Minutes
Lansing Historic District Commission
Local History Room, Capital Area District Library
5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2019
(Downtown Branch) Lower Level, 401 S. Capitol Avenue.
Lansing MI  48933

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Nelson opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

A. Introductions and Roll Call:

Present: James Bell, Rob Gibb, Heather Goupil, Cassandra Nelson, and Carol Skillings,
Excused Absences: Cynthia Redman, Curtis Sonnenberg, and Jaclyn Lillis-Warwick

Staff Present: Bill Rieske
Also Present: None.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS (None)

4. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – April 8, 2019 meeting. The April 8 minutes, as corrected, were approved by consensus.

5. UPDATES ON:

• ReoTown Intensive Level Survey – Mr. Rieske that he has a meeting at LBWL offices regarding the REO Town report and the prospect of a National Register district.
• North Lansing Historic Commercial District (Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase) – Mr. Rieske reported that on May 31, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Review Board approved this nomination.
• Cherry Hill Historic District, incl. Cherry Hill School – Mr. Rieske said that based on windshield survey he did that afternoon, 3 houses out of 23 in the Cherry Hill Historic District (13%) had vinyl siding.
• Cooley Haze House – Mr. Rieske reported that the Planning Board re commended approval of the rezoning request for the property, ant that recommendation goes to the Mayor this week for City Council action.
• Preservation Lansing – Ms. Nelson said that there would be a meeting Thursday, and they will be doing preservation awards this fall. She reported that she, Dale Schrader, Bill Castenier, Brian McGrain, and Mr. Rieske walked the site with Eric Schertzing of the Land Bank and Judy Putnam of LSJ. She said that although it has nice window trim that is basically intact, the rest of the building is in rough shape and barely salvageable.
• Lansing Eastern High School – Mr. Rieske referred to the City Pulse article about Lansing Eastern, and a discussion ensued about a possible role for Preservation Lansing in
encouraging the preservation of the building, possibly in conjunction with the alumni
association and other stakeholders.

6. Design Guidelines – Commission members continued their discussion of design guidelines. Ms. Skillings had emailed a proposed table of contents to the members. Mr. Rieske brought a compilation of those sections favored for inclusion at the last meeting, completed by Rachel Wilke, who works part time in the Economic Development and Planning Department. He also mentioned Development Office specifications for vinyl siding, for cases in which buildings won’t hold paint.

   Mr. Bell cited his experience as a painter, and said that buildings will hold paint unless there’s an underlying problem such as excessive moisture.

   Ms. Goupil suggested the use of Google docs for the group to work on the document. Mr. Rieske said he will post the document after completing more work in-house. Ms. Goupil had provided A-V equipment for the meeting.

   No action was taken on this item.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

8. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

9. STAFF AND COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS – None.

10. PRESENTATIONS – None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

12. PENDING ITEMS – Continuing work on guidelines.

13. ADJOURNMENT was at 6:45 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 12, 2019, Local History Room, CADL