

Minutes
Lansing Historic District Commission
5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, February 8, 2016
Planning and Neighborhood Development Conference Room
316 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing MI 48933

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Winans opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.
 - A. Introductions and Roll Call:

Present: Cassandra Nelson, Curtis Sonnenberg, Tom Truscott,
Nathalie Winans.

Absent: Carol Skillings (EA), Kara Wood (EA)

Staff Present: Bill Rieske
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The agenda was approved without objection.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.
4. STAFF COMMENTS
5. PRESENTATIONS – None.
6. HEARINGS (ADVERTISED) – None.
7. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – No minutes presented for approval.
8. COMMUNICATIONS – None.
9. DISCUSSION:
 - A. Updates on:
 - HB 5232 and SB 720 – These two identical bills are running concurrently in the State Legislature and would effectively gut local historic districts, by requiring, among other things:
 - that the 2/3 property owners be in support of a district before the study committee can be appointed,
 - that a 2/3 majority would be required by the elected officials to establish the district,
 - historic districts would sunset after 10 years.

The bills are currently in the Local Government Committee of each house.

- Booklet/brochure – No update.
- Cherry Hill Historic District – Mr. Sonnenberg reported that the Lansing State Journal is relocating, leaving a major vacancy on the border of the Cherry Hill neighborhood. The neighborhood group is planning a river cleanup after the weather breaks.
- Preservation Lansing – No update.
- Membership – Mr. Sonnenberg reported that he had spoken to Heidi Butler, of the Capital Area District Library, regarding HDC membership.

10. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

11. PENDING ITEMS: FUTURE ACTION REQUIRED – None.

12. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS – None.

13. ADJOURNMENT – It was moved by Mr. Sonnenberg, seconded by Ms. Nelson, and CARRIED unanimously to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.