

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Historic Conservation Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2019 by Chairperson Marsha Peterson at the City Hall Council Chambers, 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan, 49417.

Roll Call of Members Present: Chairperson Marsha Peterson; Board Members Karen Casey, Cynthia Crane, Liza Dora, Karen, Karen Lowe, and Jane Stoeper.

Others Present: Mary Angel, Administrative Liaison; Bob Monetza, Mayor; John Martin, Loutit District Library Director.

Members Absent: Bonnie Cowles, Liza Dora, excused.

1. Approval of the October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Cynthia Crane, seconded by Karen Casey, to approve the October 17, 2019 Historic Conservation District Commission minutes, as amended, to include the following text in regard to the Grand Trunk Depot Update:

Chairperson Marsha Peterson thanked City Manager McGinnis for reviewing the design concepts for the depot with the commission. However, the HCDC cannot endorse for several reasons. She emphasized the depot did indeed 'anchor the Historic District as recognized by the National Registry of Historic Places and the depot building itself is on the *State of Michigan Register of Historic Sites*. To change the depot's architecturally significant features which include the semicircular arched windows and regularly spaced brick pilasters would compromise our historic designation. Given that these architecturally and historically significant arched doorways are already ADA compliant, Chairperson Marsha Peterson stated that it is the *Historic Conservation District Commission's* position and recommendation to the City of Grand Haven that no changes to be made to the existing exterior façade, other than replacing the windows with tempered glass.

This motion carried unanimously.

2. Lighthouse Conservancy Update: Cindy Crane

Work continues on the lighthouse and cement bases. Grant opportunities are being pursued. There will be a lighthouse fundraiser event at the Eagles on January 25, Winterfest to renovate the interiors so that people will be able to visit these iconic structures. A museum and store are also being proposed.

3. Depot Committee Update: Karen Lowe

A meeting was held with Committee members Steve Loftis, Randy Smith, Bob Warren, Joy Gaasch, Kathy Streng, Chris Riker, Pat McGinnis, and Mayor Monetza. Discussion focused on usage and design. Consensus is on the changes to the interior but no agreement has been made on leaving the exterior intact. Karen will gather historic photos to emphasize the original exterior.

4. Tri Cities Museum Advisory Member Update: Marsha Peterson

The TriCities Historic Museum is fully staffed now and will have a representative on the HCDC. Marsha will be updating us information as to who it will be.

5. Other business not on the Agenda:

The Cemetery walking tour was printed in color for the first time. Thanks to Mary Angel for all of the meticulous work and Colleen for taking pictures. A collaboration between the Library and Museum with research and funding has made this possible.

As with all of the HCDC walking tours, the Cemetery tour will be available on the City's website. Hard copies will be available in other locations such as the library, chamber, museum, cemetery, visitor's bureau and Four Pointes.

6. Adjournment: 5:39pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Stoecker, Secretary