

KALAMAZOO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

floor TUESDAY, March 13, 2018 – 7:00pm

MEETING NOTES

- I. **Approval of Absences:** Beth Timmerman approved; David Benac not approved,
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** approved unanimously
- III. **Introduction of Guests:** Jack Urban, Tony Holewinski, Chris Wright, Norman Jung, Jenifer Blouin-Policelli, Matt Policelli, Curt Aardema (arrived about 8:30pm)
- IV. **Citizen Comments on NON-agenda items* & Correspondence:** Norman – please list names of commissioners in attendance.
- V. **Financial Report (20 min)**
 - a. REVENUE January (\$356.02*) (\$144.96 Feb) YTD (\$500.98)
 - i. \$259 – Alamo Drafthouse (Jan)
 - ii. \$97.02 book sales (Jan)
 - iii. 144.96 book sales (Feb)
 - b. EXPENDITURES January \$45.00 YTD (\$519.55)
 - i. Blouin-Policelli –Oct updates to NEH (January) \$45
 - ii. Hid Kzoo website \$102
 - iii. K:L&F Marketing \$232.75
 - iv. KL&F Royalties \$139.80
 - c. BALANCE REMAINING \$16,823)
 - d. RESERVE FUND (\$27,960.00) (Quarterly reports **Feb, May, Aug, Nov**)
Note from Pam O'Connor – sales of K:L&F at Vanished Kalamazoo \$890 to O'Connor Fund. Sales of T-shirts from Kalamazoo Sportswear - a percentage will also be going to the O'Connor Fund.
- 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) **(ITEM A)**
 - ii. Preservation Month (PM) (Gorham) **(5 min)**
 1. Preservation Month project **(ITEM B) Saturday May 5.**
 2. Preservation Awards (in packet) Approve six buildings. Review Plazacorps nomination at April meeting
 - iii. Bronson Park 21st Century (BP21) (Brose) (15 min)
 1. Fundraising – ON HOLD donors offered refunds – all or just fountain related – ALL should be offered, even those not directly linked to the fountain. What happens to endowed and non-endowed funds at the community foundation including the Endowment that was 5% of every gift. Can donations be moved to the O'Connor Fund within the foundation as appropriate.
Jack Urban – would it help for the city to come up with a plan for the park so donors can decide to accept a refund or leave their funds in the Park Master Plan Fund. The city should talk to the campaign consultant Jodi Sweeney.
 2. Planning – ON HOLD
 3. Education (Brose/Benac) Public Education Committee met today at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Per J Chamberlain, we will go back to OCBA for a modified park plan. Educ Comm needs to produce a budget for markers, street signs and other things to integrate into the park plan. Given the fact that we have spent 7 years with this plan, the city should make a formal invitation to the band to continue their involvement with the Public Education Committee. Julie from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation felt that this might be a good use for the Kellogg Foundation racial healings fund.
 - iv. Operations (O) – Koenig (5 min)
 1. Two terms are up on March 31, 2018 – Sue Robinson (eligible for re-appointment) and David Brose – final term. Start search for new

commissioner(s). Sue has said she is interested in re-appointment (*Previous commissioners need to be “out of office” for a full term, three years, before they are eligible for re- appointment*) **NO APPLICATIONS**

2. Report on meeting with Rebekah Kik and Christina Anderson. Josh met with Rebekaha and Christina – County planning a new courthouse on Kalamazoo Avenue – will meet again the beginning of April or May.
- v. Sites (SI) – Robinson & Kohrman (5 min) report at meeting
 1. Sue Robinson – make an appointment with Lynn Houghton to review all her information on the public schools she has collected.
- vi. Designation (D) – Kohrman (10 min)
 1. David Kohrman –
 2. Pam – consult with SHPO if Bronson Park should be changed from contributing to non-contributing in the National Register listing - Changes include the Rotary stage,

VII. Old/New Business

- a. O’Connor Fund grant ideas (**ITEM C**)
 - i. January 22, Josh Koenig, Regina Gorham and Pam O’Connor met to discuss possible projects to fund from the O’Connor Fund
 - ii. Add to agenda in July
- b. Approval of Annual Report to be submitted to city commission in March (**ITEM D**)
Kohrman/Robinson ^^
- c. Bronson Park changes following City Commission decision of March 5 to remove the Fountain of the Pioneers from Bronson Park (Discussion)
 - i. PO Nationally significant work of public art – the Arts Council, KIA and Museum be invited to consult on the decisions about what to be removed and what not to be removed.
 - ii. JU – need to show public we are serious about removing the statue. Cover the statue with a white tarp to indicate that the city is taking action.
 - iii. DBrose – **remove the sculpture intact – full height from crown to feet, regardless of the cost involved. DBrose/Koenig passed unanimously**
 - iv. Pam – and a HALS (Historic American Landscape Survey) report.
 - v. Also consider at least one water cannon and drinking fountain for saving
 - vi. Can LIDAR produce measured drawings to comply with NPS standards? And ground penetrating radar of the entire park. If we do ground penetrating radar we should consult with the tribe about their support
 - vii. Jenifer reported that the fountain can continue its presence on Next Exit History even after it has been removed and her blog will be revised to include recent developments.
 - viii. Chris Wright – will all the donors be notified before demolition begins?

VIII. Approval of meeting notes: (5 min)

- a. January 9, 2018 (**ITEM E**) **Approved as presented**

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

- a. Coordinators monthly report (**ITEM F**)
- b. Nazareth Historic District Study Committee Report (Postponed to April)

X. Citizen Comments on NON-agenda items*

XI. Commissioner Comments

Adjourn

9:13 PM

Christina will present on Form based code in May

Where is the State Historical Marker for East Hall

