

City of Grand Haven
Historic Conservation District Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Grand Haven City Hall
Council Chambers
519 Washington Ave.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Call to order: Chair Chad Fisk at 5:00 PM

Roll call of members present: Chair Chad Fisk, Secretary Linda Rosema, Members Patrick Qua and Robyn Vandenberg

Pre-excused absences: Nina Bryhn and Erik Bye

Others who may be present: City Planner Brian Urquhart, Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Kate Crosby, Loutit District Library Representative Jeanette Weiden and Courtney Beattie, a staff member at Loutit Library who has a degree in Historic Preservation and does research in our local history.

We have a new member of the HCDC, Amy Prinzi, who has been appointed but not sworn in yet.

- 1) General Business Call to the Audience (allowed 3 minutes each)
 - a. Lisa Dora thanked the board for allowing her to serve until Amy Prinzi was appointed.
- 2) Planning Commission Site Plan Reviews
 - a. City Planner Brian Urquhart updated us on the Toasted Pickle property at 112 Washington Ave. Final plans have not been submitted, it looks to be 4 stories tall, 52' is allowed. We had a discussion about materials and lack of details and need a more finished plan before submitting to the Planning Commission.
 - b. Kate Crosby suggested we make guidelines for renovations with preferred ideas, according to an ordinance. Chad Fisk would be open to working on that, would involve concerns about height, more harmonious colors with not so much contrast and less impact.
- 3) SHPO
 - a. City Planner Brian Urquhart thanked the board for a letter of support to City Council, the next step is waiting to hear back on CLG #19. Once we comply we can apply, the CLG application comes first.
 - b. We had discussion about the clarification process. We could possibly form a sub-committee of 3 members or the entire group to meet outside of regular meetings.
- 4) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025.
 - a. Motion to approve was made by Member Vandenberg and seconded by Member Qua. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5) Tri-Cities Museum Update-Kate Crosby, Museum Advisory Member reported on upcoming events.
 - a. Captured Moments-13 new pieces in the last 5 years from Lewis Cross-starts 3/1
 - b. Alphabet Scavenger Hunt-3/5
- 6) Loutit District Library Update-Jeanette Weiden, Loutit District Library Representative
 - a. Jeanette introduced Courtney Beattie from the library, she will start attending our meetings with Jeanette or as the representative of the library.
 - c. Upcoming events are:
 1. Who Walked the Streets-A Virtual Program at 6:30 on 2/18
 2. History Hounds-Baseball-2/24-First Tuesday of the Month
 3. Murder on Beechtree Program-Jeanette Weiden-about Dr. John Alguire
 4. 1891 digital to current is now available at the library
- 7) Updates and Reports/Comments by Board Members
 - a. Chair Fisk and VerDuins will print new brochures for all 7 districts, need to be water resistant, we will have next month to distribute. There will be 3 new condos at 300 Washington.
 - b. Kate Crosby asked if the Forum Building was in the Historic District of Old Town zoning. Brian Urquhart stated a 5 story building can go up on the same footprint, a PD is possible, the building will come down soon. Should we account for the history of the Forum Building with photos, etc.? We discussed doing a survey and documentation of contributing buildings within historic districts and combine with SHPO.
 - c. Brian Urquhart reported that the old train depot on Jackson St. renovation plans will be brought to review, the owner will preserve as much as possible and remain intact. There is nothing back on repairs from Mr. Moser at the Aldea Building yet.
- 8) Second Call to the Audience (No one spoke)
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rosema
Secretary