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CITY OF LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Minutes – *Approved 7/12/21* **Lansing Historic District Commission** **Monday, June 14, 2021** **Virtual Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Sonnenberg called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

a. Introductions and Roll Call:

Present: Curtis Sonnenberg (remotely from Lansing, MI), James Bell (remotely from Lansing, MI), Carol Skillings (remotely from Lansing, MI), Sam Troutman (remotely from Lansing, MI), Cassandra Nelson (remotely from Lansing, MI), Jacklyn Lillis-Warwick (remotely from Lansing, MI)

Absences: Heather Goupil (excused), James McClurken (excused), Rob Gibb

Staff Present: Andy Fedewa, Planner

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved by unanimous consent.

3. COMMUNICATIONS – None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

a. Minutes for Approval – April 12, 2021 meeting. Approved by unanimous consent.

b. 2021 CLG Grant Ideas – Mr. Fedewa stated that he discussed applying for the CLG grant to assist in the rehabilitation work of the Moores Park Natatorium (Pool) with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff. Because of requirements of the grant and given the stage of the Natatorium project Lansing will not be able to apply for this project this grant cycle. Mr. Fedewa stated there is not yet a definable scope of work.

Mr. Fedewa said because of the level of interest from commissioners in the westside neighborhoods and to build on the work being done by Commissioner Bell, it may be a good idea to instead apply for a CLG Grant to conduct a survey of the Westside. Commissioners discussed theoretical boundaries to survey and if the City should look at the entire area or certain plats. Mr. Fedewa proposed that he would work with Commissioner Bell to draft two or three different proposed areas to survey and present them at the next regularly scheduled HDC meeting.

c. Potential Survey of the Westside Neighborhood(s) – This agenda item was discussed with the CLG Grant discussion.

- d. Outreach to Local Historic Districts – Mr. Fedewa showed Commission members the new City website and where local history/historic preservation is located on the Planning Office webpage. There were five separate pages on the old webpage with sometimes redundant information. Now everything is on one page. Mr. Fedewa stated that he will continue to populate the page and will be working with a staff intern to make information more interactive and shareable for social media.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

7. STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. “Emery Houses” – 320-326 W Ottawa St: Mr. Fedewa stated that staff received an application from the owner of the Emery Houses to paint the exterior of the building, but since paint color is not reviewed by the Historic District Commission the application was not forwarded for review. The painting project is limited to the already painted building to the east and not the brick building to the west. The color will change from yellow to eggshell white. Mr. Fedewa said that he visited the building and saw that interior renovation work was progressing, but the building had not yet been painted.
- b. HDC in-person meetings: Mr. Fedewa stated that due to the expiration of the local State of Emergency on July 12, all public board and commission meetings will be moving back to in-person. For HDC the first meeting will be August 9th. Mr. Fedewa stated he was in contact with the Local History Room at CADL and was told the room will most likely not be available for meetings. Regularly scheduled meetings for the indefinite future will be in the Neighborhood Empowerment Center at 600 W Maple St.

8. PRESENTATIONS – None

9. OTHER BUSINESS – None

10. PENDING ITEMS – None

11. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:05 p.m.