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MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, April 10, 2014 ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS 7:00 PM

The Historic District Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014. The meeting began at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call:

Randy Carroll	present
Luanna Plocha	present
Tamara Chiefsky	present
Mary Lou Deptula	absent
Carol Starkey	present
Julia Maher	absent
Helen Ptak	present
Carol Sardinha	present

6 present, 2 absent

Mr. Carroll opened the meeting at 7:00. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Carroll asked for a motion to deviate from the agenda. Mrs. Sardinha made a motion to deviate from the agenda. Mrs. Starkey seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Carroll stated that he wished to inform the members about what happened at the most recent BOAT meeting. He stated that he is Chairman for the Historical Commission. When he recently attended the BOAT meeting for that commission, he noticed that there was no funding for his recording secretary nor any funding for any projects. He spoke to that commission and they removed the funding from this Commission (Historic District Commission) and gave it to the Historical Commission. He explained that they need to fund the Recording Secretary position for the Historic District Commission. There was then a discussion as to the rate of pay that the City should pay for this Recording Secretary. Mr. Carroll stated that this is a regulatory board and the Secretary for the Historical Commission is paid "the base minimum of \$140 per meeting". He would like to raise the salary to \$120 per meeting as the Commission does not meet every month, just as needed. Mrs. Starkey asked what the regular stipend for a Recording Secretary. She was told that the rate varies from \$135 and up. Mrs. Plocha made a motion

to pay the Recording Secretary \$120 per meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chiefsky.

Roll call:

Randy Carroll	Not voting
Luanna Plocha	yes
Tamara Chiefsky	yes
Mary Lou Deptula	absent
Carol Starkey	yes
Julia Maher	absent
Helen Ptak	yes
Carol Sardinha	abstain

4 yes, 1 abstain, 1 not voting

The motion was approved.

Mr. Carroll then stated that as this is a regulatory commission, there needs to be a notice of Public Hearings in the newspaper before such hearings. He further stated that this entails that he address BOAT for stationary, the legal notices would be paid for by the municipal budget. Mrs. Sardinha asked why the commission needs stationary. She will give Mr. Carroll a copy of what she has as will one of the other members of the Commission.

Mr. Carroll then stated that he received a phone call from a gentleman asking if he could place solar panels on the roof of his house. Mr. Carroll stated that he would have to come to the commission meeting today and address the members. That was the last Mr. Carroll heard from the gentleman. Mr. Carroll further stated that he will not make any ruling or judgment without written correspondence. He further stated that the commission did receive a letter dated April 4th. He then read the letter to the commission. He then entertained motions to have the letter placed on file. Mrs. Sardinha made a motion to place the letter on file. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ptak. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Carroll stated that he doesn't feel that this is the responsibility to inform people what grants or funding may be available for restoration. He then stated that they have to have a Public Hearing on this matter.

Mr. Carroll then stated that he has gotten several phone calls from people regarding fences in the district. He is asking if the members would like him to try and get a fence ordinance passed. It would say that the nice side must face away from the residence and it can not be more than 6 feet. Mrs. Sardinha made a motion to allow Mr. Carroll to try and get a fence ordinance passed by the ordinance committee. Mrs. Starkey seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. (Mr. Carroll abstained).

Mr. Carroll then addressed the issue of signage on the green across from the police department. Ms. Plocha made a motion to allow signs on that area. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sardinha.

Roll call:

Randy Carroll	Not voting
Luanna Plocha	no
Tamara Chiefsky	no
Mary Lou Deptula	absent
Carol Starkey	no
Julia Maher	absent
Helen Ptak	no
Carol Sardinha	no

5 no, 1 not voting

The motion was not approved.

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Starkey. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended at 7:37.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Sardinha
Secretary