

KALAMAZOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting notes - CITY HALL – 3rd Floor Conference Room

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 7:00pm

I. Call to Order – 7:04 pm

II. Approval of Absences: Chris Wright

III. Approval of Agenda: approved David Benac, Curt Aardema

IV. Introduction of Guests: Laura Lam, Director Community Planning and Development

V. Citizen Comments on NON-agenda items*

VI. Financial Report

a. City (Steppenwolf) **(ITEM A) No Comment**

VII. Action and Discussion Items

a. Laura Lam – Director Community Planning and Development

i. Introduction – (eliminating general fund support for Historic pres coordinator position)

ii. Block grant solution allows us more planning time

1. Options before us: Funding not purpose

a. Status quo – gen fund funding and/or CDBG

b. Completely changing – work goes to other staff

2. Engaging the community – bring in stakeholders.

3. David Brose – feels that continuing to use CDBG may have some resentment of using grant money for historic preservation

4. CC is stressing sustainability – how do we maintain the program in the face of economic challenges.

5. Alternate sources of funding will be very important

iii. Discussion of stakeholder input:

1. Open meetings x 2 in Nds

2. Each commissioner interviews 5 people with standard questions

3. Survey Monkey?

4. Facebook

iv. Stress that HP has a positive economic impact

b. Work Plan Reports from Team Leaders **(no reports in advance of meeting)**

i. Designation (D) – Aardema

1. State Theatre – Ferraro – report in packet HP Easement – mention to Stephanie

2. NR nom for Wash2 – to Kelly Clark

ii. Sustainability (SU) – Stevens (Hidden Kalamazoo) Four sites are verified. Lynn will be contacting D&W and Spirit of Kalamazoo to sell tickets.

iii. Preservation Month (PM) – Holewinski

1. Various nominations were discussed

2. Regional partner – Richland Community Center – Village Hall

iv. Iannelli Fountain (IF) – Brose David Brose and David Benac have assembled a case statement – waiting for comment from Sharon before sub-committee meeting on Friday, March 14th at 11:00.

v. Operations (O) – Wright No report

vi. Sites (SI) – Aardema – Curt has name and contact info for Lincoln principal.

VIII. Old/New Business

a. Demolition of 1124 West North – this fire damaged house has been ordered repaired (deadline is this week) or demolished with city/Federal funds. The 106 review report is in the packet for HPC comments.

i. Ls/Dbr Motion to approve demolition Passed unanimously

IX. **Approval of meeting notes: February 11, 2014 (ITEM B) DBe/ DK - Accept as presented – approved unanimously**

X. **Correspondence**

XI. **Coordinators Reports on non-agenda items** Coordinator's Report **(ITEM C)**

XII. **Citizen Comments on NON-agenda items*** None

XIII. **Commissioner Comments**

Adjourn 9:04 PM