

Historic Resources Commission Meeting Minutes—11/7/22, 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 Brown
Mary Hebert
Katie Mallory
Laurie Musclow
Winnie Riddle
Mali Thomas

Absent:

Sue Patrick (notified)

City Councilwoman: Diane Raab

I. Call to Order: Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve minutes of the October 3, 2022 meeting. Motion passed.

III. New Chairman: A motion was made by Thomas, seconded by Hebert to select Winifred Riddle as the new chairman of the Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. City Ordinance Update/Comments on CLG application: Mallory spoke with the City Manager; he is still waiting for Alan Higgins of SHPO to get back to him. She will continue to be in contact with Sabolsky regarding this.

Brown will send her resume to the secretary.

V. Public Comments: None

VI. Board Member Comments:

Hebert: Alan Higgins visited Cheboygan to review work done on the Carnegie Library and what is yet required. She also took him to visit the St. Charles church, the Tabernacle, and Secrets on Main.

Riddle: Spoke about the podcast on Main Street in America at the Brewery with Polly Schneider and John Costin. She also talked about how Bring It brought support, energy, and money to establish Cheboygan as a Main St. Select City.

Mallory: Looked into joining the Historical Society of Michigan. It was established in 1828 and is the oldest society in the USA. Their regional meeting is in March, and Mallory will be one of the presenters.

A motion was made by Musclow, seconded by Brown for Raab to be the liason with the City and State to request the City Council's approval for the \$50 fee to join. Motion was approved.

Regarding our mission statement, what do we have as a policy of procedure for getting a property approved for historical preservation? Why should a property be saved? What criteria qualifies?

What written documents exist about properties? There is a multitude of documents in "the closet". This could be a project for the Study Group with Nelson as the contact person. Riddle will follow up and contact Alyssa and Dan.

The Study Group consists of Sherry Nelson, Wendy Fleming, RJ Archambeau, Kay Forster, Cherie Gekiere.

Musclow: Will be leaving Michigan for the winter months. She may call in to the meetings but cannot vote.

VII. Next Meeting: December 5, 2022, 6:15 p.m. City Hall

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Action Items

- Resume of Brown will be sent to the secretary.
- The CLG application is to be corrected, revised, and updated by Hebert.
- Riddle to contact City Manager and his assistant to open the closet for inspection.

Respectfully submitted,
Mali Thomas