

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Study Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 7:30 P.M.  
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House  
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting of the Historic District Study Committee was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI at 7:46 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Gary Roberts, Historic District Commission; Nena Downing, Historic Society;  
Eileen Harryvan, Historic District Commission; Fred Gallasch, Village Council,  
Amanda Davis Historic Preservation Consultant

Absent: None

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Downing, seconded by Gallasch to approve the agenda, as presented.  
Motion was approved unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting of January 9, 2019**

Downing corrected one typo.

**Motion by Downing, seconded by Harryvan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2019, as amended.  
Motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Review of Preliminary Report.**

There was a discussion about how much the Study Committee should request from Council to fund Davis's research on the potential properties which had been included in the preliminary report given to Council.

**B. Review of Possible Properties to be included.**

Roberts mentioned he has an on-going discussion with the Pastor of the Community Church regarding the Church's possible inclusion to the Historic District. A decision would have to come from the Church's Board which might take a long time.

Davis agreed with Roberts that a property could be added at any time. She also mentioned that according to the legal process the committee could add any property it wanted. The owners need not agree.

Since land can also be deemed historic, the importance of FCA land and Village land was discussed.

Inclusion of several properties was discussed; however, several owners have not been responsive. In some cases the owners were unknown. More research will be conducted.

Davis listed the technical information needed on those properties which had been identified and have agreed to be included in the proposed noncontiguous historic district. The procedure for obtaining such information was discussed.

Roberts led a conversation about “demolition by neglect” and the consideration of an “Anti-Blight” Ordinance. Staran could be consulted on such a matter.

Davis said her next steps would be to have a conversation with the local Historic District Coordinator at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to make sure the Officer agreed with what the Study Committee was doing going forward. Also, Davis wanted to make sure there wasn't something missing from her “To Do List” as Franklin's procedure was not the norm. Because of SHPO's policy changes, there might be some changes in the forms but not many. After she has reviewed the new booklet, “Above Ground Survey Book”, she will send the members a copy for their review. Once Davis has talked with the Coordinator, she will move forward with doing the research on the proposed properties. Committee members could help with some of the work such as title research.

Roberts informed Davis that Madeline Haddad was expecting Davis to come over to her house for a conversation.

Potentially, there might be a meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk