

Washtenaw County Historic District Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 9, 2009
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center
4135 Washtenaw; Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Call to Order:

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

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Charles Gray, Peter Kelley, Jean King, Alice Ralph, Nancy Snyder, Elmer White
- **Absent:** Martha Churchill (excused), Paul Darling (excused), Jasper Pennington (excused)
- **Staff:** Mechelle Hardy, Melissa Milton-Pung
- **Guests:** Gary Lillie, George Perrault, Washtenaw County Commissioner Conan Smith

Swearing in of Reappointed Commissioner Alice Ralph

Nancy Snyder asked Alice Ralph to read the oath. Snyder notarized the oath card.

Elmer White motioned to have Jean King's items added to the agenda and that the USS Washtenaw County Exhibition Repair is moved to the top of the agenda under Public Comment, King seconded and the motion carries.

Public Comment:

USS Washtenaw County Exhibition Repair

George Perrault introduced himself, retired navy officer navy and air force ROTC as a civilian employee. Perrault detailed the purpose USS vessel, why it should be repaired and once repaired where it should be placed for display. It's the only display of its kind for a ship in all 81 counties. Perrault use to be member in the Ann Arbor Navy league. Snyder asked Perrault his request of the Historic District Commission. Perrault request that the artifacts be put on display. Perrault would like the display at 200 N Main because the public and employees could view it.

Gary Lillian introduced himself and spoke in favor of putting the artifacts on display in the 200 N Main building for reasons that it could be seen by the public and would be a very nice place to display. Lillian detailed his background. Discussion ensued.

King asked for pictures of the former servicemen and the ship so that they may be included with the minutes. Snyder asked what needs to be done to ad display. White

detailed why the display should be located at 200 N. Main. White moved to have the USS Washtenaw Vessel historic district be displayed at 200 N. Main at the northeast corner of North Main and Ann Street, Gray seconded. Snyder confirmed, all in favor, opposed, motion carries. Discussion ensued.

Melissa Milton-Pung answered Snyder's request and detailed the proposal her intern prepared regarding the artifacts and funding. Milton-Pung noted that the next steps are to review and receive feedback. Discussion ensued.

Alice Ralph asked about discussion on the proposal. Commissioner Conan Smith commented that Washtenaw County cannot provide funding; possibly do a fundraiser. Discussion ensued.

Alice Ralph moved to accept the consent agenda, White seconded. Snyder confirmed, all in favor, opposed, motion carries.

Business:

Discussion on remainder of 2009 Meeting Locations/Time

Commissioner Smith expressed his appreciation of accommodating his request for the meeting location and time. Milton-Pung confirmed that we have a standing meeting time and location at the Learning Resource Center. White expressed his concern about not being able to meet at the Parks and Recreation building. Gray moved to have the remaining 2009 meetings at the Learning Resources Center, Ralph supported. Snyder confirmed, all in favor, opposed, motion carries.

2008/2009 HDC Awards Report

Peter Kelly commented that the awards went very well and thanked Commissioner Smith for his help with organizing. The O'Brien and Devareaux families were very pleased.

Snyder asked about the additions to the agenda. King detailed the one-page document she distributed.

Discussion ensued regarding the Delhi Bridge and schoolhouse near Rawsonville road.

Native American Trails Marker Proof (Final Feedback)

Kelly commented on the map on the Native American trail and is raising the issue why the survey is not on the map and do we want to use the W.B. Hinsdale Map. Milton-Pung commented that this is one map and not a definitive setting of the maps, but a single resource. Milton-Pung proposed to have the language changed. Discussion ensued. Kelly will talk with Jasper Pennington and get back with Milton-Pung. Milton-Pung suggested the Commissioners make a motion. Ralph moved that the text in the marker in be approved to further the project and the Committee be apprised of the upcoming changes, White seconded. Milton-Pung asked for all

changes by Thursday, April 16 due to Kira's time restraint of ordering. Snyder confirmed, all in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Snyder at 7:12 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2009, 5:30 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center.

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