

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 AT 1:00 P.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 1:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Lee Finkel, Andrew Doud, Lorna Straus, Nancy Porter

ABSENT: Alan Sehoan

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

Motion by Straus, seconded by Porter to approve as amended, and place on file the minutes of the regular meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Amendments include adding “She was opposed to the Enbridge camera tower, knew it had been disallowed on Mackinac island, and wanted the same result. Finkel explained that our objection was architectural and as Bois Blanc didn’t have an Historic commission that was not possible there.” to *Correspondence*, and adding “certain representatives of Verizon spear headed by numerous changes” to the last sentence in Verizon, in *Old Business*. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion by Porter, seconded by Doud to approve as amended and place on file the Agenda. The amendments were to add “Letter re: Certified Local Government” to *Correspondence*, “Arches Logo Adoption” under *Old Business*, “Website Changes” under *Old Business* and “Ordinance Review Committee” under *New Business*. All in favor. Motion carries.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

• **Letter re: Certified Local Government.**

Rentrop stated that becoming certified as a CLG would make the City eligible for grants for projects. Applicants that have a project that requires Section 106 approval often go to a list of CLG’s under the SHPO list. Also, SHPO will give advice to CLG’s as well. The City has already satisfied many of the requirements to become a CLG. Straus asked if there were any downsides to becoming a CLG and Rentrop stated no there were not. Motion by Porter, second by Straus to send the letter drafted by Rentrop, to City Council for review. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

• **Arches Software – Alan Sehoan**

Sehoan was not present at the meeting so no update was given. However, the letter to City Council requesting a yearly budget of \$10,000 was discussed. Finkel stated that the HDC and Arches do not have money to spend and that is why the request to City Council must be made. Motion by Doud, second by Finkel to send the budget request to City Council. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

Rentrop stated that becoming a Certified Local Government (CLG) may get us grants that could be used for Arches.

### STAFF REPORTS

- None

### OLD BUSINESS

- **CD19-039-070(H) Diane Shea Permit Extension Request**

Motion by Doud, second by Finkel to approve the permit extension for the Shea residence. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Verizon Update & Escrow Account – Gary Rentrop**

Rentrop stated there have been several changes to the approved March 9<sup>th</sup> plan. Also, cones have been showing up on the roof top of Chippewa and Lilac Tree Hotels which is an outstanding issue. Our consultants have told us that striping on the roof with signage could replace the cones alerting people to high frequency radiation. A second antenna on Mission Point has been added with no explanation. Rentrop asked for an explanation and has heard nothing for two weeks. Rentrop is recommending an escrow trust account be established. The applicant would be required to put money in the escrow account based on estimated professional fees that might be incurred. Approval would not be granted until all fees have been paid. Rentrop has prepared a draft resolution for City Council. Motion by Doud, second by Finkel to send the draft resolution to City Council for review. Roll call vote: Ayes: Doud, Finkel, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

- **Arches Logo Adoption**

Straus noted that the word “Island” was not part of the logo and our logo should distinguish us from Mackinaw City or St Ignace. Straus also does not like the tower in the logo since there is no such tower on the island. Finkel stated it was simply the best clip art available. Neumann stated he believes the Arches Committee should reconsider the logo and bring it back to the HDC after further consideration.

- **Website Changes**

Rentrop wanted to add the new “Notice to Applicants” to the Historic District Commission page of the City website. Rentrop believes this will help educate applicants that would be required to obtain Section 106 approval. Pereny will add the form to the website.

Doud stepped down from the table.

### NEW BUSINESS

- **MD21-019-046(H) Andrew Doud Back Patio Renovation**

Dombroski introduced the project. Doud summarized the project and approached the table and described the drawings. Neumann stated the fence is a compatible element in an historic district and

it is in a back corner so it will not be highly visible. Motion by Porter, second by Straus to approve the application. Roll call vote: Ayes: Finkel, Straus, Porter. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carries.

Doud returned to the table.

- **Ordinance Review Committee**

There was discussion in the Ordinance Committee regarding adding additional historic districts in the City. This topic will be discussed in the City Council meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, formula businesses were discussed in the Ordinance Committee meeting. The definition of formula business needs to be defined and how a business can broadcast themselves to the City. Dombroski further discussed the formula business ordinance that Rentrop and Evashevski have been working on for about a year. The ordinance would regulate the exterior elements so it remains consistent with the historic district and the National Landmark status. Finkel asked for copies of both the formula business and the additional historic districts draft ordinances.

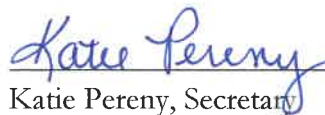
#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Straus commented on the franchise discussion. Straus stated the Planning Commission and Tom Evashevski had addressed the topic years ago and a lot of work had been done. Straus asked Rentrop if the work done by Planning Commission was not adequate. Also, Straus asked what is the definition of a franchise. Rentrop stated that Evashevski called Rentrop and told him improvements needed to be made to the existing ordinance. The definition of a franchise is still being worked on.

With no further business there was a Motion by Doud, second by Finkel to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.



Lee Finkel, Chairman



Katie Pereny, Secretary