

WASHTENAW COUNTY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Minutes of Monthly Meeting

<p>DATE: December 13, 2007 TIME: 5:30 pm PLACE: 705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI Zeeb Rd Conference Room 2010</p>
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Call to Order:

- J. Pennington called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment – none

Consent Agenda Approval:

- M. Churchill moved to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2007 meeting, and A. Ralph seconded. A. Ralph suggested changing “Acts of Citizenship Program” to “UM Arts of Citizenship program” and P. Kelley suggested correcting the spelling of John Dann’s name. M. Churchill modified her motion to include the proposed changes and the motion carried. N. Snyder took over running the meeting at 5:43 p.m.
- M. Churchill moved to approve the agenda with the addition of M. Milton-Pung’s proposed “State Historic Preservation Office Grant Opportunity,” J. Pennington seconded and the motion carried.

Business:

- **Historic District Designation Attachment to Deeds**
HDC members looked at the final version of the document and agreed that it seemed sufficient.
- **State Historic Preservation Office Grant Opportunity**
M. Milton-Pung stated that she was approached by the State Historic Preservation Office because there were some residual CLG grant funds available for 2007. The grant money must be used to serve a larger area than one CLG jurisdiction, and therefore the office suggested that the HDC sponsor a series of four workshops. The workshops would be open to the public, although attendance might be limited due to space constraints. M. Milton-Pung suggested the Library Learning Resource Center (LLRC) as a potential meeting place that could be provided at no cost. It was noted that these workshops could provide some publicity for the HDC.

M. Churchill moved that the HDC authorize M. Milton-Pung to go ahead with the grant application as proposed. C. Gray seconded, and the motion carried.

- **Proposed Historic Markers**

M. Churchill read the text for the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church marker that was approved by Pastor Wilson. M. Churchill moved that the marker for the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church be fabricated using the proposed text, G. Gray seconded and the motion carried.

M. Churchill read the first draft of the marker text for the Braman Hotel, members of the HDC made some suggestions for changes and M. Churchill stated that she would bring the text back to the next HDC meeting once the changes are made.

- **Hinsdale Map/Native American Trails**

Some brief discussion examined whether the 2007 CLG grant money could be used for this project, but after clarification from M. Milton-Pung it was determined that the project would not qualify.

- **Rawsonville School**

C. Gray stated that YCUA is anxious to know whether the HDC considers the site to be historically significant. He suggested sending an “official” letter to them requesting that they hold off on demolishing the building while the HDC does historical research. A. Ralph suggested that the letter state that there is interest in creating a Heritage Tour brochure around one-room schools. M. Churchill read a quick draft of such a letter, and C. Gray moved that the HDC direct M. Milton-Pung to write and send the letter to the Director of YCUA. M. Churchill seconded and the motion carried.

- **HDC Protocols**

It was decided that this topic would be discussed at the next meeting.

- **Potential HDC Annual Workshop Topics**

A. Ralph suggested that a workshop on how historic preservation fits in to green building and energy conservation might have a lot of interest. P. Kelley suggested a workshop on maintenance and pest control.

Adjournment

A. Ralph moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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