

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY
HALL, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN**

Acting Chairman Straus called a regular meeting of the Mackinac Island Historic District to order at 1:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Alan Sehoan, Lorna Straus, Nancy Porter

ABSENT: Lee Finkel, Andrew Doud

STAFF: Zoning Administrator, Dennis Dombroski, Architect, Richard Neumann

Motion by Porter, seconded by Sehoan to approve as written, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019. All in favor. Motion carries. There was no February meeting due to the lack of an Agenda. Therefore, there are no February minutes to approve.

Motion by Straus to approve as written, and place on file the Agenda. All in favor. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Amanda Reintjes, MHPN**

Reintjes' email was asking the HDC if they were interested in participating in a webinar with other upper lower and UP Historic District commissions, and if so what topics they would like to see addressed. Pereny sent the email to Commission members for input and none responded. After discussion it was determined that Pereny would call Reintjes and find out if MHPN is looking to Mackinac Island to share how our HDC operates or if the intent is for Mackinac Island to learn more about other communities HDC's. [Pereny spoke to Reintjes on March 15th and learned that what MHPN is looking for is several communities to discuss topics or issues they may have within their HDC's. She is not asking Mackinac Island to offer input on how we do things, but rather have several communities offering and comparing input. She did acknowledge that Mackinac Island is a bit different and would like to see us participate. This webinar is a grant project and currently there is a delay on firming up the plan because they are not certain a webinar is allowed, over an actual meeting. Once she has that figured out she will let us know. So, at this point she is looking to see if you would like to participate, and for issues or topics Mackinac Island would like to see discussed. To date Calumet is the only community that has confirmed participation.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

- **HB19-072-002(H) Shaw/Lawson Roof Shingle Replacement – Steve Rilenge**
Dombroski stated the applicant would like to replace the roof and straighten the rafters which are sagging. Straus questioned whether this job should be considered Minor Work. Dombroski stated it is minor work and Like-for-Like. The rafter work is under the purview of the Building Department. The rafters are interior work and do not apply to the HDC. Porter agreed with Dombroski. Motion by Sehoan, second by Porter to approve the Staff Report and place on file. All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- **CD19-015-005(H)**

Emory Barn Renovation – Steve Rilenge

Rilenge stated that the applicant would like to add a dormer on the back side of the barn, add a window on the left side with an insulated window that will match the existing windows, insulate and drywall the interior, and change the stairway location. The main level will be used as a rec room and storage. The second level will be used in the winter. Neumann, Rilenge and Emory decided on the style of the front door to be installed. Straus questioned the winter use. She feels it is unrealistic without a kitchen and laundry facility. Dombroski stated that per code, the barn is being completed as an accessory dwelling unit. This means no kitchen or laundry facilities are permitted. Only one principal dwelling unit is permitted on a parcel. Neumann did comment in his review that the barn will no longer contribute to the island horse culture. Straus feels this is important. Neumann pointed out that the barn has not been used for horses in many years and is in agreement with the architectural changes. Motion by Sehojan, second by Porter to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sehojan, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- MHPN is requesting the support of communities for the reinstatement of the Historic Tax Credit. Motion by Sehojan, second by Porter to enthusiastically recommend that the City Council adopt the Resolution in support of SB54/HB4100. All in favor. Motion carries.


PUBLIC COMMENT

None

With no further business there was a Motion by Sehojan, second by Porter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.



Lorna Straus, Acting Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary