

**Washtenaw County Historic District Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes**

<p>DATE: March 12, 2009 TIME: 5:30 p.m. PLACE: Washtenaw United Way 2305 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan</p>

Call to Order:

- Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: Martha Churchill, Paul Darling, Charles Gray, Jean Ledwith King, Jasper Pennington, Nancy Snyder, Elmer White
- Absent: Peter Kelly, Alice Ralph
- Staff: Mechelle Hardy, Melissa Milton-Pung
- Guest: Kira Macyda, Parks Commission

Public Comment

None

Business:

Nanry House

Chuck Gray gave a brief update on the Nanry House.

Kira Macyda, Parks & Recreation Commission, introduced herself to the Committee. Elmer White asked if Macyda could be moved up on the agenda due to a retreat she is participating in with Parks & Recreation.

Native American Trails Markers

Kira Macyda distributed an information packet for perusal. Macyda displayed their draft Native America Trail sign and detailed the sign. Macyda noted that they propose five signs on their property for display and the Parks Commission will put the sign up if needed. June 28 is the tentative target date for the annual meeting. Macyda would like to have the final copy by April 18 to have the signs/markers ready for the annual meeting. She would also like to order the signs at the same time for a quantity discount. Jasper Pennington will send letters to the group in terms of participating in the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the wording within the text of the signs.

Elmer White reviewed the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Winter 2008 – 2009 brochure that Macyda distributed and expressed concern regarding the historic barn and not consulting with the Historic District Commission. Discussion ensued.

Macyda displayed sample signs and detailed options for size and cost of the signs. Discussion ensued.

Discussion on remainder of 2009 Meeting Locations

Melissa Milton-Pung detailed why the meetings cannot be held at the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation. Milton-Pung also noted that there is a fee to meet at the Washtenaw United Way building. If the Committee chooses to meet at the United Way building there is an annual fee of \$250.00. Discussion ensued. Churchill made a motion to meet at the LRC for next month's meeting and come up with suggestions so long as the Parks & Recreation's conference room is not available, Elmer seconded and the motion carries.

White suggested that the Committee meet every 60 days vs. 30 days in order to possibly meet at the Parks & Recreation building. Discussion ensued.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Snyder asked for approval of minutes and consent agenda. White moved for approval of minutes and consent agenda, Churchill seconded and motion.

Snyder asked Paul Darling to read the Oath of Office, for a renewed term to expire December 31, 2011.

2008/2009 Historic District Commission Awards

Darling detailed the 2008/2009 Historic District Commission Awards. Milton-Pung asked the Commission to consider the April 15 Board of Commissioners meeting date as the date for the awards, noting that the awards would be given out by either the Chair of Board of Commissioners or the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. Discussion ensued.

Potential New Local Historic Districts Application

Milton-Pung reported that not much has happened. Both interested parties for potential districts in Pittsfield Township and Webster Township have been provided information to get the process started.

Goals – Community Outreach Sub-Committee & Resources

Milton-Pung reported that due to her limited time, she does not have the availability to support the Community Outreach Subcommittee and resources. Milton-Pung also reported that she has an intern that created a draft informational document and other resources. These materials may be used to increase the visibility of the Historic District Commission within the community. She offered the assistance of her intern, Denise McGeen, for HDC initiatives. Discussion ensued.

Other

White noted that we could possibly meet during the day and not meet every month and asked that this be considered as a meeting item. White would also like the US-12 corridor to be considered as an agenda item also.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Snyder at 6:34 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2009.