

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**December 11, 2007
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

Members Absent: Linda Gentry Bennett, unexcused

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

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

Approval of Absences:

Agenda:
The addition of VIII D. Edwards Brothers; addition of IX A2. Planning document;
addition of IX B5. Lost & Found book to new City Commissioner.

Ms. Jacobs, supported by Mr. Jung moved to approve the December 11, 2007 agenda as amended. 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 November 13, 2007 minutes as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Guests:
Pam O'Connor – former commissioner
Tom Nehil - Consultant
Nelson Nave - Architect
Audrey Seaverson – daughter of Erin Seaverson

Citizen Comments:

Ms. O'Connor had an informational meeting with Mayor Hopewell to discuss the 100 block of E. Michigan.

Ms. O'Connor said she has a dissertation on Alfonzo Iannelli and that there is also a copy at the City Records Center and she thought that Bill Scott, the architect from Kentucky, would be interested in receiving a copy.

Correspondence

In Packet.

Nelson Nave presented three possible designs for the cover for the Fountain of the Pioneers. There is a question as to how much of the pool and fountain to cover and should it be permanent or seasonal. With the goal being to protect the fountain, but still make it visible for the citizens. The designs that Mr. Nave presented were permanent covers. The commission does not like the idea of having the fountain covered all year.

The preliminary estimate for the shelter is in the \$400,000 range. The commission is wondering if the money for the fountain shelter should be used to rehab it every 30 years and forget the cover.

Ms. Ferraro will need to talk with the Parks Department about storage of the cover and maintenance, which seems to be an issue.

Ms. Ferraro will look into shrink-wrapping the fountain.

The Commission thanked Mr. Nave and Mr. Nehil for their time and work on the designs that they presented.

Financial Report

City: on track.

O'Connor Fund: report included in packet. Eight books were sold at the Art Hop on December 5.

Lost and Found Book Project: report included in packet.

Edwards Brothers: Ms O'Connor had received information from them regarding the archive of the films for the Lost & Found Book. Edwards Brothers will hold the films until the end of 2007 at no charge but after that there would be a \$65/year charge. Ms. O'Connor was asking the commission what they would like to do with the film. Ms. O'Connor stated that the HPC could purchase the films for \$60. The films could be stored at the Records Center.

Mr. Jung, supported by Ms. Seaverson moved to purchase the films from Edwards Brothers for the Lost & Found book for \$60. With a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items/Discussion Items:

- A) **Old Business:** Ms. O'Connor stated the brochure "Where Place Prospers" will be out in May 2008.
- B) **New Business:**
 - 1) Iannelli Fountain – previously discussed.
 - 2) KHPC Work plan – Mr. Wright had some questions about the work plan before he finalized it. The walking tour brochure will be postponed until 2009 and IF2 & C6 will be eliminated from the work plan.

Mr. Willson, supported by Mr. Jung moved to endorse the strategic work plan as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

- 3) O'Connor Fund – Ms. Ferraro was inquiring whether the commission would rather roll the money back into the fund or pull some out and create a fund to make grants. A decision will need to be made by the end of January 2008.
- 4) Funding for Old House Expo – The Expo will be held January 19, 2008. Ms. O'Connor stated that the MHPN would have a booth at the Expo. A decision was not made on funding a booth due to lack of information.
- 5) Presentation of Lost & Found Book – The commission would like to present the newest City Commissioner, Stephanie Moore, with a hard copy of the book. Possibly at the next City Commission meeting on December 17, 2007. Mr. Wright offered to present the book at the meeting.

Mr. Jung, supported by Ms. Seaverson moved to present a hard copy of "Kalamazoo: Lost & Found" book to Stephanie Moore, City Commissioner, at a City Commission meeting. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

None.

CITY REPORTS:

- 1) Site watch list – in packets.
- 2) Draft – Study Committee Reports – Ms. Ferraro will present the reports to the City Commission next month regarding the State Theater and the 100 block of E. Michigan. Ms. Ferraro received comments to include in the report to the city commission.

Commissioner Comments:

Ms. Ferraro stated that there is some interior work that needs to be done soon to the water tower.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Jung shared with the commission that he has a connection with an individual that has Iannelli items that could be used in an exhibit of Alfonzo Iannelli.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm.

Ms. Seaverson, supported by Mr. Wright, moved to adjourn the HPC meeting at 9:00pm. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by (Karleen Steppenwolf)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Chris Wright)