

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2017

A Meeting of the Manistee City Historic District Commission was held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Chair Kracht.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: T. Eftaxiadis, Teena Kracht, Brandon David, John Perschbacher, Mary Russell, Lee Trucks

Members Absent: Aaron Bennett (excused)

Others: Tom Amor Jr. (Amor Sign Studios), Al Frye (The Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts), Steve Harold (Museum Curator) and Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Administrator)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mary Russell, seconded by Brandon David that the Agenda be approved as prepared.

With a voice vote this motion passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mary Russell, seconded by Brandon David that the Minutes of the May 4, 2017 Meeting be approved as prepared

With a voice vote this motion passed 5 to 0 with Lee Trucks Abstaining

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS

By-Law Amendments

Staff drafted amendments to the Historic District Commission By-Laws and Rules of Procedures for consideration by the commissioners. The By-Laws were discussed at the worksession held earlier and the Commissioners took the following action:

MOTION by Lee Trucks, seconded by Mary Russell that the Historic District Commission amend their By Laws as follows:

- AMEND Section 1 Authority by citing Chapter 1290 Historic District;
- NEW language for Item 3.1 Meeting Notice and 3.3 Special Meetings;
- DELETED Item 3.5 Public Hearings (renumbered list);
- ADDED the Order of the agenda to item 3.7 Order of Business;
- ADDED language that items for consideration must be received at least 10 days prior to the meeting to item 3.9 Agenda Items;
- DELETED Section 5 Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Provisions (renumbered list);
- ADDED to Section 6 "Amendments that Amendments are subject to approval by City Council"

With a roll call vote this motion passed 6 to 0.

Yes: Russell, Eftaxiadis, Trucks, Perschbacher, David, Kracht
 No: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tom Amor Jr. (Amor Sign Studios) and Al Frye (The Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts) spoke to the Commission about the lighting for new signage that was installed. The light bar was placed above the sign not at the bottom because of issues with providing electricity. The sign is located on the north side of the building where the stairway to the ballroom is located. To avoid any damage to the stairway the light bar was moved above the sign where electricity is provided from the balcony area. Several Commissioners have reviewed the lighting and Chair Kracht spoke of how she was blinded by the light when she was reviewing the lighting. Some members of the Commission will review the light this evening with Mr. Frye. Staff will contact the Director of Public Safety to see if he or one of his officers can also review the lighting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF REPORTS

Denise Blakeslee, Planning & Zoning Administrator asked the Commissioners if they wanted to wait until the July Meeting to review the policies. With consensus from the Commission it will be placed on the July agenda.

MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Perschbacher told the Commissioners he was going to resign from the Commission. Commissioners Truck, Eftaxiadis and Chair Kracht asked him to reconsider. He said he will decide next Monday.

The Next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Lee Trucks, seconded by Brandon David that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:45 P.M.

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Denise J. Blakeslee, Recording Secretary