



CITY OF ALLEGAN  
MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Held at Allegan City Hall  
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010  
On Monday June 5, 2023, 7:00pm

**1. The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Quinones-Walker**

**2. Attendance**

Present: Jason Ramaker, Mike Zeter, Kristen Stein, and Eddie Quiñones-Walker  
Absent: Stacy Todd and Two Vacant Positions  
Staff: Joel Dye, City Manager

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Eddie Quinones-Walker, supported by Jason Ramaker, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2023, Historic District Commission. Motion carried 4-0.

**4. Public Comment**

The owners of 218 Ely Street asked the Commission if they could build a steel sided garage on their property. The Commission instructed the owners that they can't comment on a project without an application and asked the owners to contact PCI and complete a Certificate of Appropriateness Application. After the application is completed, the Commission will review the application at the next upcoming meeting after the completed application is submitted.

Sarah Ramaker mentioned she is applying to be on the HDC.

Rosie Hunter mentioned she is applying to be on the HDC.

**5. Certificate of Appropriateness Applications**

**5A. 132 Hubbard Street – Façade Renovation**

The Commission reviewed the application which was a request to replace damaged brown shingles with black asphalt shingles, remove the weathered and warped grey panels with black T1-11 siding, limewash the unfinished brick with a tinted dark limewash, paint the existing T1-11 siding black and install gold lettering.

The commission held a discussion regarding this application and felt the improvements did not take away from the historical character of the property.

Motion by Jason Ramaker, supported by Kristen Stein, to approve this application based on the Department of Interior Standards 1, 4, and 7. Motion Carried 4-0.

## **6. Discussion on next steps for the Historic District Commission**

City Manager Dye informed the Commissioners that the City Council voted 3-3 to keep the Historic District Commission intact. The Commission then held a long discussion, sometimes with members in the audience regarding the next steps for the Commission. After the discussion the Commission agreed to move forward with the following tasks:

- Staff are instructed to enforce the current ordinance.
- Beginning at the next meeting, the Commission will start the review of the of each property in the city's historic districts and determine whether they are still contributing properties to their respective historic district.
- The Commission will work with the State Historic Preservation Office to determine the best process forward, including only requiring contributing buildings to go through the full review process, and possibly resizing the districts.

## **7. Member and Staff Comments**

Jason Ramaker reported the following properties have done work in the historic district and asked staff to investigate if these are a violation of the ordinance:

134 Cook Street  
418 Hastings Street  
448 Trowbridge Street  
120 River Street

Mike Zeter inquired if Eddie Quinones-Walker resigned from the Commission. Joel Dye responded that he was misinformed when he told Mike Zeter that Eddie Quinones-Walker resigned.

Eddie Quinones-Walker stated that he was deeply disappointed in the three councilors who voted against the HDC recommendation after appointing them to find a solution, especially Mike Zeter. He stated that the City Council's decision sends a clear message that they do not trust the HDC and the work they did for the past year and a half by rejecting the HDC recommendation to dissolve the HDC.

## **8. Adjournment**

Chairman Quinones-Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Joel Dye, City Manager