

MEETING MINUTES

Jackson Historic District Commission

Zoom Call- Meeting ID: 957-4482-5298

Monday, February 22nd, 2021 at 6:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Raykovich, Maurice Imhoff, Scott Slagor, Thaddaus Williams, Mary Lee Clark

MEMBERS ABSENT: Russ Desy

1. Call to Order

Chairman Raykovich called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2. Public Comment –None.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Imhoff moved, with support from Commissioner Slagor, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. Approval of the January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Slagor moved, with support from Commissioner Imhoff, to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

5. Applications for Review- None.

6. Study Items-

A. 2301 E. Michigan-Commercial Exchange Windows

Mrs. Laurie Lazebnik, owner of the property, informed the Historic Commission that she is considering selling the property and is considering replacing upwards of five hundred (500) windows on the large, brick industrial building. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places and is also listed as a local historic building. Mrs. Lazebnik stated that she had reached out to window contractor, but they recommended she first get feedback from the HDC as to ideas and what may be permissible. She asked the HDC for recommendations. She also asked about possibility of grant funding.

Commissioner Slagor recommended to Mrs. Lazebnik to take photos of each elevation and number the windows so that when she applies and comes before the commission for approval, the commissioners can go elevation-by-elevation in reviewing the window types and location. Mr. Slagor also added that while the details for the recently re-implemented State Tax Credit have not been finalized, it was possible that Mrs. Lazebnik may be able to qualify for a Federal Historic Tax Credit simply due to the number of windows.

Mrs. Lazebnik also mentioned that they had contemplated restoring the tower at the corner of the building on E. Michigan Ave. Mr. Slagor noted that this would potentially increase her likelihood of qualifying for grant funds should she choose to pursue them.

Commissioners recommended that Mrs. Lazebnik could contact Rob Mckay at SHPO if she wanted more information about tax credits.

The HDC also suggested to Mrs. Lazebnik that, rather than replacement, she might consider storm windows where possible to preserve the existing windows and keep replacement costs down. Mr. Slagor referenced the Ford Piquette Plant as a project of a similar scale and scope of work. Commissioners told Mrs. Lazebnik that she could contact the Michigan Historic Preservation Network for a list of contractors for historic buildings.

7. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Commissioners Slagor and Imhoff nominated Commissioner Williams to continue serving as Vice Chair of the HDC for the 2021 calendar year.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote..

B. 2020 Annual Report

Staff presented the 2020 Annual Report to the Commission and Commissioners reviewed goals from 2020 and evaluated goals for 2021 calendar year.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

8. Old Business- None.

8. Final Comments

A. Public Comment- None

B. Commissioner Comment-

Commissioner Clark asked if the Informational Fact Sheets would be on the next agenda. Staff stated that they would be added to the next agenda.

Commissioner Imhoff invited everyone to tune into a Facebook Live event where Amtrak would read a letter of support for Ms. Linda Hass and her research on the Underground Railroad.

Commissioner Raykovich referenced the badges that were discussed and the previous meeting and asked about a possible mailer. Commissioner Slagor stated that he had an example that he could send around to Commissioners for reference.

Commissioners discussed options for recognizing former Commissioner Schaub's years of service.

It was discussed that the next meeting was to be held via ZOOM.

9. Reminder: Next Regular Meeting

Chairman Raykovich reminded the Commission that the next scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam East". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "E".

Adam East
Senior Planner