

City of Portage
Historic District Commission
Portage City Hall
Conference Room #2
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Meeting called to order: 8:20 AM

Present: S. Nemeth, J. Duniphin, Erica Eklov, D. Dalton, C. Wiles, M. Barton

Absent: C. Forrest, F. Grunert, K. Vanlonkhuyzen

Introduction of new Commission members: Dabney Dalton, Charlie Wiles, and Michael Barton.

Old Business:

3221 Milham/Nieuwenhuis/Barn

- Appears to be progressing.

5720 Oakland/Barn

- Presently rental property.
- Steve Stier working with owner to explore options for restoration.

2663 Mandigo/Kiley

- Property remains under code enforcement for violations: property clean up and building repairs.
- 2 residences on property. Neither appear to be occupied.
- Known damage from former renters.

1521 E. Centre/Selinon Park Development

- Project to combine several properties to create low income housing for seniors.
- Small historic house that is currently a rental on property.

- Plan proposes to restore home and use for residence for Property Manager.
- Also historic barn on 1623 Centre Avenue that developers originally proposed to move near historic home and use for ground maintenance storage.
- No news on status of project development.

10234 East Shore/Giem/ "Train Barn"

- City still looking for options to restore and use "Train Barn".
- Owner also owns property across the street that the city would like to add to Trail Development.
- One option would be to move barn across the street.
- Presently, owner has approval to sell 2 pieces of the property to raise revenue.
- Owner may keep one of these parcels and build new home because historic building are too much for her to maintain.

922 W. Osterhout/Norman/exterior work

- No update.

8021 Oak/Vermuelen/Exterior code violations.

- Formerly Mein family home.
- Lower level has tenant.

8009 Cox's Drive/Kasten/Mothballed building

- One of few remaining historic school houses in district.
- Utilities have been shut off.

5134 Oakland Drive

- Owners many try to have historic designation removed.
- Prospective buyer has expressed interest in turning property into a B&B.
- Property presently not on open market.

Commission member M. Barton asked if there were any guidelines for exterior renovation.

New Business:

HDC Preservation Month Event

- Contact other near-by historic districts and ascertain interest in cross-promoting events.
- Need to find sponsors for event.
- Need to determine date for event.

Site Categorization

- Project on hold

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 AM

Next Meeting: 8:15 on February 1

Respectfully submitted: Martha Deming Maytnier - Secretary