

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**March 1, 2005
Community Room, City Hall
241 W. South St.
Kalamazoo MI 49007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Wright, Derl Oberlin; Linda Bennett; Norman Jung;
Josh Willson; Chad Slider

MEMBERS ABSENT: Pamela Hall O'Connor, excused

CITY STAFF: Sharon Ferraro, Historic Preservation Coordinator; Karleen
Steppenwolf, Records Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wright called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

There was no notification from Commissioner Hopewell.

Mr. Wright, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to approve the absence of Pamela O'Connor from the March 1, 2005 HPC meeting. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA

Mr. Wright would like to add under Action Items IX. E. Discussion of MHPN Preservation Conference and F. Discussion of Kahn Buildings and 100 block of Michigan Ave.

Mr. Oberlin, supported by Mr. Wright, moved to approve the changes to the March 1, 2005 HPC agenda. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

There were no changes to the December 7, 2004 minutes. There were a couple of changes to the February 1, 2005 minutes. They were on pages 2, 4 & 5.

Mr. Oberlin, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to approve the December 7, 2004 HPC minutes. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Oberlin, supported by Mr. Wright, moved to approve the changes to the February 1, 2005 HPC minutes. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Hillary and Mark Griffioen, Hillary is a student of Ms. Ferraro's and Mark is Hillary's husband.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Ferraro included all correspondence in the commissioners' packets.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City: Financial report was provided at the meeting.

O'Connor Fund: No information.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. **2006 Lost and Found Calendar plans:** There was discussion of whom we might want to target as buyers or sponsors. A subcommittee was formed to work on the calendar and it consists of Linda Bennett, Josh Willson and Chris Wright.
- B. **Preservation Awards 2005:** There are a total of six nominees. Mr. Jung and Ms. Bennett will be two of the judges.
- C. **HPC/HDC Retreat:** The retreat will be March 29 at 6:00p.m; the location will be 244 E. Michigan, the Button Jannasch Building. Donations will be taken for food and beverages for the evening.
- D. **Section 106 Review:** This is federally funded or permitted projects. The HPC will vote to affirm decisions on big projects. Ms. Ferraro will include reports in each month's packets. The HPC can only offer advice and comments on projects the HPC cannot stop a project from proceeding. Discussion of the widening of West Michigan between Drake and Howard was tabled until the April meeting so the board members could take a look at it.
- E. **MHPN Preservation Conference:** Conference will be April 14-16 in East Lansing. Chad Slider may be attending the conference. Mr. Slider will need to be reimbursed if he chooses to register for the conference. Ms. Ferraro will be organizing the volunteers for this conference.
- F. **Kahn Buildings and 100 Block of Michigan:** Mr. Wright and Kurt Aardema lead a walk around the Kahn buildings. Mr. Wright informed the commission that the cell phone company and B & W Charters offices on Michigan are now vacant. Ms. Ferraro stated that the Property Value Study has not been formalized. Ms. O'Connor has the calculations for this report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lost and Found Book Project: There are still problems with Edward Brothers. Ms. Ferraro included more information in the packets to the commissioners.

CITY REPORTS

Ms. Ferraro had information regarding the Iannelli Fountain included in the packets to the commissioners. Tom Neal will be giving the board his recommendations/proposal after looking over all the old documents and photographs. Hopefully, he will be able to give us a rough dollar amount on the cost of restoration. Then we will be able to start raising money for this project.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Ferraro stated that KNHS bought the lot at Conant and Douglas; they want to put eleven houses in the empty lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.

Mr. Jung, supported by Mr. Oberlin, moved to adjourn the HPC meeting. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Chris Wright)