

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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

WORKSESSION NOTES

June 7, 2018

Due to a lack of a quorum a Meeting of the Manistee City Historic District Commission was not held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

Applicants were in attendance and prepared to present their requests therefore a Work Session of the Manistee City Historic District Commission was held beginning at 3:20 pm. No action can be taken at a worksession; the applicants will present their requests to the commission at the next meeting.

Members Present: Aaron Bennett, John Perschbacher, Mary Russell

Members Absent: Dick Albee, Lee Trucks (excused), Vacancy (2)

Others: Mark Fedder (Museum Director) Steve Harold (Museum Curator), Denise Blakeslee (Planning & Zoning Director) Tyler Leppanen (DDA Director), Lora Laurain (Recording Secretary), Xavier Verna (Ramsdell Theatre), Tom Amor (Amor Signs), Andrew (Optech), and Ed Bradford (City Finance Director)

Mr. Verna gave overview of the Ramsdell Theatre's request for Certificate of Appropriateness for an LED Digital Display sign.

Mr. Amor of Amor Signs described the sign as being fully programmable. The sign is able to meet zoning requirements for being static for at least 15 minutes.

A representative of Optech described the sign as being energy efficient and smaller in size than previously used posters and banners.

Mr. Harold stated that the Ramsdell Theatre is one of 7 pivotal buildings located in the Historic District and the proposed modern technology is not compatible with the 1903 building.

Ms. Blakeslee stated that the Ramsdell Theatre has a zero lot line and does not allow room for a ground mounted sign.

Mr. Bradford stated that the new sign would be a cost effective way to increase marketing and revenue.

At 3:45 pm Commissioners went outdoors to view the sign display which was presented by Amor Signs and Optech. Commissioners reconvened in Council Chambers at 4:05 pm.

Commissioner Bennett discussed brick samples for the 100 Washington Street request for Certificate of Appropriateness for façade improvements, noting that the materials are quite different than existing brick.

Ms. Blakeslee will contact Commissioners regarding rescheduling the Manistee City Historic District Commission.

The next meeting of the Historic District Commission will be on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:15 pm.

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Lora Laurain, Recording Secretary