

KALAMAZOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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

Members Present: Chris Wright; Norman Jung; Erin Seaverson; Derl Oberlin;
Linda Bennett; Claire Milne

Members Absent: Josh Willson-excused

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

Call To Order

Ms. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval Of Absences

Agenda

Additions to the Agenda: X.A. Publications Committee

Mr. Wright, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to approve the July 11, 2006 agenda as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

There were a few corrections to the June 13, 2006 minutes. The corrections were on page 1 under Members Present. Corrections on page 2 under Introduction of Guests, spelling of name correction. Corrections on page 2 under Citizens Comments and page 3 under Action Items C & E.

Mr. Oberlin, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to approve the June 13, 2006 minutes as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction Of Guests

Pam O'Connor – former commissioner
Phill Wilson – citizen

Barb Miller – City Commission, Liaison
Michelle Santucci – Realtor
James Galligan – Woodworker

Citizen Comments

Ms. O'Connor stated that the MHPN grant money will be available beginning October 1. The money is for nonprofit agencies and government agencies regarding engineering, capacity building and education.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Drake House in Oshtemo Township would be open for tours this Saturday between 12:30 – 4:00p.m. The proceeds will go to the Oshtemo Historical Society and admission is \$5/person or \$10/family.

Ms. Santucci introduced James Galligan, a woodworker, to the HPC. Mr. Galligan is custom making some wood fixtures for the outside of her house.

Correspondence

Correspondence included in packets.

Financial Report

City: no change.

O'Connor Fund: the fund received a \$50.00 gift donation. The fund is currently between \$105,000 and \$106,000. The goal is to see the fund at \$300,000.

Lost and Found Book Project: There have been no recent deliveries. Fervor has an order pending.

Action Items

- A) Iannelli Fountain – Mr. Jung attended the last Ad Hoc meeting on June 27. Mr. Jung stated the Jennifer Shoub, Executive Director of the YWCA, took control of the meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee has made no recommendation on how to deal with the Iannelli Fountain.

Ms. O'Connor suggested the HPC write a memo to advise the City Commission and copy the Ad Hoc Committee. The HPC members can email Jennifer Shoub with their opinions through the YWCA website. Ms. O'Connor says that several years ago the Historic Preservation Commission stated that the commission felt additional statues and monuments in Bronson Park were inappropriate. Ms. Milne and Mr. Jung will put a memo together to submit to the City Commission and copy the Ad Hoc committee.

- B) Historic Homes Tour – The HPC will not be donating any money this year. The tour will be on September 16 and there will be five houses on tour. The HPC would like to have a dual booth in South Westnedge Park for the Art in the Park festival, possibly with KCPA or Old House Network. Erin Seaverson will coordinate putting the booth together and Ms. Ferraro and other offered to tend the booth.
- C) August Meeting – The August meeting has been moved to August 15 due to the August primary election occurring on the second Tuesday in August.

Ms. Milne, supported by Ms. Seaverson, moved to approve moving the August HPC meeting from the 8th to the 15th. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

- D) Park Building & 100 block E. Michigan – The demolition of the Park Building is under way. The building could not be saved. The HPC was very upset with the decision and feels the guidelines were not taken sufficiently into consideration. The HPC was disappointed with Ms. Ferraro's vote at the DDRC meeting to allow demolition of the Park building and construction of the new proposed Greenleaf building. The HPC fears the fallout of Ms. Ferraro's vote will set precedents for the demolition of more historical buildings downtown.
- E) DDRC Guidelines – The HPC suggested they change DDRC guidelines so they provide real protection for historic properties and a demolition moratorium. The HPC feels there should be required standards to follow.

The next DDRC meeting will take place on the last Tuesday in July at 9:00am. Josh Willson will attend; his alternate will be Chris Wright.

Ms. Ferraro suggested the HPC look at the DDRC guidelines on the city Website and see what they would like to change. The HPC can email their suggestions to Ms. Ferraro and bring them to the next meeting to discuss.

- F) 2007 HPC Budget Committee – The committee will consist of Derl Oberlin, Sharon Ferraro and Josh Willson.
- G) Section 106 – report provided in HPC packets.

Committee Reports

The Publications Committee is looking into getting up to twelve walking tours on the cities web site with pod cast capabilities. The Publications Committee would also like to make available short tours to print off and make discs available at the Kalamazoo Public Library. LKF will provide some quotes as to cost. Ms. Ferraro will look into putting this cost into the City's budget.

City Reports

Reports from the coordinator are included in packet.

Commissioner Comments

In packets.

Citizen Comments

None.

Adjournment

Ms. Bennett moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm.

**Mr. Wright, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00pm.
With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Linda Bennett)