

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Council Chambers, City Hall
70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2011

A Meeting of the Manistee City Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, May 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Chair Kracht.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dave Carlson, Maria DeRee, Teena Kracht, Nathaniel Neider, John Perschbacher

Members Absent: T. Eftaxiadis (excused) Vacancy

Others Present: Jeff Gordon (411 River Street), Travis Alden (Main Street/DDA Director), Jon Rose (Community Development), Mark Fedder (Manistee County Historical Museum) Steve Harold (Manistee County Historical Museum) and Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by John Perschbacher, seconded by Maria DeRee that the Agenda for the May 5, 2011 Meeting be approved.

With a voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by John Perschbacher, seconded by Maria DeRee that the Minutes of the March 3, 2011 Meeting be approved. (The April Meeting of the Historic District Commission was cancelled)

With a voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

HDC-2011-03 Jeff Gordon & Paula Rozmiarek, 411 River Street – Door Replacement

A request has been received from Jeff Gordon & Paula Rozmiarek, 411 River Street to replace the front door on the west side of the building that leads to the upstairs as submitted with application HDC-2011-03. Mr. Gordon plans to re-do the front façade of the building in the near future, he would like approval for the door

so that he can order it. The door will match the one the Commission approved for the East Façade of the building.

MOTION by Maria DeRee, seconded by John Perschbacher to approve the request from Jeff Gordon & Paula Rozmiarek, 411 River Street to replace the front door on the west side of the building that leads to the upstairs as submitted with application HDC-2011-03. In the event that Mr. Gordon's supplier can find a door with a glass panel final approval can be granted by the Museum Director or Curator for approval.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5 to 0.

Yes: Carlson, Neider, DeRee, Perschbacher, Kracht

No: None

HDC-2010-18 – Jeff Gordon & Paula Rozmiarek, 411 River Street – Amend Permit

A request has been received from Jeff Gordon and Paula Rozmiarek, 411 River Street to amend Permit HDC-2010-18 by allowing the installation of limestone around the windows and door. Mr. Gordon showed the commission a photo of the former Penny's building and the design of the limestone around the window. The commissioners discussed the framework of other building in the district. Mr. Gordon asked for direction from the Commission on how to address the vertical sides of the three windows and door.

MOTION by John Perschbacher, seconded by Maria DeRee to amend Permit HDC-2010-18 by allowing the addition of the following:

1. A 10" limestone window heading jam for each opening;
2. A 5" limestone window sill at the base of each opening.
3. That either a 4" or 5" limestone, wood, or brick vertical on each side of the opening. Final approval for the proportions of the vertical will be approved by the Museum Director or Curator.

With a roll call vote this motion passed 5 to 0.

Yes: Carlson, Neider, DeRee, Perschbacher, Kracht

No: None

Commissioner Perschbacher asked Mr. Gordon if he would consider a space between the door and window. Mr. Gordon said that he would discuss the option with Paula.

Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse

Staff discussed with the Historic District Commission the acquisition of the Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse and Dedication Ceremony that is scheduled for June 30, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF REPORTS

Travis Alden, DDA/Main Street Director – Mr. Alden gave an update on the Vogue Theater. The Main Street Design Committee has established a restricted fund that requires un-used façade grant monies to only be used for future façade projects. They are working on a pre-application for a new Façade Grant from MEDC that will have a 75% - 25% match.

Mark Fedder – updated the Commission on a project that he has been working on at Oak Grove Cemetery. He found the great-granddaughter of one of the mausoleum occupants who has agreed to pay for restoration of the structure including stain glass windows and new locks.

Commissioner Perschbacher spoke to the Commission about a Historic District Commission lawsuit that happened in Grand Rapids.

The Next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by John Perschbacher, seconded by Maria DeRee that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:30 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary