



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
Historic District Commission
Art Pappas Village Hall 375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346
Minutes Tuesday January 11, 2022

Meeting called to order by J. Meloche at 7:04 PM.

Present: R. Hauxwell, M. Luginski, J. Meloche, M. Moon, J. Radcliff.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by J. Radcliff, second by M. Moon to approve the agenda as written. Approved unanimously.

Announcements: None

Public Comments:

Mayor Eric Haven noted that City Council, meeting on Monday January 10, 2022 discussed a change in the protocol of nomination for city commissions and committees that would entail the public posting of vacancies along with a description of the pertinent duties/responsibilities of the position in question. This change is expected to take place early in 2022.

Approval of the December 14, 2021, meeting minutes:

Motion by R. Hauxwell, second by J. Radcliff to approve the minutes as written with the change in lines three and four under Announcements – Manuals to Manual. Aye: R. Hauxwell, J. Meloche, M. Moon, J. Radcliff. Abstain: M. Luginski. Motion passed.

Historic District Study Committee Update:

- (1) The committee is continuing to move forward with completing all the necessary documents.
- (2) Several maps are needed for the various documents. To date, it has been quite difficult to obtain the appropriate current maps.

Existing Applications for Review and Discussion:

7 Buffalo Street - Wendy and Robert Schaffer present with additional information on proposed

shutters for all windows of north, east and west second floor elevations. The information included background from Shutterland Exterior Shutters Direct along with appropriate “spec sheets” requested by the Historic District Commission (HDC) in December meeting. Applicants had also researched how they believed the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation (“Standards”) applied to their case.

From the audience, Cara Catallo expressed her opinion that this would be adding a character-defining feature that does not belong (i.e. was not in the original structure) and was on very few original Italianate buildings and then usually only those deemed “high style” examples of which this is not one.

Each of the commissioners expressed the results of their individual research on this topic which was summarized by Commissioner Luginski: Numerous sources (including A Field Guide to American Homes, V. S. McAlester) contain photos of Italianate buildings with shutters, particularly those not of the “high style” and particularly in the Midwest US.

Based on the application, photos, “spec sheets” and other information provided by the applicants and research by HDC commissioners, motion was made by M. Luginski, second by R. Hauxwell that the commission issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for application to place wooden shutters on north, east, and west second floor elevations at 7 Buffalo Street. The work as proposed appears to meet the “Standards”, in particular #1, 2, 9, and 10. Roll call vote: Aye: R. Hauxwell, M. Luginski, J. Meloche, M. Moon, J. Radcliff. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Final Comments from HDC Chairperson J. Meloche:

- Description for the position of HDC commissioners will probably be limited to the ordinance description plus possibly some additional descriptors.
- The 42 West Washington court case currently has no date. Opposing counsel was not prepared for the previous date set by circuit court judge.
- 177 North Main Street application for barn door repairs due to rotten wood planks should be addressed soon. Commissioner R. Hauxwell due to make site visit.
- 177 North Main Street request by owners to consider appearance mitigation has not been addressed by owners. Upcoming court date on this issue is February 14, 2022.
- 49 South Holcomb Street homeowners have requested a delay in hearing of their application.
- 5 and 9 South Main Street (Rudy’s) - no new information.
- Development project at the corner of South Main Street and Waldon Road - developers are working out issues with the Planning Commission and City Council before coming to the HDC.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Moon