

TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISTION MINUTES—FINAL FEBRUARY 17, 2004

A Regular Meeting of the Troy Historic District Commission was held Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at the City Hall Conference Room C. Dean Blythe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL **PRESENT:** Dean Blythe
Barbara Chambers
Muriel Rounds
Paul Lin
Ann Partlen
Loraine Campbell, Museum Manager

ABSENT: Dorothy Scott
Marjorie Biglin
Yilin Zhang, Student Representative

Resolution #HDC-2004-02-001
Moved by Chambers
Seconded by Rounds

RESOLVED, That the absences of Scott, Biglin and Zhang be excused.

Yes: 5 — Blythe, Chambers, Rounds, Lin, Partlen
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #HDC-2004-02-002
Moved by Rounds
Seconded by Chambers

RESOLVED, That the minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting be approved.

Yes: 4 — Blythe, Chambers, Rounds, Lin
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Report - Committee to Evaluate Citizen Needs Around the Civic Center**
Ann Partlen reported that the Committee Chairman, Brian Wattles presented their groups final report to City Council on February 16, 2004. Many commented that the group's efforts were thorough and the report of excellent quality. The report is available through the city's website. The Committee considered past

plans and recommendations for the Civic Center and developed a long-range plan with numerous amenities that can be phased in as resources become available. The plan includes:

- An increased green belt
- Park-like setting with paths and improved water features
- A natural winter skating rink
- Fountain Plaza
- Amphitheater

City Council accepted the plan for consideration and asked staff to determine costs for the various elements of the proposed project.

B. Historic Homes Study Committee

Loraine reported that City Council would like the HDC to officially recommend a nominee(s) to the Study Committee.

Resolution #HDC-2004-02-003

Moved by Chambers

Seconded by Partlen

RESOLVED, That Historic District Commission recommends both Paul Lin and Marjorie Biglin for appointment to the Historic Homes Study Committee.

Yes: 4 — Blythe, Chambers, Rounds, Lin, Partlen

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

C. Strategic Plans Reports

The members who are champions for the four proposed projects in 2004 reported on their timelines and concepts.

1. Develop concept for local historic markers— Dean Blythe

Objective 1: Develop a suitable size Historic Plaque (consistent with City marker design) that will be given the HD Homeowners upon request.

- Determine available funding
- Determine finance allocation (city, homeowner, 50/50)
- Determine specifications of sign and installation procedure
- Determine distribution process
- Obtain homeowner approval to feature their property in Film Snippets

Objective 2: Produce 30/60-second video spots on historically designated Troy Properties for WTRY

- Meet with Community Affairs
- Determine funding issues
- Determine general design intent/usage
- Understand design parameters
- Write, film and edit

2. Seek designation for Troy as a Certified Local Government—
Barbara Chambers
Loraine has met with the City Attorney, Lori Bluhm to determine if there are any negative aspects for designation. Barbara and Loraine will meet and begin writing the application

3. Offer an historic preservation workshop for homeowners— Muriel Rounds
Plan 1:
Recruit 2 or 3 historic homeowners to give ideas on preservation information needs. Hold two sessions on those subjects on a Saturday morning, then repeat so each participants attends both sessions
Resources:
Successful and enthusiastic homeowners lead groups. Use professional experts from Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University and other Historical Museums. Use Loraine's contacts. Make publications available.
Plan 2:
Same as plan 1 but hold a daylong conference with more choices and include lunch and a special speaker.

4. Work with City to include Local history/ Historically designated homes in 2005 City calendar— Paul Lin
The city has not begun working on the 2005 calendar. This project will be phased in later.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Historic Homeowners requests
George Snow of 6091 Livernois contacted the HDC regarding construction of a garage. Dean Blythe will speak with Mr. Snow and arrange for him to meet with the Commission next month.

- B. Election of new officers
Will be delayed until all members are present.

- C. National Historic Place Designation
Loraine reported that the Museum would like to seek National Historic Place designation for all historic buildings on the Village Green. The City Attorney has investigated the designation and determined it is honorific with no restrictions but is one step in qualifying for federal grants to maintain the buildings.

Resolution #HDC-2004-02-004
Moved by Chambers
Seconded by Partlen

RESOLVED, That Historic District Commission endorses the Museum's efforts to gain National Historic Place designation for all historic structures at the Troy Museum & Historic Village.

Yes: 4 — Blythe, Chambers, Rounds, Lin, Partlen

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The Troy Historic District Committee Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall Conference Room C.

W. Dean Blythe
Chair

Loraine Campbell
Recording Secretary