

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting

<p>DATE: February 12, 2009 TIME: 5:30 pm PLACE: LRC Room B 4135 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor</p>

Call to Order:

- Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: Martha Churchill, Paul Darling, Charles Gray, Peter Kelley, Jean Ledwith King, Jasper Pennington, Alice Ralph, Nancy Snyder and Elmer White
- Absent: None
- Staff: Patricia Denig and Melissa Milton-Pung of the Office of Strategic Planning, Mary Kowalski of Support Services
- Guests: Washtenaw County Commissioner Conan Smith, Amanda Tremba, MaryAnn Huk, and R.L. Redmond

Consent Agenda Approval:

- Gray requested that the Rawsonville School be removed from the agenda as there is nothing to report. Ralph moved that the consent agenda be approved with the change proposed by Gray, Gray seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Business:

2009 Calendar and Meeting Locations

Milton-Pung reported that the meeting location agreed upon during the February meeting, the Parks and Recreation Building, is not available for the HDC meetings after all. Sandra Rupp of the Washtenaw United Way has offered their space, for a small fee, for the rest of the meetings. Ralph requested further information on the cost of holding HDC meetings at the United Way location, for meetings beyond the March date. Churchill moved that the March HDC meeting be held at the United Way location on Platt Road, Kelley seconded and the motion carried. A final decision on meeting location will be made at the March meeting.

Nominations of Officers

Pennington moved that all of the same officers who served in 2008 be re-elected for the same positions, Gray seconded and the motion carried.

CLG Grant Application Opportunity Update

Milton-Pung reported that the Certified Local Government grant application had three possibilities – a bricks and mortar grant for the Riverside Arts Center, an option to help with providing art classes, in conjunction with Eastern Michigan University, at the Riverside Arts Center and a survey of cultural facilities across the County. After discussion, the SHPO was most interested in the third option, but due to limited funds asked to focus on one building. Therefore the grant application would be to support the creation of a Rehabilitation Master

Plan and National Register Nomination for the Chelsea Center for the Arts, located in the old St. Mary's Catholic School, in Chelsea.

Ralph moved that the HDC support this application via a letter signed by the chair, Darling seconded and the motion carried.

HDC Award to Dixboro Church

Darling reported that he will proceed with this award, and will contact the people at the Church to find good dates to present the award. Snyder reported that the plaque will be finished on Monday. Kelley stated that he would work with Darling on text for the other two 2008 awards.

Nanry House

King asked for an update on the status of this house, and Milton-Pung reported that she spoke with Bill McFarlane, Superior Township Supervisor, and he was hoping to contact Ms. David rather than issuing a letter of condemnation – Superior Township will be handling it from this point forward. Kelley reported that he had spoken with State Police Union members, who seemed keen on helping, but has not received an official response. Gray will call Bill McFarlane to try and expedite the process of closing the house to the elements.

Redmond House

Rob Redmond reported that he is interested in historic district designation for his house in Webster Township, which is located at 9745 Scully Lane. It is a Fieldstone home that was built around 1836-1837 and has been damaged in several storms recently. Milton-Pung reported that she would give Mr. Redmond an application to establish a historic district and asked that Mr. Redmond provide exterior photographs of the home for HDC review. This matter will be revisited at the March meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Milton-Pung
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Washtenaw County Government