

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 AT 10:00 AM

**KENZIE'S BE CAFÉ
1103 WASHINGTON AVE
GRAND HAVEN, MI 49417**

Call to order: Chair Liza Dora.

Roll call of members present: Chair Liza Dora, Vice-Chair Erik Bye, Secretary Linda Rosema, Members Chad Fisk, (vacancy) Wendy Knoth, and Patrick Qua.

Members absent: Robyn Vandenberg.

Others present: Mary Angel, Administrative Liaison and Brian Urquhart, City Planner.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dora at 10:10 a.m.

1) General Business Call to Viewing Audience

A general business call to the viewing audience was made. Steve Miller, 1540 Pennoyer Ave., expressed his concerns about an old tree located in the 300 block of Howard Street that is in the right-of-way of a proposed street widening by the DPW. He suggested alternative plans to save the tree because of its historic, aesthetic, and scientific value. Chair Dora recommended that he speak to the Sustainability Committee. Steve would like an arborist to look at the tree.

2) Continued research and discussion was had on the former historic Grand Haven Police and Fire Department building, also referred to as "The Annex" at 18-20 N 5th St.

- a. Member Fisk consolidated the submitted photos of the building and reviewed with members.
- b. The commission agreed to assist the City of Grand Haven with the writing of the application for landmark status. Member Fisk reviewed the application line by line with members.
- c. Member Fisk would present to Grand Haven City Council on Monday, August 7 and the commission would recommend to Council and Administration to approve the application for Local Landmark Status of the former historic Grand Haven Police and Fire Department building, also referred to as "The Annex" at 18-20 N 5th St.

3) Second General Business Call to Viewing Audience

A second general business call to the viewing audience was made. Former Mayor Bob Monetza attended that last 5 minutes of the meeting and thanked the commission again for considering the importance of 18–20 N. 5th St., and its historical significance in gaining landmark status.

4) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Rosema, Secretary