

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT  
COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 AT 12:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN**

Chairman Finkel called a regular meeting of the Mackinac Island Historic District to order at 12:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Lee Finkel, Andrew Doud, Lorna Straus, Alan Sehoan, Nancy Porter (all via Zoom)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Zoning Administrator, Dennis Dombroski, Architect, Richard Neumann (via Zoom), Attorney, Gary Rentrop (via Zoom)

Motion by Finkel, seconded by Doud to approve as written, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2021. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Doud, seconded by Sehoan to approve as amended and place on file the Agenda. The amendment was to add "Meeting Time" to *New Business*. All in favor. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Gary Rentrop Statements (Nov 10 & Feb 10)**

Rentrop stated these are his billings through January.

- **Letter from Historical Society of Michigan re: Award Nomination**

No action was taken.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Arches Software – Alan Sehoan**

Finkel submitted a proposed letter to send to City Council regarding funding for the Arches software program. Sehoan stated that many people have taken interest in the program and it has been very gratifying to deal with. Sehoan suggested forming a permanent committee for the Arches software. The next committee meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021. Finkel wondered if a new website should be developed for the program. It was suggested that maybe a Facebook page would be better. Stephanie Fortino warned against using social media as it is not archived. Motion by Sehoan, second by Porter to send the draft letter to City Council along with the outline of development drafted by Gary Rentrop. All in favor. Motion carries.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Verizon – Gary Rentrop**

Rentrop stated that the HDC is now in the position to take action. There is a signed agreement between Verizon and the City of Mackinac Island. All work has been clarified with SHPO by Andrew Foreman. Section 106 approval has not yet been issued. Rentrop drafted a resolution to

adopt if the HDC decides to approve the Lilac Tree Hotel. The Chippewa Hotel application is to be tabled because the SHPO application has not been reviewed. The resolution states stricter standards must be met, either per SHPO or the Agreement. Porter stated she was in favor of reviewing the application.

- **R320-002-082(H)**

- **Orr Addition Amendment**

Dombroski stated the applicant would like to increase the size of the addition by 32". Richard Neumann wrote a favorable review. Motion by Porter, second by Doud to approve the amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **C20-026-021(H)**

- **Verizon – Lilac Tree Hotel**

Rentrop read the proposed Resolution aloud. Motion by Porter, second by Doud to adopt the Resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **C20-044-016(H)**

- **Verizon – Chippewa Hotel**

Rentrop read the Resolution aloud. After some discussion it was decided to allow Verizon to place their equipment on the roof, but not install. Rentrop stated that if the equipment wasn't installed in accordance with the Agreement and SHPO standards, work will be stopped. Structural review reports were submitted for both Chippewa and Lilac Tree and Dombroski will review prior to issuing building permit. Motion by Doud, second by Straus to adopt the Resolution to allow the ground equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **R321-061-018(H)**

- **Verizon Install – Judd Chaille**

Dombroski stated this project was approved by the HDC a year ago, but due to covid the applicant was not able to complete the work. Chaille stated there is no change from the original application. The project will be replacing 6 radios, splitter and surge protectors, which are all under the deck. Neumann wrote a favorable review. Motion by Porter, second by Doud to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Meeting Time**

Motion by Porter, second by Straus to resume the normal meeting time of 1:00 pm starting in May. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

With no further business there was a Motion by Doud to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.

  
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Lee Finkel, Chairman

  
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Katie Pereny, Secretary