

**CITY OF MASON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2019**

Clinton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Maple Conference Room 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at 201 West Ash Street, Mason MI.

Present: (6) Clinton, Cummings, Klein, Linsley, Schulien, Vogel  
Absent: (1) Shattuck  
Also present: Elizabeth A. Hude, AICP, Community Development Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Cummings, second by Klein, to approve the Historic District Commission meeting minutes from July 15, 2019.

Yes (6) Clinton, Cummings, Klein, Linsley, Schulien, Vogel  
Absent (1) Shattuck  
No (0)

**MOTION APPROVED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) – Arts Initiative of Mason, represented by Jeff Mills, is seeking a COA for a mural and five framed 6’ x 4’ panels of Mason area art to be attached to the brick on Commercial Bank wall located at 322 S. Jefferson St. ***Continued from July 15, 2019.***

Hude presented the staff report and discussion took place with the applicant regarding materials, costs and funding, and schedule. Mills from the Arts Initiative of Mason presented three frame samples to show examples of the materials that will be used for the frames, explained that students would be preparing the artwork, and that the framed art would rotate seasonally.

MOTION by Klein, second by Vogel, to approve a COA for a change to the southern façade of Commercial Bank located at 322 S. Jefferson to allow for a painted mural and installation of one 6’x4’ sign cabinet as submitted on the revised mural proposal received on August 13, 2019 based upon the findings that it is consistent with the standards listed in Section 31-5(3) of the Mason Code, specifically:

1. That the property is listed as a contributing building in the City of Mason Historic District and the size and colors of the mural facade will not significantly detract from the historic and architectural value of the structure, which is central to the historic district. The colors of the plane and banner appear complimentary and generally compatible to the remainder of the building and will not have a significant negative impact on the surrounding area; and,

2. The proposed project will be compatible with prior restoration of key historic features of the building as the mural will be limited to an area that avoids interaction with the balcony, windows, or other architectural features of the façade; and,
3. The project proposes a painted mural and sign cabinet face that consist of appropriate textures and materials for the historic structure; and,
4. The proposed mural and artwork will complement and enhance the District.

Yes (5) Clinton, Cummings, Klein, Linsley, Schulien,  
Abstain (1) Vogel (was not present for discussion at last meeting)  
Absent (1) Shattuck  
No (0)

#### MOTION APPROVED

Hude mentioned that there was a possible opportunity for AIM to work with Dollar Tree on a mural facing the trail and that the property owner was interested. She also mentioned that she would like AIM to provide input on the Parks and Rec plan.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) – Teresa Wren is seeking a COA for the selection of paint colors affecting the exterior façade of 402 S. Jefferson.

Staff provided paint swatches to show the commissioners what the colors would be. They are consistent with what was approved on the previous site plan.

MOTION by Klein, second by Schulien, to

Yes (6) Clinton, Cummings, Klein, Linsley, Schulien, Vogel  
Absent (1) Shattuck  
No (0)

#### MOTION APPROVED

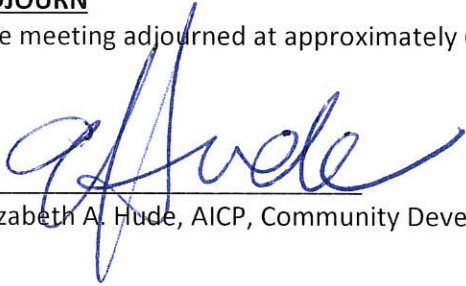
- B. Discussion regarding historic signage in the district.  
Cummings provided a handout, Kiriku 2, regarding signs and plaques for the history of the building.  
Sandy Perry recently presented to the Historical Society on the history of buildings in Downtown Mason.  
Staff suggested this might qualify for a grant and aligns with the workplan goals the HDC established.  
Discussion took place on how the HDC could engage property owners to educate them and provide resources to support them in achieving the goals of preserving historic buildings in the district.

**LIAISON REPORT**

Hude provided the City Manager report and shared that the Parks and Recreation Plan update was underway. Vogel provided an update on City Council's last meeting and that they were discussing improvements to Rayner Park.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.



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Elizabeth A. Hude, AICP, Community Development Director