

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 AT 5:00 PM
GRAND HAVEN CITY HALL
CITY 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, Robyn Vandenberg, Patrick Qua, Nina Bryhn and Liza Dora

Members absent (pre-excused): None

Others present: City Planner and Administrative Assistant Brian Urquhart, Loutit Library Representative Jeanette Weiden and Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Kate Crosby.

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

2) Planning Commission Site Plan Review

- a. City Planner Brian Urquhart has received preliminary plans from Jason Tusman, owner of 112 Washington Ave. for the past 3 years. He would like to expand the Toasted Pickle Restaurant and add two apartments using a container concept. Toasted Pickle would be adding more prep and storage to their kitchen. The apartments would each be about 400 sq. foot long term rentals.
- b. Owner Jason Tusman was looking for our thoughts concerning the project before he submits plans to the Planning Commission. He provided conceptual plans for us and we offered some of our thoughts:
 1. Could add artwork and greenery
 2. Think of the area as a front entrance, not an alley way
 3. Possible murals painted on the container
 4. Good sustainability concept

3) Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2024

- a. Member Liza Dora moved, and member Erik Bye seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4) Election of Officers

- a. Chair Chad Fisk was nominated to remain as Chair. Member Patrick Qua moved and Member Erik Bye seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. Member Patrick Qua was nominated as Vice Chair. Member Nina Bryhn moved, and Member Erik Bye seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Secretary Linda Rosema was nominated for another term as Secretary. Chair Chad Fisk moved, and Member Erik Bye seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5) Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Update

Kate Crosby reported on upcoming events:

- a. October 5, 2024 – Tri-Cities 1934 Escanaba Themed Dinner – Film and Silent Auction
- b. October 17, 2024 – Wally Ewing – The History of Duncan Woods
- c. October 26, 2024 – Haunted Museum 10 AM – 2 PM

6) Loutit District Library Representative Update

Jeanette Weiden reported:

- a. Since the millage passed there will be an increase in library staffing, one new full-time person in genealogy, and look for extended hours.
- b. Every department will be getting a bump from part-time to full-time positions.
- c. Jeanette will be out in the community more.
- d. September 23, 2024 – Self Guided Cemetery Tours begin

7. Updates and Reports/Comments by HCDC Members

- a. Secretary Linda Rosema asked about Flotos sale. The owner may be coming forward for Historical Landmark Status.
- b. Member Vandenberg asked about the Copper Post sale – it was sold in April.
- c. Member Bye spoke to the owner of the Fish Shack. They are hoping for May 2025 opening; it will be just walk-up service.
- d. Member Bryhn talked about a competition of architects for waterfront plans.
- e. Member Bye stated the new development at 3rd and Fulton in Old Town will be long term, multi-family rentals.
- f. City Planner Urquhart will check on contact info for the Pere Marquette Depot about giving it Landmark Status.
- g. The Firebarn has had the plaque installed.
- h. Member Qua will have the Walking Tour for Southside Neighborhood done by the end of the month.
- i. Chair Fisk is working on the Historical District map.
- j. Member Dora spoke to Councilman Mike Fritz about getting the Historical Status for the Train.

8. Second General Call to the Viewing Audience (No one spoke).

9. Chair Chad Fisk adjourned the meeting at 6:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Rosema
Secretary