

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

DATE:	Thursday, May 14, 2009
TIME:	5:30 p.m.
PLACE	Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center (LRC) 4135 Washtenaw; Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Call to Order:

- Nancy Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Charles Gray, Jean King, Jasper Pennington, Alice Ralph, Nancy Snyder, Elmer White
- **Absent:** Martha Churchill (excused), Paul Darling (excused), Peter Kelley (excused)
- **Staff:** Patricia Denig, Mechelle Hardy
- **Guests:** Scott Hedberg

Snyder asked for a motion to revise the agenda. Alice Ralph motioned to move Scott Hedberg's presentation to the top of the agenda. Charles Gray seconded. All in favor, no further discussion. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

None.

Business:

Historic Bridges Presentation – Scott Hedberg

Scott Hedberg detailed a PowerPoint presentation of the Delhi Bridge, a special place over the Huron River. Discussion ensued regarding the PowerPoint presentation.

Elmer White distributed a paper album and detailed pictures from the veterans' ceremony in Genesee County two weeks ago. There will be a ceremony similar to the Genesee County ceremony on July 4, 2009, at the gravesite in York Township, two miles south of Saline.

Native American Trails Marker Proof (Final Feedback) – Pennington/Kelly

Snyder brought up the Native American Trails Marker and asked for discussion. Ralph motioned to approve the revised text. Patricia Denig noted that HDC approval of the proposed text or recommendations for revisions to the proposed text has to be to Parks and Recreation by Monday, May 18 for the June 28 Parker Mill's event. The Commissioners revised the proposed text to read, "Centuries ago, Indian trails

crossed the landscape of Washtenaw County. These paths connected Indian villages to fertile hunting and fishing grounds throughout Michigan. When settlers arrived in the County during the 19th century, these same trails were used to link growing communities. Eventually, some of these trails became part of the current road system.” All in favor, no further discussion. Motion carries.

USS Washtenaw County Exhibition Repair

Denig noted that the Office of Strategic Planning is working with Facilities for approval of placing the artifacts on display in the 200 N. Main building.

Harwood Cemetery

Jean King is working on the Harwood Cemetery. A marker was put up at the marker, but discrepancies were brought up regarding the marker and possibly put up another one. King is working on a proposal. Discussion ensued.

Goals

Chair Snyder asked to defer the goals to the next meeting.

Other

Elmer read an article from the Detroit News regarding bombers. White thought that was an interesting article.

It was proposed that the committee not meet in July and August. Ralph would like to make sure that the committee is in compliance with how many meetings need to take place and will update the committee at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Snyder at 6:56 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 5:30pm, to take place at the Learning Resource Center, 4135 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor.