

Historic Resources Commission Meeting
11/1/21, City Hall

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Mary Hebert at 6:00. Those present included:

Mary Hebert
Kay Forster
R. J. Archambo
Katie Mallory
Sherry Nelson

Also present, Council liaison Diane Raab, and prospective HRC member, Mali Thomas.

Minutes from the 10/4/21 meeting were approved. Motion made by Katie Mallory, seconded by R. J. Archambo.

Vice Chair Mary Hebert gave an update on the revision of the HRC ordinance. SHPO, the State Historic Preservation Office, will check the revisions sent to them and respond if further changes are required. The next step will be to forward the SHPO-approved, revised ordinance to Council liaison Raab, Mayor Tebo, and City Manager Sabolsky for recommendations on how and when to present the revisions to the public and City Council for approval.

A suggestion was made to include presentations by Joe Frost, MEDC, and Alan Higgins, SHPO, to City Council regarding the ordinance changes and the value of achieving CLG status, Certified Local Government.

Mary Hebert advised the commissioners present to study the ordinance when they receive the changes, as it places responsibilities on the community for historic preservation. Commissioner Mallory said that she has worked with Joe Frost extensively, and that he will be an asset to the commission as he is passionate about historical preservation of both residential and commercial resources.

R. J. Archambo reported that he has spoken with Boyne City personnel and that the next meeting of the Historic Commission is November 18. Boyne City has both an Historic Board and Historic Commission. He will follow up with them to learn how they feel the CLG status has been a benefit.

Council liaison Raab noted that City Council will approve new Historic Resource Commissioners Mali Thomas and Keith Knecht at the November 9 meeting. The commission then will include city residents: Mary Hebert, R. J. Archambo, Katie Mallory, Mali Thomas, Keith Knecht, leaving two positions open, which require city residency.

Kay Forster presented the new Cheboygan history book, "A Memorable Trip Down The Cheboygan River," by Leo Forster. The volume is available at the History Center of Cheboygan

County on Thursdays 10 - 12, or at Hive North. In other news, The History Center recently moved all the artifacts being stored at the Sheriff's Residence to Spies Hall, which is a better storage facility.

Several artifacts were de-accessed due to condition. Many books in the collection are valued in the thousands of dollars. Some at \$5 to \$10. Objects are stored now in archival boxes; photos on display in the museum are reproductions, thus preserving the originals.

Council liaison Raab noted that City Manager Sabolsky has said that he expects the revised ordinance to be more "user-friendly" than the previous one. Also, he is expecting the commission to draft clearly defined goals. Mary Hebert noted that the new ordinance will allow residents and businesses access to funding tools for historic preservation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Sherry Nelson
HRC Secretary