

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting

<p>DATE: June 12, 2008 TIME: 5:30 pm PLACE: Lawn of the Douglass-Nanry House 6595 Plymouth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI</p>
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Call to Order:

- N. Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call

- Present: Martha Churchill, Paul Darling, Charles Gray, Peter Kelley, Jean Ledwith King, Jasper Pennington, Alice Ralph, Nancy Snyder and Elmer White
- Absent: None
- Staff: Mary Kowalski, Melissa Milton-Pung and Anthony Timek of Planning & Environment
- Guests: Kay Williams, Superior Township Clerk; Karl Williams; John G. Nanry, David Nanry, Susan Nanry, Marilyn Nanry Caughlin, Glenn Miller, Kathy Holtz, Tom O'Brien, Valerie Constance

Consent Agenda Approval:

- E. White moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented with the addition of two agenda items: Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Marker and Staff Updates, M. Churchill seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment

Kay Williams reported that a Building Inspector from Superior Township has visited the site and that the Township will condemn the building, requiring that it be secured. Upon suggestion of the HDC, she will try to hold off the requirement for 30 days while members of the HDC and staff approach the owner to encourage preservation of the house.

Various members of the Nanry family discussed the history of the house and their family.

Business:

Swainson Award/Delhi Bridge Rehab Update

Snyder reported that she and Melissa Milton-Pung attended the ceremony giving the award to Rich Cook, Kelly Jones and Roy Townsend last week. R. Cook has also reported that they have secured funding from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks and should begin construction July 21.

Native American Trails, etc.

J. Pennington reported that he did some research at the state library and the state archaeologist suggested speaking with John O'Shea at the University of Michigan. M. Milton-Pung will convert the report provided by J. Pennington to PDF and provide it in the next meeting's packet.

Douglass-Nanry House

J. Ledwith King gave a brief history of the Nanry house at the beginning of the meeting, and family members recounted the history of the family.

Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Marker

It was decided that the marker will be put up on July 26.

Staff Updates

M. Milton-Pung announced that the Donovan Rypkema series of events went very well, and that around 150 people attended the evening workshop. It was taped by CTN and the WEMU interview with Donovan Rypkema was broadcasted yesterday and will be available as a podcast online.

J. Ledwith King was honored by the Veteran Feminists of America on June 7 in New York City, through the Harvard Club. The HDC extended their congratulations.

The Board of Commissioners passed a resolution commending the County's commitment to historic preservation and congratulating the Department of Planning & Environment on their MHPN award for the Heritage Tourism project.

M. Milton-Pung introduced Anthony Timek, volunteer intern for the Historic Preservation office.

E. White moved that the July meeting be held on July 26 in Milan, in conjunction with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church marker placement, and that the August HDC meeting be cancelled. N. Snyder made a friendly amendment that the August meeting not be decided upon until closer to the scheduled date. C. Gray seconded and the motion carried.

J. Ledwith King extended a special thank you to the Township Clerk, Kay Williams.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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