

City of Portage
Historic District Commission
Portage City Hall
Conference Room #1
Wednesday September 13, 2017

Meeting called to order: 8:25 AM

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

Absent: None

Announcement: Dabney Dalton has resigned because of business scheduling conflicts.

Fred Grunert ran the meeting as interim chair, until the chair's arrival.

Minutes from August 2, 2017 approved.

Old Business:

Current member property inspections and open case updates:

2112 Vanderbilt

- Erica had a call from an interested buyer.

1521 E. Centre/Selinon Park Development

- Selinon has modified MSHDA application in an effort to qualify for low-income housing.

Community Awareness:

Outreach Sub-Committee:

HDC Events:

- Mick Lynch has confirmed (via Erica) that he will host the May Preservation Month event at the Van Riper / Milham house.

Celery Flats Event/Parks Department/October 8th.

- **Volunteers from the HDC are needed. Please sign up on the online site at Signup.com.**
- "All Hallows Eve" theme
- Information regarding the event was in the most recent Portager, and can be found on the city website.
- Steve Rossio looking for direction for his presentation for this event.

- There are 4 Celery Flats tours.
- Another tour will focus on Central Cemetery and historic figures buried in the cemetery.
- Jessie noted that the scripts from the September event need to be modified. They are too long to hold interest.
- Erica has copies of the current scripts. They are also available in a previous email from Jessie.
- **Please wear your HDC nametag from the May event.**

Statement of Significance

The draft for the Statement of Significance was approved with the following changes:

- Corrections for the number of existing buildings in each style.
- Removal of the paragraph referring to Neoclassical buildings.
- Removing the descriptive element of “California” from bungalows.

New Business:

903 E. Centre

- Listed for sale.
- Erica has sent the listing agent information about Portage historic homes.

5720 Oakland/Vergunst

- From the 2015 application, the pool has been removed, but the garage that was to have been taken down is still standing. It was saved for barn material storage.
- Katie spoke to Mr. Vergunst.
- HDC has received a new application which will be voted on at the October meeting.
- The current proposal is to disassemble the barn saving as much material as possible for use.
- HDC would like to have more information about the proposed timeline for the project.
- HDC would like to have verification on the footprint and location of new structures.

Note: Suzanne Nemeth will be taking the minutes for the October 4th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.

Respectfully submitted: Martha Deming Maytnier/Recording Secretary