Minutes – Approved
Lansing Historic District Commission
Local History Room, Capital Area District Library
5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2020
(Downtown Branch) Lower Level, 401 S. Capitol Avenue.
Lansing MI 48933

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Nelson opened the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

A. Introductions and Roll Call:

Present: Rob Gibb, Heather Goupil, Cassandra Nelson, Carol Skillings, Curtis Sonnenberg, and Jaclyn Lillis-Warwick

Absences: James Bell, Cynthia Redman

Staff Present: Bill Rieske, Asst. Planning Manager; Andy Fedewa, Planner

Also Present: James McClurken

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION

James McClurken is a prospective Historic District Commissioner and he introduced himself to the Commission.

A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – December 9, 2019 meeting. Approved by consensus as revised.

B. UPDATES ON:

• Cherry Hill – Mr. Sonnenberg reiterated that he will no longer be a liaison for the Cherry Hill Neighborhood, but extended an invitation to residents to attend Historic District Commission meetings.

There were no updates on the Cherry Hill School or Cherry Hill development project to report. Mr. Rieske stated that the draft report on the Cherry Hill Neighborhood and the Historic District is still being revised.

The Commission requested that all Cherry Hill topics be collapsed into one update item on future agendas.

• Design Guidelines – Staff presented a draft version of the City of Lansing Historic District Commission Design Guidelines. Commission members divided up sections of the Guidelines amongst themselves for review and revision.

• Cooley Haze House – Ms. Nelson reported that there is an inconsistency with the property description and that title to this property has not transferred to Joe Vitale as yet.
• Preservation Lansing – Ms. Nelson and Mr. Sonnenberg reported that there is a Preservation Lansing board meeting scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 6:30pm.

• Lansing Eastern High School – No progress to report.

• Moores Park Natatorium – Ms. Nelson stated numerous stakeholders are working together to figure out next steps to restore the historic pool in Moores Park. Ms. Nelson also stated that a grant for some funding was applied for before its deadline.

• Eckert Station – Mr. Rieske reported on his meeting with Alan Higgins, Certified Local Government Coordinator at Michigan SHPO. There is a new program to help Certified Local Governments (CLG) with one of three types of projects. Mr. Rieske stated that the City is going to move forward on applying to get the Eckert Power Station listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

  Mr. Rieske brought a 2001 ‘106 Report’ on the Eckert Power Station to the attention of the Commission. He relayed that according to the report an application for the National Register was applied for, but stated that no one at Michigan SHPO could give him details on what happened with the application.

• Certified Local Government Annual Report – Mr. Rieske reported on the status of the annual report CLGs must submit. He stated that the Cherry Hill Historic District Report, the Design Guidelines, and the Eckert Station listing are among the projects staff plans on completing.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

6. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

7. STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:
   • Ms. Skillings passed on information about the Historical Society of Michigan’s upcoming Local History Conference, March 27 & 28, 2020, in Sterling Heights.

8. PRESENTATIONS – None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

10. PENDING ITEMS – Continuing work on Cherry Hill report and Design Guidelines.

11. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:11 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 10, 2020, Local History Room, CADL