

City of Portage
Historic District Commission

Portage City Hall
Conference Room #2
Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Meeting called to order: 8:25 AM

Present: S. Nemeth, J. Duniphin, E. Eklov, D. Dalton, M. Barton, F. Grunert, K. VanLonkhuyzen, C. Forrest, M. Maytnier

Absent: C. Wiles

Old Business:

Open Cases:

No property reports from members.

5134 Oakland Drive

- Property for sale.
- No news on status of property

3221 Milham/Nieuwenhuis/Barn

- Status timeframe is extended after each inspection approval.
- Project considered on target for building inspections.
- Certificate of approval reaching deadline.
- HDC needs to contact owner to see what his expectations are.
- HDC approval for exterior only.

5720 Oakland/Barn/Vergunst

- Presently rental property.
- Steve Stier working with owner to explore options for restoration.
- Recommended that HDC asks owner for long term plans for property.
- HDC would like to see quotes from 2 restoration/demolition companies.
- HDC approval dependent on plans and project timetable.

2663 Mandigo/Kiley

- Property remains under code enforcement for violations: property clean up and building repairs.
- No other news.

1521 E. Centre/Selinon Park Development

- Project to combine several properties to create low income housing for Seniors.
- Developers waiting on approval for State funding for project.

10234 East Shore/Giem/"Train Barn"

- City still looking for options to restore and use "Train Barn".

922 W. Osterhout/Norman/exterior work

- No update.
- HDC concern that exposed exterior work has not been properly protected.
- Possible code enforcement issue.
- Owner should consider applying for HDC application

8021 Oak/Vermuelen/Exterior code violations

- Formerly Mein family home.
- Lower level presently has tenant.
- Code enforcement case had been closed.
- Owner has done some maintenance repairs, but not up to HDC standards.

8009 Cox's Drive/Kasten/mothballed building

- One of few remaining historic school houses in district.
- Utilities have been shut off.
- Looking for a solution continues.

New Business:

Newsletter: Still in discussion phase.

HDC Preservation Month Event:

- Date has been set for Thursday, May 18th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.
- 6968 Sprinkle Road.
- Theme: Restoration for a New Era; new life for old buildings.
- Program to include Blair Bates from Building Restoration Inc.
- Mick Lynch to conduct tours of restored buildings on property.
- Looking for mini-Expo participants: architects, contractors, restoration experts, materials suppliers, other local historical societies.
- Jessie Duniphin to write Portager article for May.
- HDC Facebook page is “up”, please sign on and “friend”.

Green-A-Thon:

April 15th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

- Need volunteers.
- Should have some balloons and signage to highlight HDC participation.
- Jessie and Fred will create a sign board.

Material Storage Guidelines:

- Mike Barton submitted document that was approved by HDC members.

Meeting adjourned: 9:55 AM

Respectfully submitted, M. Maytnier/Secretary