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September 13, 2016 Minutes – Mt. Pleasant Historic District Commission

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm at City Hall

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

P	Lara Raisanen (12/31/2016)	P	Candace Johnson (12/31/2017)
P	Julie Taylor (12/31/2018)	EA	Aimee Goudreau (12/31/2015)
EA	Marcie Otteman-Grawburg (12/31/2017)	P	Anne Swift (12/31/2016)
P	Adam Hamlin (12/31/2016)	P	Michelle Sponseller, Secretary

A = Absent without notification P = Present E = Excused Absence N/A = Not Applicable

Guests: None

Motion to nominate Lara Raisanen to chair meeting in absence of chair and vice-chair.

M = Taylor S = Johnson Passed

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Agenda passed with acclamation.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

HDC MINUTES

Approve June 2016 minutes with update to Directors report.

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RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATION

Received Secretary Sponseller's report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Michigan Historical Marker Program

On June 29, I along with members of the HDC and City Commission were present for the unveiling of a Michigan Historical Marker at the Peter and Anna Richmond House, located at 109 West Locust Street. The application for a Michigan Historical Marker was made by the home owner, David Stairs.

In the course of conversation after the dedication, a desire was expressed to increase the HDC budget to help incent more historic markers so a sense of pride in our community's architecture would grow.

As it stands now property owners can make the request for the honor by completing the application, including detailed history on the site and basis for marker, along with covering the cost for the marker and installation (\$2,600 for marker, \$650 for installation). So, to incent four peach year would carry a cost of \$13,000 annually.

The proposal discussed was the HDC would field recommendations for sites or homes worthy of the honor, complete the research and paperwork for the state and make arrangements with the property owner and state for the dedication of the marker.

Below is an overview of the Michigan Historical Marker Program:

PURPOSE

Historical markers inform the public about buildings, structures and sites of interest. Through the Michigan Historical Marker Program, the Michigan History Center seeks to identify and mark sites and subjects having historic significance. Historical markers:

- Educate the public about significant people, places and things in Michigan history and thereby develop the public's knowledge of the importance of Michigan history and inspire them to learn more.
- Foster people's ability to make connections between current resources and the past.
- Encourage the public to preserve historic resources that illustrate Michigan history and to develop a sense of identity as Michigianians.
- Enhance cultural tourism in this state by encouraging residents and visitors to investigate Michigan history and the state's historic sites.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for a marker is determined by historic significance at the local, state or national level, and in the case of historic resources, integrity. The following may be eligible for a Michigan Historical Marker and subsequent listing in the State Register of Historic Sites:

- A historically significant building or structure
- A district listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- An object (i.e. vessel, shipwreck, railroad)
- A site (i.e. cemetery, archaeological site)
- A location without historic resources associated with an important historical figure, organization or event

CRITERIA

The burden of proof is on the applicant to provide documentary evidence that demonstrates and substantiates that the resource or subject:

- a) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- b) Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- c) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- d) Has yielded or is likely to yield information important to history or prehistory

Typically structures that have been moved from their original location, properties primarily commemorative in intent, and properties that have achieved significance within the past fifty years are not considered eligible for a Michigan Historical Marker unless they fall within the following categories:

- A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most associated with a historic person or event; or
- A property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance; or
- A property achieving significance within the past fifty years if it is of exceptional importance.

GUIDELINES

- Properties associated with demolished buildings will not be considered until at least ten years after the demolition.
- Markers will not be erected on archaeological sites that retain research potential. This is done to protect the integrity of those sites.
- In order to allow time for historical assessment, typically markers will not be considered for persons until at least twenty years after their death.
- Markers will not be considered for events until at least twenty years after they occur.

COST (based on 2016 prices)

24" x 36" and installation post	\$2,600
Installation – hole, foundation	\$ 650
Total	\$3,250 per marker x 4 = \$13,000 annually

Recommend the Downtown Director send to the city commission the request for funding allocation and program assistance.

M = Johnson S = Swift Passed

OLD BUSINESS

A. Downtown Design Guidelines

- Confirmed HDC members are in the review process on the design guidelines and we'll revisit the updates at the October meeting.

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 5:27pm