

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
LOWELL DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
CITY OF LOWELL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013 at 12:230 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by Vice Chairman Canfield and Lori Gerard called the roll.

Present: Commissioners Bob Reagan, Nancy Wood and Vice Chairman Greg Canfield

Absent: Chairman Steve Doyle (arrived at 12:42 pm)

Also Present: Councilmember Jim Hall, Lorain Smalligan and Lori Gerard

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY WOOD and supported REAGAN to approve the agenda written

YEA: 3 NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN and supported by WOOD to approve the regular minutes of October 23, 2012 as written.

YEA: 3 NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **229 E MAIN – LowellArts! - mural**

Lorain Smalligan Executive Director of LowellArts!, presented an application proposing the creation of an outdoor mural on the Monroe St. wall of the North Country Trail Association (NCTA) building located at 229. E. Main. The mural design will consist of three 8' x 16' panels with images reflecting the mission of the NCTA. Selected Lowell High School art students will work with Grand Rapids mural artist, Erwin Erckfitz to design, build and paint this project. Smalligan noted that building owner Mark Batchelor has agreed to mount the panels with a cleat system with brackets screwed into the mortar joints, avoiding the brick faces. Project designs will be presented to city stakeholders for approval in May. Installation is expected during the summer. Canfield noted that this is a prominent location.

Commissioner Wood stated that she had safety concerns with drivers at that intersection trying to view the mural. She also felt that this concept might not keep with the feel of the Museum and the Historic District. Smalligan stated that moving the location of the project would change the dynamics as the National Parks Service is probably funding half of the project due to being tied in with the trails. Other funding will be thru Lowell Education Foundation and Rotary Club.

Vice Chairman Canfield turned the meeting over to Chairman Doyle upon his arrival.

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN and supported by CANFIELD to approve the installation of 3 mural panels 8' x 16' to be attached in the mortar joints at 229 E. Main. Theme of mural will be the mission of the North Country Trails.

YEA: 3. NAY: 1(Wood). ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

5. **PROJECT UPDATES.**

Mark Batchelor owner of 219 & 317 E. Main has requested an extension until 6/1/2013 on his grant for exterior renovations. Grant is in the amount of \$2100 for proposed work approved 6/26/2012.

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN and supported by REAGAN to approve a grant extension until June 1, 2013 for 219 & 317 E. Main.

YEA: 4 NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Doyle stated he has been contacted by Grand Rapids realtor Guy Bazzani regarding the Moose building block excluding two end buildings. They are considering a rehab project for 24 upper level apartments and looking at all the options and funding. Chairman Doyle stated that this project would be used to write a grant for the Historic Commission.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

HDC meeting dates were reviewed.

IT WAS MOVED by CANFIELD and supported by WOOD to adopt the meeting dates for 2013 Historic District Commission as presented.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

No comment.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

No comments.

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN to adjourn at 1:05 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

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Steve Doyle, Chairman

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Greg Canfield, Vice Chairman