

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019 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 1:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Andrew Doud, Alan Sehoyan, Lee Finkel, Lorna Straus, Nancy Porter

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Zoning Administrator, Dennis Dombroski, Architect, Richard Neumann, Attorney, Gary Rentrop

Motion by Straus, seconded by Porter to approve as written, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, June 11, 2019. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Straus, seconded by Porter to approve as amended, and place on file the Agenda. Amendments include adding "Gary Rentrop Statements" under *Correspondence*. All in favor. Motion carries.

Finkel asked Rentrop for the status of the 5G issue. Rentrop stated that the issue was tabled in the City Council meeting. Rentrop and Evashevski have discussed working on a City Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Gary Rentrop Statements: March, April, May & June 2019**

Rentrop summarized his statements. Finkel asked how much more would be billed for the small cell issue. Rentrop stated none. Motion by Straus, second by Sehoyan to place the statements on file. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

- **C19-066-021(H) Draught House Door Replacement-Callewaert**

Dombroski summarized the application as a door replacement. The glass in the original doors was built into the door and the glass has fogged and cannot be replaced. Sehoyan stated that the doors have not been ordered so won't be done for at least 6-8 weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

- **C18-066-069(H) Ryba's Fudge Overhead Doors-Pete Deckert**

Deckert stated the new windows have been installed but the center piece in one of the doors still needs to be installed. Doud requested a photograph of the doors when complete. Deckert stated he will complete this before the next meeting. Motion by Doud, second by Sehoyan to table until August. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **C18-046-061(H) Riley's Concrete-Melanie Libby**

Libby stated they have scrubbed some of the pavers with acid. The rest will be cleaned at the end of the season. Neumann stated his review was basically just a letter confirming the decision last month of allowing the concrete to remain. Motion by Sehoyan to place on file. All in favor. Motion carries.

• **C16-063/64/65-035(H) Waterfront Collection South Balcony Modification-Libby**

Barry Polzin summarized the proposed change to the balconies and dock roof. The room footprint will not change. The windows will be replaced with patio doors and pushed back 5' to allow for a balcony, and the gable roof on the rear of the structure will be a flat roof. The view from the water will not change. Motion by Doud, second by Straus to approve the modification. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

• **C18-012-047(H) Starline Ferry Tent-Robert Ball**

Ball summarized his request for a seasonal tent to place luggage from arriving passengers under. Ball believes there is a lot more traffic on the dock than years before and it makes it very congested. Ball believes the tent will help relieve the congestion. Neumann's review stated that the tent would obstruct the view to both historic town and the historic Arnold dock. Neumann went on to say that on the other hand it is meant to be a temporary structure, however, it will be up at the busiest time of the year. Ball stated the sides are up and the roof is low, so he does not believe it will obstruct views. Ball stated the dock is the front door to the island and believes the tent will create less chaos and looks better to visitors. Sehoyan confirmed with Rentrop that the dock is a contributing structure. Finkel did not agree that the volume of people on the dock has increased. Sehoyan asked if there were any other temporary structures put up over the history of the dock. Nobody could recollect any other structures. Dombroski stated that the dock does not function like it did 100 years ago. The overhang area is now used as a pathway for passengers. Finkel asked how the tent would be secured. Dombroski stated it would have to be bolted directly to the dock. There will be no guide wires that could trip customers. Porter asked if the tent would be removed in the winter. Ball stated it would be set up mid-June to the end of August or early September. Straus stated that it is a joke to call this tent temporary. Temporary is 2 to 3 days. Straus does not feel the tent portrays what the island is meant to represent. The vistas of downtown and the bay will be obstructed. Straus feels the dock can continue to be used as it has the last 100 years. Straus suggested putting the carts in one of the buildings. Ball stated the buildings are rented to other people and are not available to be used for cart storage. Straus stated Starline chose to rent the space, therefore not having a space to keep their carts. Doud stated he believed the rented buildings came with the deal when Starline purchased Arnold Ferry. Doud stated that dry luggage matters to the visitors and suggested approval for one year and then come back next year and re-apply. Finkel stated that Doud's suggestion was a good compromise but also that the tent looks like a back yard, homemade solution. Motion by Doud, Second by Sehoyan to approve the seasonal tent through Labor Day for one season only, and then be required to reapply for the 2020 season. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan, Porter. Nays: Straus. Majority in favor. Motion carries. A building permit will be required for installation.

• **MD19-010-023(H) Fire Department Door Replacement**

Dombroski stated the fire chief wanted the building to look more authentic. Cost and dependability were major factors in the decision to get new doors. Neumann stated the doors are an understated rectilinear design and traditional doors which have a more appropriate appearance than the existing doors. Motion by Doud, second by Porter to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.


Lee Finkel, Chairman


Katie Pereny, Secretary