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CITY OF LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Minutes – *Approved 9/13/21* **Lansing Historic District Commission** **Monday, July 12, 2021** **Virtual Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Sonnenberg called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m.

a. Introductions and Roll Call:

Present: Heather Goupil (remotely from Lansing, MI), Curtis Sonnenberg (remotely from Lansing, MI), Carol Skillings (remotely from Lansing, MI), Sam Troutman (remotely from Lansing, MI), Cassandra Nelson (remotely from Lansing, MI), Jim McClurken (remotely from Lansing, MI)

Absences: Jacklyn Lillis-Warwick (excused), James Bell

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 – June 14, 2021 meeting. Approved by unanimous consent.

b. 2021 CLG Grant Ideas – Mr. Fedewa stated that State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) released the Certified Local Government program (CLG) grant application July 1st and that it will be due October 1st.

Mr. Fedewa presented maps showing the original subdivision plats laid over the whole Westside Neighborhood and detailed about how many parcels are in each area. Mr. Fedewa said that although the CLG Grant can fund 100% of the project, it is reimbursement based, meaning that the City will have to first pay for any services, then get reimbursed, which may put a constraint on the scope of a survey.

Commissioners discussed attributes of the neighborhood and significant buildings within some of the plats. Commissioner Bell has done the most research of houses and former occupants of the Espanore subdivision but there are significant buildings elsewhere that should be surveyed. Commissioner Skillings voiced support for surveying the Espanore and Westmoreland plats and reiterated support for conducting a survey plat by plat for ease of understanding and marketing. Commissioner Nelson voiced support for surveying the Espanore plat. Mr. Fedewa voiced preference for surveying the Espanore, Westmoreland, and McPherson Inverness plats if it will not be cost prohibitive.

Ms. Nelson mentioned that the furniture store in the Durant Addition used to be a Durant vehicle showroom and may have some significance. This building was surveyed during the *2003 Thematic Survey of Early Automotive History in Lansing, Michigan From 1890 to 1930* project, but not included in the report.

Mr. Fedewa said that he would reach out to SHPO to schedule a virtual meeting between them and interested Commission members to discuss the grant timeline and possible scopes of work. Mr. Fedewa mentioned further that Alan Higgins, the CLG coordinator, will be attending a HDC meeting as part of the City's participation in the program and will answer any questions the Commission may have then.

- c. Outreach to Local Historic Districts – No updates.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
 - 7. STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
 - a. Ms. Nelson stated that a citizen group meeting for the Moores Park Natatorium (pool) took place recently or will take place soon and that she will find out if there is any new news. Commissioner Sonnenberg inquired the condition of the pool this summer and requested that City staff inform the Commission if the pool should or can be covered while not in use.
 - b. Ms. Skillings told the Commission that the period for comments on the rules for State Historic Tax Credits is ongoing if anyone would like to review them.
 - c. HDC in-person 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 6:02 p.m.