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CITY OF LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Minutes –*Approved 2/27/23* **Lansing Historic District Commission** **Monday, January 9, 2023**

Regular Meeting – Neighborhood Empowerment Center 600 W Maple St.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Vice-Chair Skillings called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
 - a. Roll Call:
Present: Carol Skillings, James Bell, Jacklyn Lillis-Warwick, Cassandra Nelson, Sam Troutman
Absences:
Staff Present: Andy Fedewa, Stephen Bezold
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved by unanimous consent.
3. COMMUNICATIONS – None
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None
5. DISCUSSION/ACTION
 - a. Minutes for Approval – September, 12, 2022. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
 - b. 2023 Certified Local Government Grant – Potential neighborhood survey and report.
Mr. Fedewa stated that Lansing is going to again apply for the SHPO – CLG program’s annual grant opportunity. Because there was such interest in surveying the Westside neighborhood, Lansing applied during the 2021 grant cycle but was not awarded. Since everyone is still interested in this project staff has drafted a new application submission and made edits based on the feedback given on last year’s submittal. Again, because the boundaries of the neighborhood association are so vast the survey will focus on three sections first, along the borders of the original plats that created the Westside as we know it today.
 - c. National Register of Historic Places nomination for Barnes Avenue School.
Mr. Fedewa had distributed the nomination report for the Barnes Avenue School to Commission members and stated that SHPO would be reviewing it January 20th. There is an opportunity for the Historic District Commission as well as the Mayor to sign a review report in support of the nomination. The proposed developer would be able to apply for federal tax credits to aid the redevelopment and rehabilitation of another historic Lansing school, this one dating back to 1919-1920.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
7. STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS
Ms. Skillings asked about the possible National Register nomination for the Board of Water and Light substations. Mr. Fedewa stated that he has also met with the Certified

Local Government Coordinator Alan Higgins, and other SHPO members to discuss the best way forward. Staff committed to presenting the project to the Board of Water and Light to build off the work done for the Ottawa and Eckert Power Stations.

8. PRESENTATIONS – None

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Selection of Officers

Ms. Lillis-Warwick nominated Ms. Skillings for Chairperson. Ms. Skillings consented to the nomination. Ms. Skillings was elected Chairperson by unanimous consent on a roll call vote (4-0).

Ms. Skillings nominated Mr. Bell for Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Bell consented to the nomination. Mr. Bell was elected Chairperson by unanimous consent on a roll call vote (4-0).

10. PENDING ITEMS – None

11. ADJOURNMENT – 6:03 p.m.