

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020 AT 1:00 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 1:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Doud, Lee Finkel, 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 Straus, seconded by Porter to approve as written, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2020. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Doud, seconded by Porter to approve as amended and place on file the Agenda. The amendment was to add "Verizon Update" to *Old Business*. All in favor. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE

• **Letter from Allen Burt re: Arches**

Burt confirmed that the Arches software would run on the City's server system. Finkel stated that Tom Corrigan, the City's IT person, would be willing to help with technical support. Myers confirmed that the City Council would approved paying Corrigan for the support. Corrigan stated that a lot is involved with supporting the software. Corrigan is willing to do the tech support, but not the data entry. Corrigan explained that the city server would have to be opened up to the internet and he advised against this. Burt confirmed what Corrigan had stated, and that the City server is not a vehicle for the Arches software. Burt stated it could be done via VPN. Sehoan asked if we had spoken with any cities that are using the software. Neumann stated he had not, but that it would be a good idea. Porter asked if the benefits support the potential cost. Rentrop stated that our current survey is now 9 years old and does not include open spaces. Rentrop believes the survey needs to be updated and could be entered into the Arches software. Finkel and Neumann suggested that high school or college students could be hired to do the initial data entry. It was also suggested that the State Park might want to partner with the HDC. Motion by Doud, second by Sehoan, for Corrigan to do a cost estimate for set up, installation and the initial data entry for the Arches software. Straus recommended that Corrigan consider the time frame, as well as his cost, when preparing the estimate. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

- **C20-024-074(H) Main Street Inn – Reroof**

Dombroski stated this is a like for like reroof of the flat roof. The existing roof is 16 years old.

- **Job Status Report**

Sehoyan had two project updates for the report.

Dombroski informed the Commission, for their information only, that AT&T would be pulling fiber cable. Since the work does not disturb the building or the premise no permit would be required.

Motion by Doud, second by Porter to accept the Staff Report. All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- **C16-63/64/65-035(H) Request for Extension of Permit**

Dombroski stated the applicant was not able to get the work done this past summer due to the COVID pandemic. Therefore, the applicant is requesting an extension for the modification of the balconies on the back of the blue building and the canopy on the passenger waiting side of the Shepler dock. Motion by Straus, second by Doud, to approve the extension. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **C16-63/64/65-035(H) Amendment to South Canopy**

Neumann stated the amendment is the flat portion of the roof is less. A more complete gable roof appearance would be maintained, with just the top half of the gable roof to be flat. Neumann feels the proposed change is better than what was previously approved. Motion by Doud, second by Porter to approve the amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Verizon Update – Rentrop**

Rentrop stated that a new plan was submitted to Rentrop in November. Rentrop had 7 issues with the plan, that is basically more detail needed. Verizon has determined that the tourists do not need 5G, so the plan is for 4G. If Verizon would like to install 5G in the future, they must come back for approval. Porter stated that she and Benser will allow equipment on the roof of the Lilac Tree Hotel and Chippewa Hotel. Rentrop stated that equipment is also planned for Harrisonville and Mission Point. Rentrop is moving forward with their latest plan with the required detail.

NEW BUSINESS

- **C20-046-076(H) Smokey Jose's New Awning**

Dombroski stated this is the 3rd or 4th awning design proposed for this location. The applicant would like a flat awning that covers the entire deck. Neumann read his favorable review aloud. Finkel asked the applicant if they had any plan for side walls. Melanie Libby stated they did not. Libby stated they would like to maintain the outdoor dining with protection from the sun and rain. This would be an extension eastward of the existing awning. Motion by Doud, second by Sehoan to approve the application. 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 Porter, second by Doud to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.



Lee Finkel, Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary