

**KALAMAZOO HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 9, 2007
Third Floor Conference Room
241 W. South St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

Members Present: Chris Wright; Norman Jung; Erin Seaverson;
Linda Bennett; Josh Willson; Derl Oberlin; Claire Milne

Members Absent: NONE

City Staff: Sharon Ferraro, Historic Preservation Coordinator

Call To Order

Ms. Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Approval Of Absences – no absences.

Agenda

Mr. Jung wanted to add Iannelli Fountain – Fountain of the Pioneers discussion report as item IX.F.

Mr. Wright, supported by Mr. Oberlin, moved to amend the January 9, 2007 agenda. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Corrections:

Page 1 – motion following agenda: “roll call” should be changed to “voice”

Page 2 – Action items A” “ABI” should be the full name “Another Bold Idea”

Page 3 – First full paragraph beginning “The HPC is very...” The last sentence should be changed to read “The HPC also appointed Josh Willson as an alternate person to attend the ad hoc committee meetings if Mr. Jung cannot attend.”

Page 3 – last line: “where” should be changed to “were”.

Page 4 – Under Citizen Comments, first sentence: the word “project” should be changed to “preservation trades pilot program”

Mr. Jung, supported by Mr. Wright, moved to approve the December 12th, 2006 minutes as amended. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Introduction Of Guests

Pam O'Connor – former commissioner, author of Kalamazoo: Lost and Found

Citizen Comments

None.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence not included in the packet.

Financial Report

City: Mr. Oberlin observed that the report submitted for December is the same as the November report. There were no revenues posted in December for K:L&F Book sales or for funds paid out to the Old House Network for sponsorship. Ms. Ferraro will consult with Ms. Steppenwolf.

A discussion followed over whether commissioners would like to receive their packets via email or would prefer to still have them mailed on paper. All the commissioners except Ms. Bennett preferred to receive the packets on paper. Ms. Ferraro will continue to send the packets out both ways.

O'Connor Fund: Ms. O'Connor stated there has been a nice stream of donations coming in since the fund appeal mailing in early November. The donations for 2006 totaled \$2513.06. Ms. O'Connor urged commissioners to suggest new names to add to the mailing list for next year's appeal.

Lost and Found Book Project: in packets. Ms. O'Connor reported that sales are up in 2006 over 2005. The book signing at Barnes & Noble on December 24 went very well. Ms. O'Connor also reminded the commission that the authors will receive royalties for the second printing and is curious what the mechanism will be. Ms. Ferraro will investigate. This has not been done in the past, and the city may need to create a mechanism.

Action Items

- A) Approve Kalamazoo: Lost and Found special sales:
 - i) Sell with 25% discount at Old House Expo

Ms. Milne, supported by Mr. Jung, moved to approve a discount or 25% for Kalamazoo: Lost and Found books sold at the Old House Expo on Saturday January 20th. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

- ii) Sell raffle tickets for 5 books to raise funds for Randolph Vocational School **Mr. Jung, supported by Mr. Oberlin, moved to approve raffling off five copies of Kalamazoo: Lost and Found at the Old House Expo on Saturday January 20th with proceeds to benefit the MHPN Randolph School Preservation Field Study: Building Arts Lab. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.**

- B) Finalize plans for Jan 19th Preservation speeches. (Expo)
The commission discussed the preparations and felt that everything was covered.

- C) 100 Block of East Michigan – discussion
Ms. Ferraro stated that DKI has reported no bids were received from the RFP. The commission voiced a unanimous opinion that the buildings should also be marketed separately.

- D) Planning for Preservation month 2007
The commission discussed events besides the annual awards including possibly a speech designed to raise awareness of preservation issues. Commissioners can think about this idea and bring suggestions to the next meeting. This will be an agenda item for the February meeting.
 - i. Call for nominations for preservation awards
Commissioners received the call for nomination letter and the nomination form in their packets. These letters will be sent out to neighborhood associations and individuals who have requested them.

- E) Fourth Quarter (October – December) Section 106 reports
Ms. Ferraro answered questions about the Historic Resource determination reports for the fourth quarter of 2006.

- F) Fountain of the Pioneers – Iannelli Fountain
Mr. Jung reported on the last meeting, today January 9th, of the Fountain of the Pioneers Issues Resolution Group. The Group has formulated a Purpose Statement Draft. Mr. Jung provided copies to the commission, stating that the Group would meet again on February 6th and that the Purpose Statement Draft would be going to the organizations represented by the Group, including the city commission, the county commission, the YWCA, the Chamber of Commerce, Ujima Enterprises and the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan – Gun Lake Tribe.
The Purpose Statement goals are to address the historical inaccuracies integral to the fountain, reconcile past injustices, educate current and future generations and facilitate community-wide healing. Their objectives are to present an equally

compelling and historically accurate portrayal of the injustices the Tribe experienced as a result of its confinement within its aboriginal homeland and its subsequent removal from the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Kalamazoo) reservation and to provide the community with a sensitive and truthful depiction that honors and acknowledges the Tribe's past and present contributions to and future vision for the Kalamazoo area.

The commission discussed the Purpose Statement with these comments:

- In reading the purpose statement, it seems that the Group is not proposing the removal or alteration of the existing Fountain of the Pioneers.
- If a new monument or sculpture is placed in the park, who would pay for it?
- Support for the idea of interpretive materials commemorating the Pottawatomie in the region
- Concern that any new sculpture or monument not specifically discredit or criticize the fountain and that the fountain as designed should be recognized as a product of its time, representing the attitudes of its time.

The commission asked the chair to formulate a response to the Purpose Statement to be sent to the city commission.

Ms. Milne, supported by Ms. Seaverson, moved to direct the chair to write a response letter to the Fountain of the Pioneers Issues Resolution Group Purpose Statement Draft. With a roll call vote six commissioners voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Jung abstained.

Ms. Milne stated for the record that she feels that the entire Historic Preservation Commission commends Mr. Jung for his efforts in representing historic preservation and the Historic Preservation Commission on the Fountain of the Pioneers Issues Resolution Group. The commission also cited the efforts of city commissioner Barbara Miller and thanked her for her support and efforts with the Group.

Committee Reports

No Sub-committee reports

City Reports

Ms. Ferraro received an email stating that the Convention Bureau and the Visitors Center are splitting. They were enquiring about the walking brochures.

Commissioner Comments

Ms. Milne mentioned that the West Main Hill Neighborhood Association is interested in exploring how they can add the township part of the neighborhood to a local historic district. Ms. Ferraro stated that it was possible and would require cooperation between the township and the city. Calumet Township and the city of Calumet have a contiguous historic district administered by the city. Ms. Ferraro would be willing to find out more and make a presentation to the Neighborhood Association

Citizen Comments

None

Adjournment

Mr. Jung, supported by Ms. Milne moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm. By voice vote the commission unanimously passed the motion.

Submitted by (Sharon Ferraro)

Reviewed by (Sharon Ferraro)

Approved by (Linda Bennett)