



Historic District Commission
Thursday, January 27, 2022
City Hall Council Chamber, Room 205
1315 S Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601
989-754-8222

- I. **Call to Order** - Commissioner Mixter called the virtual meeting to order at 4:30 pm.
- II. **Roll Call** – Commissioner Rooker took roll. Quorum present.
Members Present: Kevin Mark Rooker, Darla Hane, Jordan Chambers, Alex Mixter, Andrew Naumann, Carla LaMarr
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Bob Gollin, City Urban Planner, Cassi Zimmerman, Saginaw Future, Amy Lusk, City Attorney
Others Present: Russ Inman
- III. **Approval of Minutes** –
Motion to made to approve the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes by Commissioner Naumann, seconded by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** –
Motion to approved the January 27, 2022 agenda by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. **Case #J22-0123 – 827 N Michigan Avenue – North Michigan Historic District – Pole Barn**

Coty Lewis spoke about the application. Commissioner Rooker asked about where the building will sit, stating there was no site plan. Mr. Lewis stated it will face Michigan with a driveway to Michigan and the side street. Commissioner Rooker stated that the building as shown would not be appropriate to a historic district and none of the ten Secretary of the Interior standards would be able to apply. A denial of the application is appropriate unless some changes can be made. Commissioner Rooker asked if the vertical metal siding could be changed to horizontal clapboard siding to match neighboring structures. Also, dress up the front door with an awning/roof and that the non-existent soffits/roof overhang would need to be added preferably extending 18-24”. Mr. Lewis said these changes could be done. Commissioner Mixter stated that there are existing carriage houses/garages in the area he could look at for inspiration.

Motion by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner Naumann to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for case #J22-0123 contingent on the following changes being made: changing the metal siding as depicted to wood clapboard, a roof/awning over the side door and the soffits-overhang of the building be 18-24” deep (no overhang of any type was planned). The work would then meet the

Secretary of the Interior Standard #9; “New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize a property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale, and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment”.

Chair Mixter asked staff Zimmerman to conduct a roll call vote.

Ayes: Rooker, Chambers, Mixter, Naumann, LaMarr

Nays: Hane

Absent: None

Motion Approved.

b. 2022 Goals

Commissioner Mixter asked to carry over the 2021 goals into 2022. 1. Improving relationship with districts, 2. Become more of a resource to Saginaw, 3. Encourage Improvement along Niagara Street.

c. Election of Officers

Motion by Commissioner Rooker, seconded by Commissioner to elect Commissioner Mixter as the 2022 Chair. He accepted. Motion approved.

Motion by Commissioner Mixter, seconded by Commissioner Chambers to elect Commissioner Rooker as the 2022 Secretary. He accepted. Motion approved.

Motion by Commissioner Hane, seconded by Commissioner Mixter to elect Commissioner Chambers as the 2022 Vice Chair. He accepted. Motion approved.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. Public Comment –

Russ Inman provided information about a meet he had with the city earlier this week. He along with Paul Barrera and Alex DeParry, met with the city manager, Phil Karwat and Beth London to bring concerns about traffic concerns, intersection issues, and how to do traffic calming and encourage the city to help with getting MDOT to do a safety study which opens up grant money. They will have a follow up meeting on Feb 23rd. Mini-roundabouts are possible on Hamilton at each end of the Old Town district. They suggested changing parking to angled on Court and go from five lanes to three. Really need to constrict and slow down traffic. Cass street has the most brick left, and the district members want it saved and kept in place. Mr. Inman would rather have bumpy bricks than asphalt. Commissioner Mixter asked if there was anything the HDC could bring to the table to help. Mr. Inman said maybe after the next meeting. Commissioner LaMarr stated that as a resident, she has witnessed the traffic situation and speeds are out of control. She believes it is inevitable that someone is going to get hit.

Commissioner Mixter introduced Carla LaMarr as the newest HDC commissioner.

Commissioner Mixter mentioned the French Doors he restored for a citizen and that the citizen is very happy with the result, saving him thousands of dollars.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm by Commissioner Rooker and supported by Commissioner Chambers. Motion approved.

Prepared and submitted by

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