

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

<p>DATE: March 3, 2005 TIME: 4:30 p.m. PLACE: 705 Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan Zeeb Road Room 2010</p>

1. **Call to Order**- Chair N. Snyder called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Nancy Snyder, Tom Dodd, Paul Darling, Alice Ralph, Jasper Pennington, Jean King, Don Riddering and staff, Marnie Paulus were present. Pat Kelly, absent.
3. **Approval of Minutes of February Meeting:** On a motion by Pennington, seconded by Darling, the minutes were approved as amended.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** On a motion by Ralph, seconded by Dodd, the agenda was approved as amended.
5. **Introduction of Guests:** None
6. **Application Reviews:** None
7. **Business**

Goals for 2005 were discussed including a workshop to showcase the ten historic districts in the county. Snyder will write up the goals to be included in the April packet. King also requested that the structure of the WCHDC be explored in relation to the 2005 Goals.

Historic Preservation Awards 2005: Paulus will email the Historic Preservation Awards announcement to all local unit supervisors/presidents/clerks and to the Washtenaw County Consortium. She will also put the announcement and application forms on the county website.

E. Delhi Bridge: The current study of the E. Delhi Bridge was discussed and King informed the WCHDC commissioners that a request for a historic district study was forthcoming in the form of a resolution from the Scio Township Board. Paulus invited the commissioners to an assessment of the bridge by iron bridge expert, Vern Mesler at 10 am on March 28 followed by a power point presentation at the Road Commission.

8. Reports:

Communications:

1. Michigan History, Preservation Magazine and The Alliance Review are in the HP office area

Staff Report:

2. Paulus visited SHPO 2/22/05 to pick up 500 survey cards missing from our inventory for HistWeb Phase II and had good conversations with Rob Christensen (NRHP) and Amy Arnold (CLG). Bridgewater, Northfield and Lima will be added to the website.
 - o Progress report: Paulus has finished scanning, inputting data and mapping the 10 historic districts in the county and Holtz has done the same with 50 National Register eligible Centennial Farms in the county. Kreykes has almost completed mapping Dexter Village and Hanel is progressing on the 2004 Bridgewater Field Survey write ups. Paulus is identifying the 1981 Bridgewater survey cards and Holtz will take on Northfield Township. Our IT partners are working diligently to fix errors and improve “user interface.”
3. HistWeb Phase III Historic Preservation Fund grant was awarded this month for \$21,600. This grant will allow us to pay for intern help matched by historic preservation and county staff time to support Manchester Village in creating a historic district.
4. Judd/Gooding Historic District Study Committee request slated for WCBOC on March 16 at 6:30 pm. The WCBOC has two options: A) Othneil Gooding House only or B) Gooding House and Judd Road Bridge as one district.
5. Conant Farm Historic District Study Committee request also slated for WCBOC on March 16. Jim and Olive Conant will be in the audience.
6. HP Coordinator Job Description: Paulus reported that she is drafting her job description. The successful applicant needs to be able to write grant applications, be a project manager, help local units and citizens to use historic preservation tools available etc. She has scheduled a transition to train her replacement in April and will add program information to the staff notebook. N. Snyder has agreed to be part of the interview team.
7. Per diems: Please include all financial information to help Chris Watkins pay these bills.

8. MHPN Conference (April 14-16): Saturday April 16th sessions for HDC's in Lansing. Speak with Snyder or Paulus if you wish to attend. Sign up, keep your receipt and we will reimburse you next month.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,421 remains in the budget.

Reports from Commissioners:

Gordon Hall/Dexter Main Street Bridge/UM – Ralph reported that she has made two contacts a day for a Gordon Hall roundtable, hoping to alert UM that the selling of Gordon Hall is more than an internal matter. Ralph plans to partner with County Parks and Recreation, HCMPA, DDA's, local non-profits and Dexter Village to come up with ideas and solutions for this resource. Snyder agreed to call Hank Baier at UM to set up a site visit of Gordon Hall for new WCHDC commissioners.

Popkins School Historic District-Snyder proposed presenting Steve Ranzini's proposal for Popkins School to the Ann Arbor Township Board. Ralph suggested putting this item on the agenda of the Planning Commission and queried as to zoning and environmental concerns that would prevent a new function for Popkins School.

Historic Markers – Dodd reported that he will visit Sylvia Gilbert and her 65-year old resource at North Lake for a possible historic marker.

Education Committee - postponed

13. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Pennington, seconded by Riddering, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marnie Paulus, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Washtenaw County