

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**April 11, 2006
Third Floor Conference Room
241 W. South St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

Members Present: Chris Wright; Norman Jung; Erin Seaverson; Linda Bennett;
Josh Willson; Claire Milne

Members Absent: Derl Oberlin

City Staff: Sharon Ferraro, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Karleen Steppenwolf, Records Coordinator

Call To Order

Ms. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

Approval Of Absences

Mr. Jung, supported by Mr. Wright, moved to excuse the absence of Derl Oberlin from the April 11, 2006 HPC meeting. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda: IX E. Calendar mystery photo contest winner, IX F. Policy on citizen comments.

Mr. Wright, supported by Ms. Seaverson moved to approve the additions to the April 11, 2006 agenda. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

There were some minor corrections to the March 14, 2006 minutes.

Mr. Wright, supported by Mr. Willson, moved to approve the March 14, 2006 minutes as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction Of Guests

Brian Dubrish – KVCC student
Matt Dencker – KVCC student
Nick Gerber – KVCC student
Michele Santucci – former commissioner
Pam O'Connor – former commissioner

Citizen Comments

Brian Dubrish was curious with what is taking place with the 100 block of E. Michigan. Ms. Ferraro told of the background regarding the buildings owned by DTI.

Brian Dubrish also had some questions regarding the Iannelli Fountain. The Iannelli Fountain will be discussed later in the meeting.

Pam O'Connor shared a brochure about historic plaques. Pam O'Connor also reported that she and Roger Parzyck would be on cable access TV on May 1, 2006. Ms. O'Connor was asking the commission for a list of upcoming events that could be scrolled while they are on TV. Ms. O'Connor also asked for names of historical buildings, etc that the commission would like to see saved.

Michele Santucci, who is a realtor in Kalamazoo, spoke of a Planned Unit Development housing complex being built in South Haven called Lighthouse Village, featuring a walkable lifestyle.

Correspondence

There is no correspondence at this time.

Financial Report

City: The discrepancy between the City's amount and the Commission's amount has been resolved. Revenue was overstated and expenses were understated in 2004, which affected the carry forward total for 2005.

O'Connor Fund: There were two \$100 gifts donated. One was a match from Pfizer and the other was from a regular donor.

Lost and Found Book Project: Ms. O'Connor suggested that the commission try to partner with another organization to promote a new walking tour brochure. Ms. O'Connor suggested we first find out what it would cost to print and then ask for funding.

The Publications Committee will meet on May 2nd at 7:00pm at Mr. Willson's house to discuss the brochure. The note cards will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action Items

- A) Sponsorship of MHPN golf outing – The committee is not interested in participating this year. Funds are very tight and they felt that the \$500 to the NTHP Michigan Preservation Services fund filled a greater need.

- B) Preservation Month activities:
 - 1. Great Unveiling – May 6th is the work day at 914 S. Westnedge and May 13th is D'Vine weekend where the "Unveiled" house and the volunteers will be recognized. Two dozen volunteers are needed to work in shifts at this event.

 - 2. Preservation Awards – there are seven nominations. Josh and Christine Willson also received a statewide award from MHPN for their project.

Mr. Wright, supported by Ms. Milne, moved to approve the nominations for the preservation awards. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Awards Presentation – May 15th at the City Commission meeting to be presented by Linda Bennett and Erin Seaverson – details to be worked out at the next HPC meeting.

 - 4. Other Preservation Month activities – Ms. O'Connor stated that there will be an Arts & Culture lobbying day in Lansing on May 16th. The Governor will be giving the Governors Historic Preservation awards at the capital on May 18th.

- C) Iannelli Fountain – The committee received feedback from Mr. Jung who attended the March 27, 2006 meeting with the City's Ad Hoc committee. The committee determined that the existing status quo of the fountain is unacceptable and the committee needs to meet again. Apparently there are some plaques that are politically insensitive at the train station and the airport. Mr. Jung stated that HPC would like to restore the Iannelli Fountain and include an interpretive plaque.

Pam O'Connor stated that more experts should be present along with the special interest groups than experts. Ms. O'Connor thought there should be a representative from the art community present at the next meeting.

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Ms. O'Connor stated that something needs to be done now to protect the fountain, like keeping the children from playing on the fountain, which is contributing to the damage. The HPC has decided to write a short note to recommend more experts to the members of the Ad Hoc committee including City Manager, Ken Collard. Linda Bennett will write the letter.

- D) Section 106 Reviews – all reviews last month were no adverse effect.
- E) Calendar photo contest – The winner was Linda Cross of Reed Ave. Ms. Cross will receive a hard cover book of Kalamazoo Lost & Found. Ms. O'Connor will mail it to her.

Ms. Seaverson, supported by Mr. Willson, moved to approve awarding Ms. Cross with the hard cover book of Kalamazoo Lost & Found. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

- F) Policy on citizens comments – there needs to be a time limit. Ms. Ferraro will add to the bottom of the agenda. Ms. Ferraro will also add a comment to the agenda that is the same as the City Commission.

Committee Reports

None

City Reports

Reports from the coordinator are included in packet.

Commissioner Comments

No comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Bennett adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Linda Bennett)