

**TROY HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES – FINAL****JANUARY 25, 2005**

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Historic Commission was held Tuesday, January 25, 2005 at the Troy Museum & Historic Village. Rosemary Kornacki called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**                    **PRESENT:**    Rosemary Kornacki  
    Terry Navratil  
    Kevin Lindsey  
    Roger Kaniarz  
    Brian Wattles  
    Vera Milz  
    Loraine Campbell, Museum Manager  
    Brian Stoutenburg, Library Director

**ABSENT:**    Ed Bortner  
    Ramya Gopal, Student Representative

**Resolution #HDC-2005-01-001****Moved by Navratil****Seconded by Wattles****RESOLVED, That absences of Bortner and Gopal be approved**

Yes:                    6 —Kornacki, Navratil, Lindsey, Kaniarz, Wattles, and Milz

No:                    0

**MOTION CARRIED****Resolution #HDC-2005-01-002****Moved by Lindsey****Seconded by Kaniarz****RESOLVED, That the minutes of October 26, 2004 be approved as amended**

Yes:                    6 — Kornacki, Navratil, Lindsey, Kaniarz, Wattles, and Milz

No:                    0

**MOTION CARRIED****OLD BUSINESS****A. Capital Projects**

## Paver Pathways

Six bids ranging from \$76,928 to \$50, 289 were received for the paver project.

The bid by Mueller's Sunrise Nursery for \$50,289.38 was approved by City

Council. The work will commence when the weather permits in Spring 2005.

#### Slate Roof Repairs (main building)

Lorraine, Brian Stoutenburg and Brian Murphy met with Eugene Hopkins, an architect from the Smith Group regarding proposed repairs to the slate roof on the main museum building. Following a visual inspection, Mr. Hopkins said the roof appears in remarkably good condition for its 87 years of service. However, it is apparent some repairs need to be completed to keep it in good repair. A closer inspection conducted in the rafters will reveal the need for further repairs. Three qualified firms were asked to submit quotes to write the specifications. Gerald Yurk Associates had the low bid (\$4,480.00) They have begun work on the project and will complete the interior and exterior inspections on January 26, 2005. The goal is retain a qualified contractor and complete repairs by June 30.

#### Masonry repairs to main building

Mark Stimac retrieved construction drawings for the old accessibility ramp. He is developing specifications for the masonry, ramp, steps and brick piers repairs

Building operations completed temporary repairs to the railings and repair/ replacement of the wooden pillars and porch elements.

#### Troy Farm- Small Barn

The smaller of the two barns at the Farm Site of the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center is now unstable. See attached report provided by barn consultant, Steven Stier. While the barn is administered through the Parks and Recreation Department, it is an historic structure dating to the Civil War Era. It is also possible that some of the timbers or sills might be used in a barn restoration project at the Museum. Therefore, the City will consider stabilizing the structure for 3-5 years, rather than razing it. Stabilization specifications have been written by Steven Stier and are under reviewed by Mark Stimac. Mr. Stier indicated that stabilization costs may be equivalent to demolition costs.

## **B. Programs**

See Attendance Reports.

School group attendance was down slightly in the fall, however public program and walk-in attendance increased significantly.

Hanging of the Greens record high attendance and was very well received.

Spring public program copy was submitted to Troy Today. It includes an improved Pioneer Green Thumbs Program and two workshops hosted by the Historic District Commission/

Staff is planning a concert series as part of the 2005 anniversary celebration. Tim McGee submitted grants to the Michigan Humanities Council for funds to offset costs for six concerts.

The date for Heritage Day was shifted to city's birthday weekend, June 18-19.

**C. Interns**

Dan Fodale, an English major from Oakland University will edit the compiled research on Solomon Caswell completed by a prior intern. The Museum Guild will publish the Caswell biography and transcription of his memoirs in 2005.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Grants**

The grant application to fund a Museum Assessment through the American Association of Museums was completed and mailed November 22, 2004. Loraine recommended that the assessment team include Rosemary Kornacki and Terry Navratil. The Museum will be notified of rewards in April.

**Resolution #HDC-2005-01-003**

**Moved by Lindsey**

**Seconded by Kaniarz**

**RESOLVED, That Kornacki and Lindsey serve on the Assessment Team if the MAP grant is funded**

Yes: 6 — Kornacki, Navratil, Lindsey, Kaniarz, Wattles, and Milz

No: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. HDC Nominee**

Dean Blythe will not accept reappointment to the Historic District Commission.

**C. Rearrangement of the Wagon Shop**

The Commission reviewed recommendations presented by Roger Kaniarz and the blacksmiths to rearrange the interior of the shop to allow visitors to pass through the shop exiting by the back door. This arrangement would provide them a better view of the forge and relieve the bottleneck that occurs in the front of the building during special events. Loraine commented that these changes might be incorporated this summer or when capital repairs are completed on the building.

**D. Troy Historical Society Liaison Report**

Heritage Campaign

Arcadia Book- Book sales have been excellent. The Society has sold or commissioned all but 100 of the 1360 books they purchased. The book is in its second printing. The Society plans to place another order of 400 books.

Hand and Eye Show- The November event netted just over \$20,000

Appraisal Fair- Scheduled April 30. This is planned to be a second annual fundraising event.

Barnard Home- On January 24, City Council approved the gift of Harriet Barnard's home to the city following conditions in the attached document.

**E. New Acquisitions:**

See attached reports.

**F. Meeting schedule for 2005**

The Commission discussed reducing their number of meetings to five per year. Additional meeting could be scheduled if properly posted following the requirements of Section 4 of the Open Meetings Act, (MCLA 15.261 et seq.)

**Resolution #HDC-2005-01-004**

**Moved by Wattles**

**Seconded by Navratil**

**RESOLVED, That the Historical Commission hold regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, June, September and October and that additional meetings be scheduled, if necessary following the requirements of Section 4 of the Open Meetings Act (MCL 15.261 et seq.)**

Yes: 6 — Kornacki, Navratil, Lindsey, Kaniarz, Wattles, and Milz

No: 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

The Troy Historic Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Troy Museum & Historic Village.

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Rosemary Kornacki  
Co- Chairman

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Loraine Campbell  
Recording Secretary