

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting

<p>DATE: January 8, 2009 TIME: 5:30 pm PLACE: Annex Large Conference Room 110 N. Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor</p>

Call to Order:

- N. Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: Paul Darling, Charles Gray, Jean Ledwith King, Jasper Pennington, Alice Ralph and Elmer White
- Absent: Martha Churchill, Peter Kelley, Nancy Snyder
- Staff: Patricia Denig and Melissa Milton-Pung of the Office of Strategic Planning, Mary Kowalski of Support Services
- Guests: Caryl Burke

Consent Agenda Approval:

- White moved that the consent agenda be approved with the addition of the 2008 HDC Awards discussion and BOC Liaison discussion, Gray seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Business:

2009 Calendar

After Denig's proposal that the meeting locations be moved to the Parks and Recreation building in 2009 to accommodate Commissioner Smith's interest in being involved in the meetings, Ralph moved that the 2009 calendar be approved with dates as presented and meeting location changed as discussed, Gray seconded and the motion carried.

Nominations of Officers

Ralph moved that the nominations be suspended until the next HDC meeting, Gray seconded and the motion carried.

CLG Grant Application Opportunity

Milton-Pung discussed the grant opportunity, noting that while the department was not originally planning to apply, the programs that were marked as priority for this year's grant match well with the Community Success process and Arts Alliance Cultural Plan. There is an opportunity to partner between the Arts and Historic Preservation through a project at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti, and staff believes it would be worthwhile to apply for this grant. After discussion, Gray moved that the HDC support the grant application, allowing Milton-Pung to put it together and have a letter signed by the Chair, White seconded and specified the Riverside Arts Center project, and the motion carried.

Local Historic Districts Update

Milton-Pung reported that she has visited the LUG offices in the County and provided each with a printed, framed poster explaining the Local Historic District program and identifying LHDs in their jurisdictions. She mentioned that any member of the HDC who would like one to use for presentations is welcome to one. It was suggested that one also be given to Parks and Recreation.

Rawsonville School Update

Gray reported that it was difficult to bring all parties together, but the PARC commissioners seemed willing to discuss the property. It will be discussed at this evening's PARC meeting. At this time YCUA is willing to sign over the land, building and right of way to the river.

2008 HDC Awards

Darling asked that the HDC approve the suggested text for the Dixboro Church award, although the HDC is still waiting on text for the other two. Darling moved that the proposed text be approved for the Dixboro Church award, Gray seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting Location and BOC Involvement

Denig noted that Commissioner Smith has expressed interest in attending and being involved in HDC meetings, and therefore the location will be changed to occur at the Parks and Recreation Office before the PARC meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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