

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 8, 2008
Third Floor Conference Room
241 W. South St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

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

Members Absent:

City Staff: Sharon Ferraro, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Karleen Steppenwolf, Recording Secretary

Call To Order:
Mr. Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Absences:

Agenda:

**Mr. Jung supported by Ms. Jacobs moved to approve the January 8, 2008 agenda.
With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes:
There was a minor correction to the minutes on Page 3-B2.

**Ms. Milne, supported by Mr. Wright, moved to approve the December 11, 2007 minutes
as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.**

Introduction of Guests:
Pam O'Connor – former commissioner
Audrey Seaverson – daughter of Erin Seaverson

Citizen Comments:

Ms. O'Connor suggested that the commissioners put a note on their calendars regarding the Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference in Dearborn on May 8, 9, & 10. Annette Conti will be the keynote speaker.

Ms. O'Connor stated that the Preservation Network has raised enough pledges for a second field representative for Michigan.

Ms. O'Connor suggested that the HPC rework the meetings agenda to match the work plan.

Ms. O'Connor inquired about the new push bar that was installed on the front doors of the City Hall building. Ms. Ferraro stated that it was done as a security measure and to minimize wear and tear on the door.

Correspondence

None.

Financial Report

City: on track. Format for report was revised to only show current activity.

O'Connor Fund: report included in packet. Gifts resulting from the O'Connor appeal are down some from last year.

Lost and Found Book Project: report included in packet. Ms. O'Connor was looking for volunteers to help work the table at the Old House Expo. Ms. Gentry Bennett, Ms. Milne and Ms. Seaverson volunteered to work.

Work plan

Mr. Wright had some questions on the work plan before finalizing:

The fundraiser for the Iannelli Fountain will be left in and C-6, the walking brochure, will be put off until 2009 along with PD4.

Action Items/Discussion Items:

A) **Old Business:** None

B) **New Business:**

- 1) Iannelli Fountain – Report from Norman Jung on the Fountain of the Pioneers Issues Resolution Group (FPIRG) meeting Mr. Jung stated that there was a meeting held on December 19, 2007. Mr. Jung stated that the meeting was somewhat confusing and hard to follow.

Ms. Ferraro stated that she is still working on other ideas for the fountain cover.

- 2) Possible O'Connor fund grant – it was decided that the HPC will not

pull money from the fund to create grants.

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- C) **2008 Preservation awards:** Ms. Ferraro presented the draft of the Call for Nominations letter. Nominations are due February 22, 2008.

Committee Reports:

None.

CITY REPORTS:

- 1) Site watch list – in packets.

Commissioner Comments:

- Ms. Ferraro stated that the Water Tower project is moving forward.
- Ms. Seaverson and Ms. Milne will be reappointed for another term.
- Ms. Milne has a new email address and Ms. Seaverson stated that her work phone number can be removed.

Citizen Comments

Ms. O'Connor shared that she will be giving a talk at Kalamazoo College regarding the West Main Hill area.

Adjournment: 8:45pm.

Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Chris Wright)