

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2011

A Meeting of the Manistee City Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, August 4, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Kracht.

ROLL CALL:

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

Members Absent: Vacancy

Others: 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 Maria DeRee, seconded by Dave Carlson that the Agenda for the August 4, 2011 Meeting be approved.

With a voice vote this motion passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Dave Carlson, seconded by Maria DeRee that the Minutes of the July 7, 2011 Meeting be approved.

With a voice vote this motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Polices

The Historic District Commission reviewed their polices and recommendations by Staff to consolidate them into an Informational Document, Code of Conduct Document, Guidelines, Defining Contributing Building/Original Signage – Architectural Features Document and deleting a few. Commissioners discussed the proposed changes and will review and bring back their concerns to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF REPORTS

Staff and Commissioners discussed the status of the Vogue Theater. Jon Rose has contacted SHPO relating to the proposed plans for the Theater (waiting for a reply). Since the July 7th meeting there has been no request from the Theater on the proposed renovation project except that the Museum was contacted regarding paint colors. The Commissioners are concerned since the word on the street is that they are planning to begin work soon. The consensus from the Commission at the July 7th meeting was that the proposed changes to the front façade would not be approvable. Policy # 10 Original Signage/Architectural Features notes that the ***“Vogue Sign and marquee entrance must be preserved as an original architectural feature of the building. This signage will not be included in signage calculations.”*** Jon Rose will send the Vogue Board a letter to let them know the current status of the project with the HDC. The Commission is concerned that they may be blamed in the event that project does not move forward because no application has been received.

Commissioners discussed the feelings in the district relating to the Commission.

The Next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Maria DeRee, seconded by Nathaniel Neider that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary