

KALAMAZOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CITY HALL - 241 W. South – Community Room – 2nd floor

TUESDAY, November 14, 2017 – 7:00pm

MEETING NOTES

- I. Approval of Absences:** David Kohrman, David Benac, Beth Timmerman **SR/RG passed^^**
 - a. Discussed absences of Benac & Kohrman – commission asked the coordinator to contact the commissioners and ask if they wanted to continue to serve.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Add *Resolution from city commission to support the Federal Tax Credit*. **RG/DBrose^^^**
- III. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Wright, Pam O'Connor, Norman Jung, Michael Ianni, Curt Aardema, Claire, Randy
- IV. Citizen Comments on NON-agenda items* & Correspondence:**
 - a. Curt Aardema – former First Reformed Church converted to urban campground – 6 or 7 visible tents. SR-homeless pitch tents and use outlets, and use in the morning move to the front steps of the church
 - b. NTHP conference in Chicago starts today.
- V. Financial Report (20 min) NO CHANGE SINCE OCT. 10**
 - a. REVENUE September (\$258.15) YTD (\$13,107.68)
 - b. EXPENDITURES September YTD (\$16,722.89)
 - c. BALANCE REMAINING (\$12,227.55)
 - d. RESERVE FUND (\$27,960.00) (Quarterly reports Feb, May, August, November)
- VI. Action and Discussion Items**
 - a. Work Plan Reports from Team Leaders Note any changes to the work plan
 - i. Sustainability (SU) – **(10 min)** (Ferraro) (Hidden Kalamazoo Tour)
 1. Proposed Marketing Plan (**ITEM A**) Change of webhost – saving about 50% of current cost – offers ability to purchase tickets online. Buyers could print a “claim check: and pick up their ticket at City Hall hub.
RG/JK Move to change web host for Hidden Kalamazoo to Wix. Passed^^
 2. Next Exit History as sponsor of Hidden Kalamazoo (Michael Ianni)
Brose - How long will the tour stay up? How long before and how long after? Tour would go up as soon as city attorney approves the Memorandum of Agreement and after as long as allowed. The sponsorship is for one year of free activity. If HPC wanted to continue after the year, there would be a charge. The material would stay in place, but we would lose the ability to edit and change.
Move –DBrose/RG to approve the sponsorship by Next Exit History of the Hidden Kalamazoo Tour. Passed ^^
Note: this Next Exit History is completely separate from the NEH for the boundary marker project and the Iannelli Fountain.
 - ii. Preservation Month (PM) (Gorham) **(5 min)**
 1. Preservation Month project will be an inventory of damaged headstones at Mountain Home cemetery. Sharon and Beth walked the cemetery and tested the inventory sheet – decided to make it much shorter and let the photos speak for some of the detail.
 - iii. Bronson Park 21st Century (BP21) (Brose) **(15 min)**
 1. Fundraising (PO) Everything is on hold including pledge reminders and last appeal as well as CDBG grant application submitted to SHPO w/o CC resolution. Laid out possible outcomes – 3 – move ahead, change it and don't know - needs more study.
 2. Planning - No report
 3. Education (Brose/Benac) No report
 - iv. Operations (O) – Koenig **(5 min)** Cancel December meeting? After a short discussion the commission decided to meet in December to address any issues with the fountain or the Loring-McMartin Study Committee Report
 - v. Sites (SI) – Robinson & Kohrman **(5 min) No report.**
 - vi. Designation (D) – Kohrman **(10 min) No report.**

VII. Old/New Business

- a. Discussion of Fountain of the Pioneers possible removal and next steps – prepare an advisory statement for the city commission (**ITEM B**)

- i. **Working together the commission composed the following statement to send to the city commission for their meeting on November 20th:**

Re: Iannelli Fountain of the Pioneers

The Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission has been the driving force behind repairs to the fountain since the late 1990s. Beginning with the first repairs proposed for fundraising in 2005, through the Issues Resolution Committee, the core testing and specifications project, the delay to prepare a full Master Plan for the park and the launch of a very successful fundraising program. Since 2006 the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish has been involved with the Issues Resolution Committee and has continued an active partnership with the Public Education Committee and the Boundary Marker project. Without the fountain, the educational aspect could not be implemented.

There have been many forums for public input since 2006. Hundreds of volunteers and over 40 foundations, local, regional and national corporations and numerous individuals have supported the Bronson Park campaign to fulfill the Master Plan with time and donations.

The Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the city commission move forward with the existing plan for the rehabilitation of Bronson Park and the restoration of the Iannelli Fountain with no changes to the Master Plan approved by the city commission in March 2016.

*Approved by the Historic Preservation Commission
November 14, 2017*

- b. Resolution from city commission to support saving the Federal Tax Credit. The text of a resolution to be passed by the city commission in support of the Federal historic preservation tax credit. Send resolution text to CMO can we get it on the Nov 20 agenda.

VIII. Approval of meeting notes: (5 min)

- a. October 10, 2017 (**ITEM C**) and October 25, 2017 (**ITEM D**)
Brose/SR move approval of both sets of noted. Passed^^

IX. Coordinators Report on non-agenda items (5 min)

- a. Coordinators monthly report (**ITEM E**)

X. Citizen Comments on NON-agenda items*

XI. Commissioner Comments

Adjourn RG/JK passed^^^ 9:01 PM