# Washtenaw County Historic District Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 12, 2009

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center (LRC)

4135 Washtenaw; Ann Arbor, MI 48107

### Call to Order:

• Nancy Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:38p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

• Present: Martha Churchill, Paul Darling, Charles Gray, Peter Kelley, Jean King, Nancy Snyder,

Jasper Pennington, Elmer White

• **Absent:** Alice Ralph (excused)

• Staff: Anthony VanDerworp, Melissa Milton-Pung

Charles Gray moved for approval of Consent Agenda as amended, with support from Peter Kelley. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

#### **Business:**

# **Role of Historic Preservation in Washtenaw County**

Melissa Milton-Pung introduced Tony VanDerworp, the Director of Strategic Planning and Knowledge Management. VanDerworp led a discussion with the HDC, which examined similar issues as all meetings since August, including the current financial state of the County, potential budget cuts, the pending elimination of the Office of Strategic Planning and the possible creation of the Office of Economic Development and Energy. VanDerworp provided a written proposal for the continuance of the Historic District Commission. Milton-Pung pointed out that 12 local historic districts and a 25-year-long history of Certified Local Government Designation (and access to federal grants) will be able to continue, and both staff members expressed gratitude for HDC Commissioners' willingness to work with reduced staff and resources.

Motion by Gray for unanimous support of the memo presented by VanDerworp. Support by Kelley. The motion carried.

Motion by Kelley to authorize Milton-Pung to work with Snyder to compose and send a letter of gratitude to the BOC on behalf of the HDC. Support by Gray. The motion carried.

# Goals

New HDC Brochure
No action.

USS Washtenaw County Artifacts

Elmer White reported on committee efforts to return the USS Washtenaw County Artifacts to public display. The committee has made considerable progress in their efforts to raise a goal amount of \$7500, to fund the new exhibition case. Part of the funds are being raised by selling USS Washtenaw County commemorative caps and by mounting a challenge grant opportunity with a local donor.

# **Staff Updates**

Staff provided the HDC with updates on:

- CLG Grant being used for a Rehab Management Plan for the Chelsea Center for the Arts
- Current development threat to the NR-listed Parker House, located at the corner of Geddes and Dixboro Roads
- Original watercolor of the Parker Mill on loan from local historian/attorney Tom O'Brien

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. through general agreement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 5:30 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center (LRC), 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor.

