



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
Historic District Commission
Art Pappas Village Hall 375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346
Minutes for Tuesday June 11, 2019

Meeting called to order by J. Meloche at 7:00 P.M.

Present: C. Johnston, M. Luginski, J. Meloche, M. Moon, J. Radcliff

Approval of Agenda: Motion by C. Johnston second by M. Moon to approve the agenda as written. Approved with all ayes.

Announcements:

- 1) The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) Annual Statewide Preservation meeting took place in Holland, Michigan last month (May). Commissioner M. Moon attended and reported on some of the highlights including Keynote Address by Myrick Howard, President of Preservation North Carolina.
- 2) None of the current CHDC commissioners has been able to attend workshops on Michigan's State Historic Preservation plan as yet.

Public Comments: Eric Haven, Clarkston Mayor, announced the installation of a major new development, the Playscape, in Depot Park Thursday June 19, 20, and 21.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting: Motion by C. Johnston, second by J. Radcliff to approve with a change to Existing Applications for Review and Approval, 1.a. Passed with all ayes.

New Applications for Review and Approval: None

Existing Applications for Review and Approval:

- 1) 121/123 North Main Street: Homeowner Sharon Kramer in attendance to discuss the evaluation by Ron Campbell (Oakland County Preservation Architect):
 - a) It would be appropriate to remove all original siding on south elevation; place new insulation; return as many of the original siding boards as possible; replacing with new boards only when absolutely necessary.
 - b) 6 inch OD square posts would be appropriate for the porch with simple trim top and bottom.

Motion by M. Luginski, second by J. Radcliff to amend the existing Certificate of Appropriateness, in keeping with the recommendations of Ron Campbell to allow:

- 1) 6 to 8 inch OD square posts (subject to administrative approval when S. Kramer learns what is available) to be used on the front (east elevation) porch;
- 2) Removal of old siding on south elevation for the purpose of placing insulation and return of as many old clapboards as possible, replacing with compatible new clapboards only when necessary due to damage.

Aye: M. Luginski, J. Meloche, M. Moon, J. Radcliff

Nay: C. Johnston.

Items for Further Discussion:

- a) 42 West Washington: currently waiting for administrative law judge ruling; we are looking to secure consultation by a historic preservation attorney; M. Luginski and J. Radcliff will report back on possible resources.

- b) Clarkston's HDC ordinance needs to be updated or rewritten to be compatible with current Michigan State Law. There is a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) model ordinance that we can follow. First, we must place the current ordinance in the proper format, then we can approach updates with respect to current state law.
- c) A subcommittee will be established by J. Meloche and J. Smith to write a new draft of approval process, etc.
- d) M. Luginski and J. Radcliff will assemble a presentation to Clarkston City Council concerning establishment of a study committee; next council meeting is June 28.
- e) M. Luginski and M. Moon are still working on local guidelines for CHDC.
- f) W. Basinger established a database-driven website of CHDC inventory. Purchase of software data seat is required in order to access. We do not know if it ties into the SHPO database.
- g) Training opportunities:
 - a. Ron Campbell may be able to do some gratis training vis-à-vis a recent session he prepared for Holly HDC commissioners; M. Luginski will contact him. The possibility of convening this training at 6 PM before an upcoming CHDC meeting was broached.
 - b. Suggestion by M. Luginski that we have a wood window repair class in the near future.
- h) Three commissioners' terms expire at the end of June. Those affected should inform mayor Eric Haven as to whether or not they wish to be reappointed.
- i) What is the role of the CHDC with regard to repair/maintenance of stone walls/piers (e.g. 20 North Main and Clarkston Road at Wampole which is outside the CHDC)? This type of work within the district should be placed before the commission. Otherwise, we can inform the city manager of guidelines for masonry and recommend that they be followed outside the CHDC.
- j) What is the role of the CHDC with regard to signage, lighting, landscaping, etc.? Signage is definitely within our purview and must be placed before the CHDC. We have not usually reviewed landscaping but in some instances should be reviewed.

Final Comment:

Porch Fest is Sunday June 23, 2 to 4 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday July 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Moon