

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021 AT 5:00 PM
GRAND HAVEN CITY HALL
519 WASHINGTON**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven *Historic Conservation District Commission* was called to order, at 5:05 PM on Thursday, July 15, 2021 by Chairperson Liza Dora.

Members Present: Chair Liza Dora; Vice-Chair Karen Casey; Secretary Justin Forrest; and Commission Members Bonnie Cowles, Robyn Vandenberg and Vacancy.

Members Absent: Commission Member Bye, excused.

Others Present: Mary Angel, Administrative Liaison.

1. General Business Call to Viewing Audience

Members of the viewing audience were given an opportunity to address the Historic Conservation District Commission (HCDC) on any item, whether on the agenda or not. Those addressing the HCDC were asked to provide their name and address and were limited to three minutes of speaking time. No comments were made by the public at this meeting.

2. Approval of the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Vice-Chair Casey, seconded by Commission Member Cowles, to approve the Historic Conservation District Commission's regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2021. This motion carried unanimously.

3. Planning Commission Site Plan Reviews

No reviews currently.

4. Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member By Erin Pilarski, Museum Advisory Member

Pilarski was not able to attend this evening. She has provided her updates by email.

- Collective Access is almost complete. Shooting for an early August release. Delays occurred due to file conversion issues.
- Yesterday we held another virtual summer reading program (in partnership with Loutit and Spring Lake libraries). Outdoor Discovery Center led the program on wetland critters.
- Two pre-recorded lectures are scheduled to be released in the next two weeks:
July 20: "We Were Here Too: Exploring West Michigan's Queer Past" Segment 2 with presenter Aminah Shakur
July 27: "Bootlegger and the Sheriff" with presenter Jeanette Weiden.

5. Loutit District Library Events Update By John Martin, Library Director

John Martin was not able to attend – no report given.

6. Depot Update: Justin Forest, Secretary

No update currently.

7. BLP Diesel Plant Community Open House – Planning Progress Updates

The next step will be getting inside the plant again in August to take pictures to have for the open house. Secretary Forrest will be contacting all involved to align dates for a quick tour of the building again after the Coast Guard Festival is over. Administrative Liaison Angel has requested to be on all future Diesel Plant Tour correspondence.

8. Discussion & Review of Text Amendments to Chapter 19 – History of the City of Grand Haven Ordinances. Specifically, section 19.16

The commission discussed exactly how we would like to treat Section 19.16, which was originally proposed for the entire section to be stricken. The consensus of the commission was that this section should not be stricken out entirely as this would prohibit a lot of powers that allow us to function. Discussion was also had about clearly defining the section headings regarding “districts” vs “landmark.” Members were given printouts at the end of the meeting to edit and revise with their suggestions and have been instructed to drop off to Administrative Liaison Angel at City Hall.

9. Other Business Not On The Agenda

Vice-chair Casey has been working on updating the historic landmark applications, added links for resource. Elliot and 7th street, reached out regarding historic landmark designation for that building. An application for Paul Martin to join our commission will be approved at the next city council meeting. This will fill one of our vacant spots.

10. Second General Business Call to Viewing Audience

At this time, a second call to the audience was made to address the HCDC on any item, whether on the agenda or not. No comments were made by the public at this meeting.

11. Adjournment

Chairperson Dora adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Secretary Justin Forrest