

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**November 13, 2007
Third Floor Conference Room
241 W. South St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

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

Members Absent: Katie Jacobs, excused

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

Call To Order:
Mr. Wright called the meeting to order.

Approval of Absences:
Mr. Jung, supported by Ms. Bennett moved to excuse Katie Jacobs from the November 13, 2007 HPC meeting. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda:
There was a correction to item IV: approval of minutes of October 10, 2007 meeting was changed to October 9, 2007.

Mr. Jung, supported by Ms. Milne moved to accept the November 13, 2007 agenda as corrected. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:
There were some minor corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Jung, supported by Mr. Willson, moved to approve the October 9, 2007 minutes as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Guests:
Brian Chambers – Intern working for Sharon Ferraro
Curt Aardema - citizen
Audrey Seaverson – daughter of Erin Seaverson

Citizen Comments:

None.

Correspondence

In Packet.

Ms. Ferraro stated that the grant application to the National Trust was accepted and funded for the publication of “Where Place Prospers”.

Financial Report

City: on track.

O’Connor Fund: report included in packet. Donations are being received as a result of the appeal.

Lost and Found Book Project: report included in packet. WMUK marketing spots have begun. Retailers will receive new posters for the holidays. Ms. O’Connor is following up with retailers to determine if they want more books for their inventories.

Ms. O’Connor and Ms. Houghton will be having two book signings during the Art Hop in December.

Action Items/Discussion Items:

- A) **Old Business:** Ms. Ferraro stated that she has spoke with Brian Beers of the Convention & Visitors Bureau regarding the walking tour brochures. Ms. Ferraro is waiting for a response from Mr. Beers as to whether the Bureau can help with the cost of revising and printing the brochures. Ms. Ferraro stated that 10, 000 copies of the brochure were printed in 1991 and have been distributed.
- B) **New Business:** KHPC work plan retreat – was discussed prior to the 7:00pm meeting.

Ms. Seaverson, supported by Ms. Bennett moved to have Mr. Wright forward the changes to the work plan to Alan Levy. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Iannelli Fountain - Ms. Ferraro received a call from Bill Scott, an Architectural Historian from Kentucky. Mr. Scott wants to write a paper/article about Alfonzo Iannelli and the Iannelli Fountain. Mr. Scott would like copies of the Kalamazoo-Iannelli correspondence that the HPC was allowed to copy from Dave Jamison's gallery. In thanks for the notes Mr. Scott has offered to write the description and statement of significance for a National Register nomination for the fountain at the national level of significance. Mr. Scott has pictures of the fountain in the design phase and Mr. Wright had pictures loaded on his laptop of the fountain being built, which he shared with the board members.

Ms. Ferraro will review the limitations, if any, of providing Mr. Scott with Dave Jamison's notes and will email the board members regarding the results.

Ms. Ferraro also included in the packets the proposal for a new development called "City View Condos". The condos will be constructed in the Crane Park area and will use Betsy Ann Place as an entrance. At present the plans will have no impact on historic sites except for the possible replacement of the part of Betsy Ann Place that is currently laid in brick. Ms. Ferraro will attend the Thursday site plan review meeting and offer the HPC board members opinions on the changes to the road. The HPC would like the bricks to remain in the road.

Committee Reports:

None.

CITY REPORTS:

In packets.

- Ms. Ferraro included information on the Water Tower assessment.
- Ms Ferraro described her ascent up the inside of the water tower.
- The Fountain Assessment is going well.
- The Lead Law Workshop went well with 140 people in attendance.
- Ms. Ferraro did not think she would be able to meet the December 1 deadline for submission of the Preserve America community application.

Commissioner Comments:

Ms. Ferraro stated that there are no open windows in the 100 block of W. Michigan that would allow the weather in, though one window has a broken pane on the inner window.

Citizen Comments

None

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Adjournment 8:30 pm.

Ms. Bennett, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to adjourn the HPC meeting at 8:30pm. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Chris Wright)