

CITY OF MANISTEE
NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Monday, April 25, 2022

A regular meeting of the Manistee Neighborhood Restoration and Beautification Commission was held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall 3rd floor Council chambers.

Meeting was called to order by Chief Glass at 3:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kelly Greve, John McCrackin, Lucas Richardson, Jermaine Sullivan, Mary Kaye Wilkosz

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Josh Glass – Manistee City Police Chief

REVIEW OF BYLAWS

Chief Glass read the bylaws to the Commission members to provide purpose and direction for the group.

ELECTIONS

Elections for the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary were conducted with the following results:

MOTION by Jermaine Sullivan, seconded by Mary Kay Wilkosz that Lucas Richardson be the Chairman of the Commission.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5-0

Yes: Greve, McCrackin, Richardson, Sullivan, Wilkosz
No: None

MOTION by Lucas Richardson, seconded by John McCrackin that Jermaine Sullivan be the Vice Chairman of the Commission.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5-0

Yes: Greve, McCrackin, Richardson, Sullivan, Wilkosz
No: None

MOTION by Jermaine Sullivan, seconded by Lucas Richardson that John McCrackin be the Secretary of the Commission.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5-0

Yes: Greve, McCrackin, Richardson, Sullivan, Wilkosz

No: None

DETERMINE FURTHER MEETING DATES/TIMES

Discussion was started to determine the future meeting dates and times for the Commission. It was decided that meetings should be held every 2 weeks for May and June, to be revisited in June to decide further need.

MOTION by Lucas Richardson, seconded by Mary Kay Wilkosz that meetings be held every two weeks, starting on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. With meeting dates as follows: May 16, 30 and June 13, 27, 2022.

With a Roll Call vote this motion passed 5-0

Yes: Greve, McCrackin, Richardson, Sullivan, Wilkosz

No: None

BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES BY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CITY ATTORNEY

Chief Glass started a discussion about the Police Enforcement regarding blight in the city.

Discussion about the blight districting map. Spicer Group put together an interactive mapping system for officers to be able to pinpoint properties and keep progress updated through their tracking/notes system

Discussion concerning the need for an ordinance to show blight on property disclosures for properties being sold.

FUTURE PROJECTS/PLANS

The Chief suggested the Commission going on a Dial-A-Ride tour of the city to see the most blighted areas. This suggestion was agreed to unanimously.

Items discussed for next meeting include:

- Have the Police Department bring forward the top 4-5 properties that will benefit from the Commissions help.
- Brainstorm a list of resources for volunteers and organizations for upcoming projects.
- Bring a list of approved contractors and grant possibilities.
- The Chief will send out a list of contacts and the blight map to Commissioners.

Expectations for the Commission:

- Develop an efficient, effective plan to tackle blight.
- Determine what we deem a success.
- Can we find a path to funding to help those in need?

ADJOURNMENT

The Chief thanked everyone for attending.

The next regular meeting of the Neighborhood Restoration and Beautification Commission will be held on Monday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was entertained by Chief Glass, made by John McCrackin, and seconded by Mary Kay Wilkosz to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.