

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 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 12:18 p.m.

PRESENT: Lee Finkel, Lorna Straus, Alan Sehoyan, Nancy Porter (all via Zoom)

ABSENT: Andrew Doud

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

Motion by Sehoyan, seconded by Porter to approve as written, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Porter, seconded by Sehoyan to approve as amended and place on file the Agenda. The amendment was to add "Letter from City Clerk re: Construction Sign" to *Correspondence*. All in favor. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Gary Rentrop Statement September 10, 2020**

Rentrop summarized his statement.

- **Letter from City Clerk re: Construction Sign**

The HDC would like to suggest a temporary sign that can be moved from project to project, letting the public know that the repair/restoration is being carefully done according to the historic guidelines by the City of Mackinac Island Historic District Commission. Straus is to come up with recommended wording to present to the Building and Grounds Committee meeting being held February 11th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **None**

STAFF REPORTS

- **MD21-074-001(H) London Square Roof, Sill & Siding Repairs**

Like for Like repair of the roof, all 6 sills and skirting, and any rotted siding.

Motion by Porter, second by Finkel to approve the Staff Report. All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Verizon – Gary Rentrop**

Rentrop stated there is a new agreement that is subject to the client's approval. Verizon has a new attorney, Steve Estey. Verizon is OK with the plans for the Chippewa, Lilac Tree, Mission Point

and Harrisonville. They do not want to discuss any other locations. Rentrop suggested that the applicants follow the 106 standards. When the new agreement is reached, Verizon can move forward with requesting Section 106 approval. Porter suggested that Rentrop speak with Jim Murray regarding the agreement they have for the Chippewa and Lilac Tree hotels. Dombroski warned that Verizon is just the first company to seek approval. All of the other providers are going to follow and then who knows what Main Street will look like. There are facilities being built to put low orbit satellites in to the air space to support 5G service. This would be a good solution for the Island, but Dombroski is certain that someone on the island is pushing for 5G now. Straus suggested that Rentrop speak with Mark Ware, Mission Point, regarding 5G. Ware stated that 5G is an opportunity for better cell service for tourists and residents, and he is happy to work with the City to have it done to HDC standards. Rentrop stated he is working around the clock to get the Agreement finalized by Monday so Verizon can get the installations done in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS


- **Discuss Future Meeting Times**

Motion by Finkel, second by Sehoyan to move the HDC meeting time to noon, until further notice. Roll call vote: Ayes: Finkel, Sehoyan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sehoyan asked if there had been any progress with the Arches software. There has not been anything done since January meeting. Sehoyan agreed to Chair the committee. Sehoyan also suggested that the information on the Historic District page of the City website could be more elaborate. Straus agreed with Sehoyan. Sehoyan will put together more information for the March or April meeting.

With no further business there was a Motion by Sehoyan, second by Porter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm.



Lee Finkel, Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary