

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting

DATE: August 14, 2008
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 2010
705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor

Call to Order:

- N. Snyder called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Consent Agenda Approval:

- C. Gray moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented J. Pennington seconded and the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Business:

Conant Farm Historic District Study Committee Report

Milton-Pung noted that comments from the State Historic Preservation Office were few and the small changes they suggested were made. C. Gray moved to accept the Study Committee Report and establish a historic district, J. Pennington seconded and the motion carried.

Douglass-Nanry House

Milton-Pung reported that she and Snyder met with the owner of the house and noted that the meeting was positive. They left information about seeking local historic designation with her and explained that the building will need to be secured. Milton-Pung will follow up with her and Darling will provide Milton-Pung with information on best practices and techniques for mothballing. Kelley noted that former members of the State Police were interested in using the property for their purposes and as a memorial to Colonel Davids, the late husband of the current owner.

HDC Awards

Darling reported that the subcommittee has not met, but they have received some nominations via e-mail.

Pennington moved that the Dixboro Methodist Church, Octagon House and O'Brien farm receive HDC awards this year, Churchill seconded and the motion carried.

Native American Trails, Etc.

Pennington distributed information about Andrew Blackbird and Archaeological Resources Protection. Milton-Pung reminded the Commissioners that the Parks and Recreation Department is waiting to receive approval for language on the signage before they can put them up. She will bring the information back to the next HDC meeting and will e-mail Pennington before that so that at least a few markers can be manufactured. This will be an ongoing project.

Northfield Township Historic Sites

These sites were discussed earlier, during the HDC Awards portion of the agenda.

Gray announced that YCUA will be moving the historic school on Rawsonville Road so that it is adjacent to the pump station. Milton-Pung will send best practices on moving historic structures to Rolland Sizemore.

Churchill announced that the marker will be going up at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on Saturday at noon.

Kelley announced with sadness that although the Northfield Township Historic Commission voted to pay for restoration of the Flintoff schoolhouse it was torn down by the Township.

Snyder announced that the Delhi Bridge will be taken off the river on Friday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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