

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024 AT 5:00 PM
GRAND HAVEN CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
519 WASHINGTON AVE.
GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417

Call to order: Chair Liza Dora at 5:00 PM

Roll call of members present: Chair Liza Dora, Vice-Chair Erik Bye, Secretary Linda Rosema, Members Chad Fisk, Patrick Qua and Robyn Vandenberg

Others present: City Planner and Administrative Assistant Brian Urquhart and City Manager Ashley Latsch

Not present: Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Kate Crosby and Jeanette Weiden Loutit District Library Representative

1) General Business Call to the Audience (No one spoke).

2) Planning Commission Site Plan Reviews

- a. We need to complete the Historic Certificate of Approval for New Holland Brewing and have them sign it.
- b. Chair Liza Dora would like to present the Historical Plaque to New Holland Brewing to hang inside the building rather than on the exterior of the Grand Theater entrance.
- c. Documentation for New Holland Brewing will be kept in a safe place in City records.

3) Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024

- a. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Erik Bye and seconded by Member Robyn Vandenberg to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4) Presentation by Capstone Companies of 18 N. 5th St., the Annex Building

- a. David Ten Cate of Capstone Companies presented their proposal for maintenance work at the former Fire Barn. He stated that they just want to repair and maintain things that need to be done. They will attempt to maintain the historical integrity of the building.
- b. Member Chad Fisk suggested if mortar needs to be replaced that it should be historical mortar, not new mortar because it is not compatible with the old brick.
- c. Member Fisk made a motion to approve the work to be done by Capstone, seconded by Member Bryhn and carried unanimously by the commission.

5) Presentation of Chinook Pier Development Proposals

- a. City Manager Ashley Latsch presented the three proposals submitted to the City. The project was advertised in multiple areas for proposals. It will be a public-private partnership, not a sale of city property. All developers would pay property tax on buildings they own and all proposals would require Tifs, grants and other opportunities.

- b. The three proposals received were from:
 - 1) Midwest Construction
 - 2) Copper Rock
 - 3) Cherette Group
- c. Discussion was held about each proposal with concerns about walkability, parking, green spaces, mini golf and the farmers market. Everyone liked the idea of a Childrens Museum, it would be a draw for families.
- d. Member Bryhn offered to share some ideas she has seen in Europe that could lend themselves to a good Chinook Pier development.

6) Review and Approval of HCDC By-Laws

- a. No time to review, it will be on the agenda next month.

7) Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Board Member Update-No report

8) Loutit District Library Representative Update-No report

9) Updates and Reports/Comments by HCDC Members

- a. Chair Liza Dora stated that her term of Chair is over and that Vice Chair Erik Bye will become temporary Chair at our next meeting on July 17, 2024.

10) Second General Business Call to the Audience

- a. Rachel Doty, Spring Lake, Mi, Founder of the Childrens Museum spoke about her dreams and plans for a Childrens Museum in Grand Haven. She has visited other museums throughout the country and gathered good ideas for a successful museum plan. She stated that a Childrens Museum would be a great draw to the Grand Haven and contribute to economic growth.

11) Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 by Chair Liza Dora.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rosema
Secretary