

City of Grand Haven
Historic Conservation District Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 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 Erik Bye, Patrick Qua and Robyn Vandenberg

Pre-excused absence: Member Nina Bryhn
Chair Chad Fisk will contact new member Amy Lalick-Prinzi

Others who are present: City Planner, Brian Urquhart and Loutit District Library Representative, Jeanette Weiden.

- 1) General Business Call to the Viewing Audience (allowed 3 minutes) No one spoke.
- 2) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025 of the Historical Conservation District Commission
 - a. Member Bye made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Member Qua.
 - b. The motion to approve was passed unanimously.
- 3) SHPO-Certified Local Government (CLG) Program Next Steps
 - a. Chair Chad Fisk and Member Qua met concerning our alignment with PA 169, the CLG Program to achieve compliance.
 - b. We have two options: #1, we can choose to ignore and continue in our same capacity with only 13 landmarks, or #2, we can take action, revise the ordinance with City Council approval to continue with a study committee, create an inventory within the downtown district and put together a draft to use for SHPO guidelines.
 - c. The committee would include Chair Chad Fisk and Member Qua and other community members. The process could take 1-2 ½ years, they will propose a study committee to City Council.
 - d. Chair Chad Fisk made a motion that he and Member Qua draft a letter to City Council to work to revise the ordinance to comply to PA 169. Member Bye seconded the motion, it was passed unanimously.
- 4) Planning Commission Site Plan Reviews

- a. City Planner Brian Urquhart reviewed the preliminary development plan for 233 Washington Ave., site of the former 5/3 Bank and 229 Washington Ave., the Old Grand Haven Bank. As proposed it is a complete demo and rebuild for a Marriott Residence Inn Hotel.
- b. Chair Chad Fisk moved that we revise the design to include the historical façade of the old bank. Member Bye seconded the motion that was unanimously approved. We all support trying to preserve at least the facade of the old bank. We will plan to have a special meeting after the June 2 public hearing at a date that the developers can join us.

5) Tri-Cities Historical Museum Advisory Member Update-No Report

6) Loutit District Library Representative Update-No Report

7) Updates & Reports/Comments by HCDC Members-No Reports

8) Second Business Call to the Viewing Audience (allowed 3 minutes) No one spoke.

9) Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 by Chair Chad Fisk

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Rosema
Secretary