

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020 AT 5:00 PM
WATERFRONT STADIUM**

Prior to the start of the meeting, some commission members took a walk through of the depot facility. The new (displaced Chinook Pier) tenants have done a very impressive job paying tribute to the historic building and other architectural aspects.

Ashley Latsch, Assistant to the City Manager, provided the following update on the building via e-mail:

All electrical upgrades and interior whitebox work has been completed. The approved exterior signage is up as well. The final piece of renovation work we are waiting on is the exterior doors. After several delays with the doors and hardware, we expect them to arrive June 25th and to be installed upon delivery. Upon installation, all depot work will be complete and tenants will be awaiting final inspection. Depot tenants are currently all open and operating under a temporary occupancy permit until the doors are finished.

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Historic Conservation Commission was called to order at 5:11 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2020, by Chairperson Marsha Peterson at the Waterfront Stadium, Grand Haven, MI.

Call to order by Chairperson Marsha Peterson.

Roll Call of Members Present: Chairperson Marsha Peterson, Vice-Chair Liza Dora and Members Karen Casey, Bonnie Cowles and Karen Lowe.

Members Absent: Board Members Cynthia Crane and Jane Stoepker.

Others present: Mary Angel, Administrative Liaison.

1) **Approval of the Minutes**

Moved by Dora, supported by Casey, to approve the February 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 7 Special Meeting Minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

2) **Local Landmark Historic Designation Outreach**

Karen Casey, Liza Dora

Oldest homes on both the east and west sides were targeted for review and fact checking. Before approaching home owners, discretion would be used of which homes might be worthy of local landmark representation. A handout of these potential properties was distributed to members.

3) **Highland Park Walking Tour**

Karen Lowe, Liza Dora

Due to COVID concerns, inside tours would be on hold until next year. Discussion was held of the possibility of holding an outdoor walking tour instead and saving the indoor walking tour for a possible future fund-raiser, such as Highland Park Tennis Courts. It was also mentioned that the tour could be tied in with the cemetery tour that is currently presented by the library (Jeanette Weiden, John Martin) taking participants to both the graves and the cottages once owned by local notables. Karen Lowe would check with the Highland Park Association Board to see if homeowners might object to the foot traffic resulting from any type of walking tour.

4) **Lighthouse Conservancy Update**

Report By Cynthia Crane, HCDC Member Representative

There was no report. Administrative Liaison Mary Angel would look at the bylaws for the Lighthouse Conservancy. Some discussion was had about Cindy Crane's term expiration on the Historic Commission and whether or not a vacancy would be left on the Lighthouse Conservancy for representation from the Historic Commission. (After by-laws were checked, it was determined that the



City of Grand Haven

June 29, 2020

Paul and Lisa Veach
520 Lake Ave.
Grand Haven, MI 49417

Dear Paul and Lisa Veach:

On behalf of the City of Grand Haven Historic Conservation District Commission, I would like to thank you for your application for Historic Landmark Designation for your property at 520 Lake Ave. Fellow commission members and I are pleased to learn of your interest in receiving this prestigious designation and to read about the history and significance of your property. Your time and effort in completing the application is appreciated.

The commission members discussed your application during our June meeting (our first meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated stay-at-home orders). The preliminary review of your application has begun; however, please know that, given the pandemic and related library and county office closures, the full review process has been delayed. Once the review and documentation process is complete, the commission will be back in touch.

Thank you, again, for your interest and engagement in helping to preserve the rich history of our Grand Haven Community.

Sincerely,

Liza Dora, Vice Chairperson
Grand Haven Historic Conservation District Commission