

City of Grand Haven
Historic Conservation District Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 5:00 PM
Grand Haven City Hall
City Council Chambers
519 Washington Ave.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Call to order: Chair Erik Bye at 5:01PM

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

Members absent (pre-excused): Member Nina Bryhn

Others present: City Planner and Administrative Assistant Brian Urquhart, and Loutit District Library Representative Jeanette Weiden

Not present: Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Kate Crosby

- 1) General Business Call to the Audience (No one spoke)
- 2) Planning Commission Site Plan Review (None at this time)
- 3) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024
 - a. A motion was made by Member Fisk and seconded by Member Qua to approve the minutes with a date correction. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4) Vice-Chair Election
 - a. Chair Erik Bye stated that he will be stepping down because of conflicts with school and coaching.
 - b. Member Liza Dora nominated Member Chad Fisk to accept the position, he accepted.
 - c. Secretary Rosema made a motion to approve the nomination, Member Qua seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Member Chad Fisk will now be the new Chair of the HCDC.
- 5) Review and Approval of HCDC By-Laws
 - a. Discussion was held about changes that were made.
 - b. A motion was made by Member Qua and seconded by Member Dora to approve the changes. The motion carried unanimously.
- 6) Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Update-Kate Crosby sent by email to City Planner Brian Urquhart
 - a. Current exhibits at the Tri-Cities Museum are Picnics and Parades: 100 Years of the Coast Guard Festival in Centennial Hall until September 22, 2024. A new exhibit is Ship Shape Sisters: The Women of SPARS, now through February 9, 2025.
- 7) Loutit District Library Representative Update by Jeanette Weiden
 - a. Jeanette reported that the millage had passed allowing for expanding hours in the Local History

and Genealogy Department. Jeanette will be able to provide programs and another person will be hired.

b. Self-Guided Wicked Tours at Lake Forest Cemetery will begin again in September.

8) Updates and Reports/Comments by HCDC Members

- a. Member Fisk reported that he is working on downtown map updates.
- b. Chair Erik Bye has spoken to the owner of Flotos about giving the store Historical Landmark Status, he will follow up with him.
- c. City Planner Brian Urquhart presented the Historic Landmark Plaque and Certificate of Approval to Member Liza Dora to pass on to the owners of New Holland Brewing. He stated that the old Firebarn will also receive a plaque.
- d. Secretary Rosema stated that New Holland Brewing looks great after improvements have been made, and asked about the status of Chinook Pier Proposals.
- e. City Planner Urquhart reported that Midwest has pulled their proposal and put their support behind the Cherette proposal. City Council will vote on a proposal on September 16. He will also follow up on the documents sent to the City Manager concerning New Holland Brewing.
- f. There was discussion about replacing some city signs.

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

10) Chair Erik Bye adjourned the meeting at 5:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rosema
Secretary

