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CITY OF LANSING HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Minutes – *Approved 8/14/23* **Lansing Historic District Commission** **Monday, June 12, 2023**

Regular Meeting – Neighborhood Empowerment Center 600 W Maple St.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Skillings called the meeting to order at 5:28 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 – February 27, 2023. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
 - b. Registers story map project
 - c. Lost buildings story map
 - d. Narrative story map

Mr. Fedewa and Mr. Bezold gave an overview of the ‘story maps’ Mr. Bezold has been working on and their ideas for ‘story maps’ to make local history and historic preservation work accessible on the city’s website. Story Maps are virtual web apps facilitated by ArcGIS that can display location data while also showing a narrative that details the location or some other attribute. Mr. Bezold has mapped out and attached a narrative about every building and location on the national, state, and local historic registers. Staff will be working on uploading past and current photos for each location. It is also staff’s hope that the public can use these maps to conduct their own walking tours to visit these important local sites.

Staff has ideas for a virtual map of the 1976 Memorandum report (updated in 2012), historic buildings and sites lost over the years, map showcasing public and semi-public artwork, a map that details sites of protests for civil rights, and other neighborhood-centered walking tour story maps.

Commission members suggested expanding the maps to showcase all buildings in district-wide listings such as Downtown and Old Town. Commission members also suggested story maps for demolished and historically significant school buildings, historic data for the ethnic demographics of neighborhoods, local building styles, the 2003 automotive heritage report, and the downtown walk of stars.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None
7. STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS – Chair Skillings informed the Commission that there is a new SHPO form for study committees and gave out details about the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan.
8. PRESENTATIONS – None
9. OTHER BUSINESS – None
10. PENDING ITEMS – None
11. ADJOURNMENT – 6:20 p.m.