

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**May 9, 2006  
Third Floor Conference Room  
241 W. South St.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

**Members Present:** Chris Wright; Norman Jung; Erin Seaverson; Derl Oberlin;  
Josh Willson

**Members Absent:** Linda Bennett - unexcused

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

**Call To Order**

Mr. Willson called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**Approval Of Absences**

**Agenda**

Additions to the Agenda: IX D. Discussion of the Park Building.

**Minutes**

There were a few corrections to the April 11, 2006 minutes. They corrections were on page 1, under agenda items, page 2, under citizen comments, page 3, under action items and page 4, under action items.

**Mr. Wright, supported by Ms. Seaverson, moved to approve the April 11, 2006 minutes as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.**

**Introduction Of Guests**

Pam O'Connor – former commissioner

**Citizen Comments**

Ms. O'Connor presented some information on the MHPN conference to be held on Mackinac Island in May 2007.

Josh Willson went to Lansing on May 9, 2006 to testify to the Senate in favor of increasing the state historical budget.

## **Correspondence**

Correspondence included in packets.

Ms. Ferraro did state that she received comments from the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the preliminary study committee report on the proposed new historic districts.

## **Financial Report**

City: in good shape.

O'Connor Fund: in the first quarter the fund received \$6,300.00, which put it over the \$100,000.00 mark. Ms. O'Connor would like to the fund at \$300,000.00

Lost and Found Book Project: the mystery photo calendar winner was excited to win.

## **Action Items**

- A) Great Unveiling Review: Ms. Ferraro said that the project went very well and was a lot of fun. Ms. Ferraro stated they were finished by 1:30. The homeowners are very happy with the outcome and have written a letter to the commission thanking them and the workers.
- B) Preservation Awards: The Mayor will read the proclamation. This is an agenda item at the City Commission meeting. The HPC will comment on how they are celebrating National Historic Preservation Month and give a statement about the winners and why those properties received the award.
- C) Ianelli Fountain: Linda Martinez in the city manager's office has set up some meeting dates to discuss the fountain. Mr. Jung thought the next meeting was around the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.
- D) Park Building: Ms. O'Connor shared her thoughts regarding the demolition of the building and suggested that a HPC member send a letter to the Gazette stating their viewpoint.

## **Committee Reports**

Publications Committee: Their first meeting was May 9, 2006. They basically discussed 3 items, which included the reprinting of Walking Through Time, a book first published by the commission in the early 1980s, the walking brochure and a fundraiser. The committee discussed future brochures and whom the HPC could get to help with the cost of printing them. The committee also discussed putting the brochures on the City's web page so they could be downloaded and printed. The committee is to meet again next month immediately before the regular HPC meeting.

### **City Reports**

Reports from the coordinator are included in packet.

There was some discussion on the comments made regarding the proposed historic district.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Mr. Wright was wondering if Ms. Ferraro had heard any more about the update to the demolition ordinance. Ms. Ferraro stated she does not have any new information on it.

### **Citizen Comments**

Ms. O'Connor stated she has some speaking engagements coming up. The first one is in Portage at their annual historic preservation month meeting and the other is at the KCPA meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Willson adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

**Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)**

**Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)**

**Approved by (Linda Bennett)**