

Washtenaw County Historic District Commission
STAFF REPORT
March 2009

1) CLG Grant Opportunity

HDC Chair Nancy Snyder reviewed and approved a letter of support for the Chelsea Center for the Arts CLG Grant Application. All application materials were submitted by February 19. We are now waiting to hear the decision of the SHPO's office about this application.

2) Delhi Bridge Local Historic District Update

On February 19, staff received an update on this local historic district from Kelly Jones, Washtenaw County Road Commission Project Engineer. It stated that:

The truss rehabilitation and painting work has been significantly completed, with some minor items remaining to be completed once the truss is ready to be placed on the new abutments. The truss enclosure and scaffolding will be removed within the next week, but the truss will remain in its current location until it is ready to be moved. Currently, work on the north abutment has been stalled until weather conditions improve and/or the river returns to a lower elevation. A project completion date is unknown at this time, but will be determined once work resumes at the north abutment.

Please check out the WCRC website (<http://wcroads.org/roadwork/bridges/east-delhi-rd-bridge2007-08.htm>) for more information about the project.

In related news, please note that there will be a noon lecture at the Kempf House Museum on the East Delhi Bridge, given by Scott Hedberg on Wednesday, March 18. Kempf House Museum is located at 312 S. Division Street in Ann Arbor. It's my understanding that a donation of \$1 is normally requested of Noon Lecture Series attendees. Find out more about the lecture series at: <http://kempfhousemuseum.org>.

3) Potential New Local Historic Districts

Staff has provided local historic district designation application materials to two interested parties:

Janice Harwood – Harwood Homestead, 6356 E. Michigan Avenue, Pittsfield Township

- A completed application has been received from Ms. Harwood, and staff has advised her to petition with Pittsfield Township to begin the study committee process.

Robert Redmond – Mason-Gallagher-Scully House, 9745 Scully Lane, Webster Township

- Staff is aware of Mr. Redmond's interest, per the last HDC meeting, and is awaiting his completed application.

Respectfully Submitted,



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