, Highland Park, MI
22 August 2022
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER - 5:42PM

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, Jeffrey Harris-Secretary, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Donya Clowney, Commissioner Anthony Askew, Commissioner Debbie Morrison

Commissioners Absent: Malika Pryor - Vice Chair

Other: none

The July 2022 Minutes were brought to the table for approval. Secretary Harris motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clowney. Motion passed unanimously at 5:44

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

Chair Zobel did not have any updates or comments directly related to any of the topics the CED Director may have discussed. She did mention that McGregor Library Committee is in the process of forming a public-private partnership; Harriet Strickland will be meeting with Mayor Yopp and legal counsel Ford to this end. This partnership would be a long term goal, and will help with the library because it will help attract more investment than a purely private or purely public entity would.

HIGHLAND PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Chair: Commissioner Anne Zobel
Vice Chair: Commissioner Malika Pryor
Secretary: Commissioner Jeffrey Harris

Commissioner Arthur Williams
Commissioner Debbie Morrison

PROPERTY REQUESTS – 5:47PM

Chair Zobel will be meeting with Ty Hinton (CED Director) and Mayor Yopp and will ask for their approval of the Outreach Letter the commission voted to send out to property owners in the Model T Campus. She has also asked Frank Haywood, the building inspector, to attend the next commission meeting; he may come.

MICHIGAN STATE PRESERVATION OFFICE (SHPO) - CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM (CLG) – 5:51PM

Michigan SHPO will be hosting a Historic District Commissioner Training in Livonia on September 28th, 2022 at 6PM. Alan is encouraging any and all CLG community HDC commissioners to attend. Chair Zobel noted that the commission is required to log some amount of training per year to remain in the CLG program, though the commission is unsure of how this requirement is being tabulated.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT – 5:56PM

Chair Zobel and Commissioner Clowney presented the most recent activities of this project. The most recent meeting of the project group was on August 8th and the final questions for the interviews were determined. Each interviewer will be interviewing at least 5 people. Interviewers are Donya, Anne, Angela, Anthony, Jeff and Janet. Others have expressed a desire to interview as well, and will be followed up with as soon as the group has started conducting interviews. Commissioner Williams has now expressed interest in conducting interviews; Commissioner Clowney will catch him up to the rest of the group.

On another note, Commissioner Clowney presented to the Massachusetts Block Club (Improvement Association) on behalf of the HDC. She reports that it went very well and the Block Club was happy to have her, she was able to answer many of their questions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 6:08PM

Commissioner Williams informed the commission that the Eason Block Club will dedicate the island in the middle of Eason Ave to Frank Ross and Alexis Williams on September 17th at noon.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:18PM

Meeting was adjourned at 6:18PM

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