

Historic Resources Commission Meeting Minutes—10/3/22, City Hall

Mission Statement: The mission of the Historic District Commission is to recognize, educate, and bring public attention to the historic treasures in the city and to assist property owners in the recognition and official designation of their historic properties.

Commissioners present:
Mary Hebert
Katie Mallory
Laurie Musclow

Absent:
Mary Brown (notified)

Winnie Riddle
Mali Thomas

City Councilwoman: Diane Raab
Public: Sherry Nelson, Sue Patrick

I. Call to Order: Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m., with a reminder to raise hands and be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion to made to approve minutes as corrected from the September 12, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

III. Approval of New Commissioner: Sue Patrick's appointment has been approved by the City Council. She needs to take the oath at City Hall.

IV. CLG Application Comments: It was explained to the new members the importance and value of the CLG is to enable our City to be eligible for state and federal funds and technical support in preserving and renovating historic properties.

The Commission went through the application quickly noting certain errors, typos, etc., but focusing most attention on Section F: Goals. Hebert has the original on her computer, and needed changes will need to be made there. Resumes from Brown, Musclow, and Patrick need to be added to the packet. Resumes of past members are to be removed.

The Study Committee has the task of gathering background information of historic properties in the City. It is currently comprised of Sherry Nelson, Kay Forester, Wendy Fleming, RJ Archambeau, and Cherie Gekiere.

V. City Ordinance Update: Alan Higgins of SHPO and his family have been ill, and this has interrupted the smooth flow of conversation between him and City Manager Sabolsky. Phone messages have been left for each other, and Higgins is resuming his responsibilities. He will be in contact with Sabolsky soon.

VI. Public Comments: Raab, Nelson, and Patrick each contributed ideas regarding preservation of historic sites and the need to raise public awareness of such necessity.

VI. Board Member Comments: Mallory spoke on this being a watershed moment for our City to raise awareness and educate the public of why we want to preserve historic property, and why it is important.

Hebert spoke to the Commission's need for someone to be hired by the City to assist the Commission in digitalizing the history of the historic sites. An intern working on their Masters degree in history would be a likely candidate. General discussion on this topic took place.

Riddle pointed out that information on historic buildings is much needed from the public.

VII. Next Meeting: November 7, 2022, 6:15 p.m. City Hall

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Action Items

- Resumes of Brown, Musclow, and Patrick to be sent to the secretary, Thomas
- The CLG application is to be corrected, revised, and updated by Hebert.

Respectfully submitted,
Mali Thomas