



Historic District Commission
Thursday, March 24, 2022
City Hall Council Chamber, Room 205
1315 S Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601
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- I. **Call to Order** - Commissioner Mixter called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** – Commissioner Rooker took roll.
Members Present: Kevin Mark Rooker, Darla Hane, Jordan Chambers, Alex Mixter, Andrew Naumann
Members Absent: Carla LaMarr
Staff Present: Bob Gollin, City Urban Planner, Cassi Zimmerman, Saginaw Future, Amy Lusk, City Attorney
- III. **Approval of Minutes** –
Motion to approve the February 24, 2022 meeting minutes by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** –
Commissioner Mixter added discussion of the Stone Church at 322 N Jefferson to new business. Motion to approved the amended March 24, 2022 agenda by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner Naumann. Motion approved.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. **Case # J22-0129 – 808 N Michigan Avenue – Ramp, Railings, Roof, Paint – Michigan Avenue Historic District**
Rene Torres spoke on the project. He explained the need to remove the concrete stoop to replace and extend it about 16’ out from the door. This will allow 5’ between the new concrete slab and sloped walkway to the south, creating an ADA compliant ramp connecting to the adjacent parking lot. The roof will be replaced with a “burnt sienna” shingle. Trim will be aluminum. Soffit and fascia will be finished in espresso brown.

Motion by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner Naumann to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for case #J22-0129. The work as proposed meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation #10; “New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.” Motion approved.
 - b. **Stone Church at 322 N Jefferson**
Commissioner Mixter asked staff about the Stone Church located at 322 N. Jefferson. He was told it was planning to be demolished. The owner has not approached the city with any such plans. Commissioner Mixter believes the building has been hard to

market because there is not parking associated with the property. R. Gollin stated that a change has been approved in the zoning code for the Downtown and Old Town subsections of the Riverfront Mixed Use District to provide the opportunity for developments to eliminate parking requirements. Commissioner Rooker spoke about the building's history. Commissioner Mixter mentioned a Chicago church divided into three stories inside and made into condos. Redevelopment rather than demolition gets people excited as evidenced by responses on social media. Commissioner Hane spoke about repurposing the structure that works with the patrons of the Dow. She asked about creating a single entity historic district. Commissioner Rooker explained the process and timeline. Commissioner Naumann stated that the city and commission should clarify the actual facts about what is happening to the building. C. Zimmerman will reach out to Great Lakes Bay Health and Commissioner Mixter will get information from his source. Commissioner Mixter mentioned creating an open dialog with Great Lakes Health about marketing the building to potential developers.

VI. Old Business

a. 2022 Goals

Commissioner Mixter reiterated establishing the HDC as a resource to the city. He stated that there are far fewer designated historic buildings than what actually exist in the city. Commissioner Hane would like the commission to focus on helping people understand how to repurpose buildings and work on creating relationships with marketing and tourism initiatives. She asked Commissioner Mixter about classes for rehabilitation/restoration and what could be offered to the public. C. Zimmerman mentioned home owner 101 classes offered by Habitat for Humanity as a partnership opportunity. MHPN also offers classes. Commissioner Hane mentioned the need of teachers to do this work and asked what the status is on getting classes off the ground. Commissioner Mixter stated at this point, the classes are being formulated and he is open to others running with it.

R. Gollin mentioned that the Commission's application for National Alliance of Preservation Commissioner (NAPC) has been paid and submitted. Each commissioner should receive a log-in soon to be able to access membership benefits.

VII. Public Comment – None

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:28pm by Commissioner Rooker and supported by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted by Commissioner Kevin Mark Rooker, Secretary.