

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023 AT 5:00 PM
GRAND HAVEN CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
519 WASHINGTON AVENUE
GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Liza Dora at 5:05 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of City Hall.

Members Present: Chair Liza Dora, Vice-Chair Erik Bye, Members Chad Fisk, Patrick Qua, and Robyn Vandenberg, Member Wendy Knoth, and Secretary Linda Rosema.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Jeanette Weiden, Loutit District Library Representative; Kate Crosby, Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member; Mary Angel, Administrative Liaison; Tim Price, Assistant City Manager, and Brian Urquhart, City Planner.

1) General Business Call to Viewing Audience

A general business call to the viewing audience was made; there were no members of the audience present.

2) Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commission Member **Rosema**, seconded by Commission Member **Bye**, to approve the June 21, 2023, regular meeting minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

3) Planning Commission Site Plan Reviews

There were no new plans for review.

4) Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Update

Kate Crosby, Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member, highlighted the following events:

- August 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., 1223 Engine Ice Cream Social – Music provided by Museum Staff
- Port to Paint Maritime Art – exhibit done August 13
- August 25 - 60th Anniversary of Ferrysburg Celebration

For ongoing events and information visit <https://www.tri-citiesmuseum.org/>

5) Loutit District Library Events Update

Jeanette Weiden, Loutit District Library Representative, highlighted the following events:

- Coffee and Genealogy
- Walking Tour of Historic Tavern and Bars, Downtown Grand Haven on 7/25/23, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Sundial
- January 2024 – Exhibit on Innovation
- Storywalks is continuing at Schmidt Heritage Park

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6) Project Updates & Reports By HCDC Members

Chair Dora commented that City Council approved a resolution to release a request for proposals (RFP) for the purchase and development of the historic police and fire barn, which is city-owned property located at 18 N 5th Street. Administrative Liaison Mary Angel shared the RFP that was posted on the City's web site earlier today and is due August 23. She clarified that the building is included in the Grand Haven Central Business District National Register of Historic Places Application and that the Police and Fire Department, 20 N 5th, is a "Contributing Resource," Section 8 Government. She noted that, although City Hall is a local landmark, 20 N. 5th is not. She also noted that City Manager Latsch would like to receive input from members of the

commission after the proposals are received. After the meeting was adjourned, members walked over to look at the building.

Chair Dora also shared that there will be apartments above the garages at 300 Washington Ave. Living quarters on the main floor are also being added on the third Street side of 300 Washington.

Member Vandenberg said the Ferry/Chain House in Ferrysburg is being restored.

7) Second General Business Call to Viewing Audience

A second general business call to the viewing audience was made; there were no members of the audience present.

8) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Linda Rosema, Secretary