

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2019

A meeting of the 2019 Historic District Committee was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Vice Chair Bennett.

Members Present: Dick Albee, William Connor, Aaron Bennett and Lee Trucks

Members Absent: Mark Wittlieff

Others: Tamara Buswinka (City Zoning), Mark Fedder, City Museum and Nancy Baker (Recording Secretary)

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes were tabled until a quorum could occur. The meeting continued with the Public Comment on Agenda Related Items.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Albee, seconded by Commissioner Connor to approve the Agenda as presented.

With a voice vote motion passed 4 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Connor wished to amend the February 14, 2019 minutes to have Mr. Carson's name removed, as he did not attend the meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Connor, seconded by Commissioner Albee to approve the February 14, 2019 minutes as amended.

With a voice vote motion passed 4 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

Al Frye, 2265 Merkey Road, spoke of the Rise N Tide being a great opportunity for the town to revitalize itself and move forward. He stated the need for the committee to meet and make

personal contact with petitioners. Mr. Connor and Mr. Albee agreed meeting and making contact is important and that the board will be working with petitioners. The February 14, 2019 minutes reflect the recommendation of the board working with petitioners and to have the attorney look at the By-laws language to ensure the wording is appropriate to help the community with this contact.

John Perschbacher, 420 3rd Street, suggested having Mary Riley (MSUE) speak on the state requirements and possibly give an education seminar.

Mr. Trucks entered the meeting at 3:15 pm, a quorum was met. Vice Chair Bennett turned the meeting over to Chair Trucks. At this time, the approval of the agenda and minutes were un-tabled so action could be taken.

Public comment continued after approval of the Agenda and Minutes.

Barry Lind, 532 4th Street, DDA Vice Chair, spoke regarding Gordon and Rosmarek permits which expire today. The DDA has concerns regarding the projects lack of progress. The DDA has received complaints from merchants regarding this property, which the DDA has no jurisdiction over the matter. There is a large concern over downtown blight properties. A list of blight properties is being compiled. The DDA recommended to the HDC that they do not renew the Gordon and Rosmarek permits. These permits have been issued for 10 years with no completion to the project.

Shari Wild, 7700 Milarch Rd Onekama/property owner 429 River Street, addressed her concerns of extending the Gordon and Rosmarek permits. She asked the HDC to request that Gordon/Rosmarek remove the brown paper in the window with the replacement of window wrap or window wrap commemorating Manistee's 150th anniversary celebration.

Mr. Trucks stated the HDC has limited ability to enforce some issues.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Permits Schedules to Expire on March 7, 2019
 - 1.1 Permit PHDC 12001 Jeff Gordon
 - 1.2 Permit PHDC 15004 Jeff Gordon
 - 1.3 Permit PHDC 15005 Jeff Gordon
 - 1.4 Permit PHDC 08032 Paula Rosmarek
 - 1.5 Permit PHDC 09014 Paula Rosmarek
 - 1.6 Permit PHDC 11009 Paula Rosmarek

Mr. Albee moved to allow these permits to expire.

MOTION by Commissioner Albee, seconded by Commissioner Connor to allow the Gordon and

Rosmarek permits to expire.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 4 to 0.

Yes: Albee, Bennett, Connor, Trucks

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Outstanding Permits

Mr. Albee questioned Permit #PHDC18-001, Maxine Lipton, which expired January of 2019. He requested the permit be allowed to expire with no renewal unless the petitioner attended a meeting with updated information.

Permit Review

Mr. Bennett requested letters sent to permit applicants be by certified mail.

Ms. Buswinka will send all letters to permit applicants regarding their expiring/expired permits by certified mail with the request of reporting their progress.

Mr. Albee asked that a letter be sent to the city requesting them to look at the properties for blight ordinance. These letters will be sent by the HDC Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

None

MEMBERS DISCUSSION

The 2019 HDC meeting schedule time and dates were discussed.

Mr. Albee moved to have the meeting time changed to 4 pm. This is due to Mr. Wittlieff's inability to attend at 3 pm. Mr. Trucks inquired about having the dates of the meetings be changed to a Monday or Wednesday rather than the present day of Thursday. Mr. Bennett stated Monday's would be much easier for his attendance.

Mr. Trucks moved to have the HDC meeting schedule changed to the first Monday of each month with the meeting time being changed to 4 pm.

MOTION by Commissioner Albee, seconded by Commissioner Connor to change the HDC 2019 meeting schedule to the first Monday of each month at 4 pm pending the room availability for this schedule.

With a voice vote motion passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Albee inquired about the board having 2 openings. Ms. Buswinka will investigate into the matter.

WORK SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Connor moved, seconded by Commissioner Albee to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 pm

2019 Historic Study Review Committee



Nancy Baker, Recording Secretary