



**Historic District Commission**  
Thursday, February 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, Carla LaMarr  
**Members Absent:** Andrew Naumann  
**Staff Present:** Bob Gollin, City Urban Planner, Cassi Zimmerman, Saginaw Future, Amy Lusk, City Attorney  
**Others Present:** None
- III. **Approval of Minutes** –  
**Motion to approve the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes by Commissioner LaMarr, seconded by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.**
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** –  
**Commissioner Rooker added discussion of the NAPC membership to new business. Motion to approved the amended February 24, 2022 agenda by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner Hane. Motion approved.**
- V. **New Business**
  - a. **NAPC (National Alliance of Preservation Commission)**  
Commissioner Mixter spoke about the membership available to commissions. The fee is \$100 for the entire commission. C. Zimmerman will speak to Darrin Jerome about available dollars for the membership fee. Commissioner Mixter stated that Nancy Finegood has said the membership would be beneficial to the commission and provide an opportunity for commission members to attend the national conference.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. **Update on Pere Marquette Potter Street Station Historic District Preliminary Report**  
Commissioner Rooker spoke about the steps the committee has gone through thus far. The next step is a public hearing which will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> right before the Historic District Commission regular meeting. Commissioner Mixter asked City Attorney Lusk where the standing study committee is at. A. Lusk stated that at this point, city council would have to approve a study and any members appointed to it. Commissioners discussed pros and cons and the possibility of establishing a committee with term limits of three years, versus constituting a committee for one study after another.
  - b. **2022 Goals**  
Commissioner Mixter has been in conversations with Darrin Jerome, Director of

Neighborhood Services about various buildings that are in serious disrepair in the historic districts. There are buildings on Niagara Street that are not being maintained. A group of developers want to rehabilitate that area and are looking at demolition rather than restoration/rehabilitation. Particularly, there are three buildings north of Court Street, with one of them currently going through demolition by neglect. This group of developers acquired the buildings in 2005 and no preventative maintenance work has been done since they gained ownership.

Commissioner Hane asked what legal obligations are held by property owners. Commissioners discussed that property owners are required to maintain their property. Commissioner Rooker explained the four criteria where demolition may be allowed and stated that these structures will not qualify because the owners have purposefully neglected them. He explained that the city inspections office is the enforcer of maintenance requirements. In the past, the Historic District Commission has issued letters and went all the way to circuit court to ensure compliance. Commissioner Mixer stated a meeting was called and the developers stated that they did not have time.

Commissioner Mixer has been in conversation with a group in Detroit who developed a resource directory of contractors who specialize in historic restoration work. The commission could adopt some form of that to share with Saginaw residents. As a historic district commission, the HDC cannot recommend specific firms however, they can provide a list of contractors with the appropriate skills.

**VII. Public Comment – None**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 pm by Commissioner Rooker and supported by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.**

Prepared and submitted by

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