

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN**

Chairman Finkel called a regular meeting of the Mackinac Island Historic District Commission to order at 10:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Lee Finkel, Andrew Doud, Alan Sehoyan

ABSENT: Nancy Porter, Lorna Straus

STAFF: Zoning Administrator, Dennis Dombroski, Architect, Richard Neumann (via Zoom), Attorney, Gary Rentrop (via Zoom), Attorney

Motion by Doud, seconded by Sehoyan to approve as written, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2021. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Doud, seconded by Sehoyan to approve, as amended, and place on file the minutes of the joint meeting with HDC and City Council Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The amendment is to add Rick Neumann in attendance. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Doud, seconded by Sehoyan to approve as amended and place on file the Agenda. The amendment was to add "Content Guidelines" to *New Business*. All in favor. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Gary Rentrop Statement, November 10, 2021**

Rentrop summarized his statement.

- **Letter from SHPO re: CLG Application**

Rentrop stated that our CLG application was approved by both SHPO and the National Park Service.

- **Letter from National Park Service re: CLG Application**

This was a letter congratulating the HDC on its CLG approval.

- **Letter from Mayor's Assistant re: HDC Fees**

The City Council denied the HDC's request to amend the HDC fees. Doud stated he felt that non-contributing resources were being unintentionally favored. Doud feels all resources in a district should be reviewed the same way. Neumann stated that back when the HDC was formed the distinguishing factor in review is whether a resource is contributing or non-contributing. Rentrop stated age alone is not a determining factor in calling it contributing or non-contributing. A resource less than 50 years old, but is architecturally significant would be considered contributing. When reviewing a non-contributing resource, the effect on the rest of the neighborhood must be considered. Everyone agreed that the process is muddy. Rentrop agreed that additions should all

*No action was taken*

meet the same standards, but the distinction between contributing and non-contributing is legally required.

- **Letter from Mayor's Assistant re: Past Perfect**

The City Council approved the hiring of Past Perfect to perform the study of the island, as requested by the Study Committee.

- **Letter from City Clerk re: Roof Top Use**

The City Council denied roof top use on the 3<sup>rd</sup> story.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- None

### STAFF REPORTS

- None

### OLD BUSINESS

- **MD21-074-025(H) London Square Permit Extension**

Motion by Sehoyan, second by Doud to approve the extension of two permits; MD21-074-025 and MD21-074-001. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Sehoyan, Finkel. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **C19-019-075(H) Coal Dock Army Corp of Engineers Permit**

Rentrop stated that to remain consistent the HDC, if OK with the work done, should issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the work completed on the coal dock. Motion by Finkel, second by Doud to approve the work as deemed as an issue of significant appropriateness. The work is not deemed as not having an adverse effect on the surrounding structures. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Sehoyan, Finkel. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **CD22-001-004(H) Trivisonno – Garden Screen Wall**

Finkel stated the applicant would like to erect a garden screen wall. Neuman summarized that it is a wall that matches a previously approved section on the patio. The applicant would like to erect one on the opposite side of the patio to match the existing. Neumann performed a positive review. Gene Hopkins further described the project as a 15' wall intending to protect the hot tub from view from the street and barn. Motion by Sehoyan, second by Doud to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Arches Budget**

Sehoyan is to set up a budget meeting and submit a budget to Pereny within a couple of weeks. Corrigan stated that currently Arches is costing approximately \$100 per month. The Past Perfect data, and the Annex data will need to be uploaded into Arches as well. Corrigan stated that they may want to update the web design. [Historicmackinac.org](http://Historicmackinac.org).

- **Content Guidelines**

Doud stated he thinks a new category for Demo should be created. Doud would like to see some kind of guidelines created based on past approvals. Motion by Doud, second by Sehoyan to create a Content Guidelines committee to work with Rentrop and Neumann to look at the history of approvals. The Committee will be Doud and Finkel. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Sehoyan. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

Doud stated he would like to review reconstruction in the March meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

With no further business there was a Motion by Sehoyan, second by Doud to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.



Lee Finkel, Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary

