

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting

<p>DATE: May 1, 2008 TIME: 5:30 pm PLACE: 705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI Zeeb Rd Conference Room 2010</p>

Call to Order:

- M. Churchill called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: Martha Churchill, Paul Darling, Charles Gray, Jean Ledwith King, Alice Ralph, Nancy Snyder and Elmer White
- Absent: Peter Kelley, Jasper Pennington
- Staff: Patricia Denig, Mary Kowalski, and Melissa Milton-Pung of Planning & Environment
- Guests: None

Consent Agenda Approval:

- M. Churchill moved to adopt the consent agenda with the minutes separated for individual review, C. Gray seconded. Motion carried.
- M. Churchill moved to approve the minutes with the following corrections: remove “and Jean King” from the HDC Awards Committee motion; remove “school to the transfer of” under the Rawsonville School discussion; change “May” to “June” under the May Meeting Date and Location discussion; and remove the word “small” in the section discussing the Budget for the HDC. A. Ralph seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Business:

- Washtenaw County Budget Update
C. Gray will be meeting with Tony VanDerworp and Patricia Denig next week to discuss a possible budget allocation for the HDC.
- HDC Community Outreach Resources
M. Milton-Pung distributed some handouts that can be used when HDC members make presentations to Township Boards, etc. and went through a PowerPoint presentation that can also be used. She received feedback from Commissioners and will incorporate the changes, after which she will distribute the presentation via Compact Disk to the Commissioners.
- HDC Awards – Awards Committee
P. Darling reported that the Committee has not met, but will meet directly after this meeting.
- Conant Farm Study Committee Update
M. Milton-Pung reported that she has received a few comments on the Report from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and a tentative date of May 21 is set for the public hearing. There will be a press release next week and we are expecting comments from the Conant family soon.

- Delhi Bridge Rehab Update
M. Milton-Pung reported that there has been a conversation between the SHPO and the Road Commission (WCRC) about whether some of the hardware they are using is acceptable. The WCRC has decided not to try to use federal dollars for the project, and therefore the SHPO has no jurisdiction over their choices. It was noted, however, that the SHPO should involve the WCHDC in these types of conversations in the future, as this body issued a Certificate of Appropriateness.
- Rawsonville School
C. Gray reported that he continues to lobby WCPARC members for support on renovating the school.
- McCullough Farm
C. Gray asked that this item be removed from the agenda at future meetings.
- Flintoff School; Northfield Township Historic Farms
The letter asking that the school not be demolished was included in this month's packet. It was approved by the Chair, Nancy Snyder, and sent to the Northfield Township Board of Trustees.
- Native Americans Trails Update
P. Kelley was absent from this meeting and therefore there are no updates at this time.
- Nanry House
J. Ledwith King reported that she has communicated with the caretaker of the house, and has received permission to hold the June meeting there. J. Ledwith King moved that the June meeting be held at the Nanry House, C. Gray seconded. Motion carried. Staff will make sure that the meeting location change notices are posted.

Due to concerns about the condition of the house, C. Gray moved that M. Milton-Pung draft a letter to Superior Township asking that they request a study committee for the house, and J. Ledwith King seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Washtenaw County Government