

The November 9, 2012, meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Troy Historic Village.

ROLL CALL

Present

Barbara Chambers, Chair
Tim McGee
Anne Partlan
Doris Schuchter
Kent Voigt

Absent

Hugh Doyle
Padma Kuppa

Also Present

R. Brent Savidant, Planning Director
Mitch Grusnick, Building Official
Loraine Campbell, Museum Director

NEW BUSINESS

Notice to Proceed – Demolition of Building Additions, Old Stone School, 3995 South Boulevard

The meeting was called to discuss whether to grant the City a Notice to Proceed with demolition of building additions and the garage at the Old Stone School located at 3995 South Boulevard. The history of the Old Stone School was discussed. The original historic structures, including the Old Stone School, the well and the outhouse could be returned to their original status when built in 1866.

Loraine Campbell, who has been involved with the building site for many years, gave a factual presentation to the Commission.

The Historic District Commission discussed the following:

- The Bharatiya Temple, which abuts the property to the east, might have an interest in the site as a potential use for its facility.
- The Old Stone School is located at the intersection (Adams and South Boulevard) of four cities and is an important gateway into Troy.
- The property is a potential educational tool, as schoolchildren can envision what the school was like 150 years ago.
- More parking is needed to use the site to its full potential.
- The property could potentially be linked to the Nature Center to the east of this site.
- Students from either Oakland University or Eastern Michigan University might have an interest in conducting an archaeological dig of the site. Barb Chambers offered to contact Ted Ligubel of Eastern Michigan University and Steve Styres of Oakland University.

Resolution #HDC-2012-11-01

Moved by: McGee
Seconded by: Voigt

RESOLVED, The Historic District Commission hereby grants a Notice to Proceed with demolition of building additions and the garage on the historic Old Stone School property, located at 3995 South Boulevard, Section 6. Demolition of these structures will return the Stone School property back to the original stone schoolhouse and two stone outbuildings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Historic District Commission recommends that the City use a company experienced with historic preservation to carry out the demolition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Historic District Commission recommends that City undertake a planning exercise to determine the best use(s) for the Old Stone School property.

Yes: All present (5)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chambers