

CITY HALL
TROY, MI 48063
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TROY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES

Troy City Hall
500 West Big Beaver Rd.

Call to Order 7:45pm May 29, 1990

Present V-Chairman W. Bedford, Frantz Davis, Nagel, Scott,
Absent Wood.

Motion by Nagel

Support by Davis

Motion to accept minutes of April 1990

All yea

Old Business -

- Item - Recognition of improved historic structure by Chamber.
Bedford had received phone call from Chamber asking for letter nominating structures for their review. Commission polled by phone for approval of nominations previous to our regular meeting. Letter attached

Motion by Scott

Support by Bedford

Approval of nominations as submitted to Chamber of Commerce for their Beautification Award.

All yea

- Item - Township Marker. Historic District has been waiting for City Resolution of Site approval. Museum personnel was requested by City to do write-up for marker. This Commission is questioning why the Museum is writing the text? Scott will be in Lansing to review program.

- Item - Markers for City designated structures. Davis has submitted several designs and the agreement is that a 5 x 8 oval is the best looking with the name of the historic house and circa date. Question now is where to purchase?.

- Item - Troy Union Cemetery marker program. Nagel questioned the fact that no names are on the Cemeteries as to their names. We would like to see signs with a small history stated. Documentation will start as Troy Union has Soldiers from all the wars.

- Item - Champion trees. Oakland Township has program. We will try to find a criteria.

- Item - Open House of Barn Church has been approved for next year. We will try to co-ordinate with Museum activities.

Review of Structures

- Item - Request by Kevin Lindsey to replace roof on Norton House. Permit is not needed from Building Department. Historic District Commission reviewed request and concurred that the roofer was going to do a good Preservation Program in that he was replacing crown molding and repairing according to Historic Atmosphere. Original roof was shingle and too expensive for practical purposes, but new roof gives intent.

Motion by Bedford
Support by Scott
Request of Kevin Lindsey to replace roof be approved
and copy of this motion be mailed.
All yea

New Business

- Item - Scott submitted a review and study of West side of John R. in Section 2 is section of brick homes of 1900. This is separate type of Architecture and growth period of Troys History.
- Item - Scott mentioned a concern in the Study of Troy Corners (19 & Livernois) and the Commercialism that is occurring in that it is a designated Historic area with definite designated structures. The District Commission has a concern in the development that ~~has~~ started in trying to move traffic through the area. This is slowly destroying even the 1900 atmosphere. Further study and recommendation to Council will be an item for next meeting.
- Item - Scott presented a proposed letter to be mailed to all those have designated structures and those who have structures remaining from the original **study** list. Review and further recommendation at our next meeting. Copy attached.
- Item - Frantz had proposed a new book updating Troys History. This could be a venture with anyone wishing to assist in such a project. The Museum has information and the City Newsletter/Museum letter could announce that **Interested** persons are more than welcome. A Special meeting ~~has been~~ set for June 19, 1990 at City Hall 7:30pm to **outline subjects**. At this time work will start with:
Scott on Cemeteries
Bedford on Airport & Fire Department
Davis on Cars, street names
Nagel on Church.
- Item - **By-Laws** of this Commission require Election of Officers in the month of May.
Motion by Scott
Support by Davis
Will Bedford be elected as Chairman
All yea
- Motion by Frantz
Support by Davis
Dorothy Scott be elected as Secretary
All yea
- Motion by Frantz
Support by Davis
Anne Nagel be elected as Vice-Chairman
All yea

Adj: 9:pm All yea

Troy Historic District
attachment May 1990

May 25, 1990

Troy Chamber of Commerce
Beautification Awards Committee

It is with great pleasure the Troy Historic District Commission nominates four of Troy's historic homes for consideration for this year's Beautification Award in the Historic Structure category.

All of these structures have recently been refurbished on the exterior and the final choice will not be an easy one.

Our nominations are:

- Hill House, 4320 John R, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Davis
- Strawberry Farm, 2955 Quail Run, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Ramaker
- Beech House, 4800 Beech Road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Michaels
- Dannison House, 839 Wattles Road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Frantz

It should be noted we have not nominated the Dunn House on Dequindre, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hover. This suburb house and its renovation received the 'Great American Home' Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C., in January of this year.

With that award came widespread recognition, both local and national. We feel to follow that up with another award at a later date would be redundant.

It is the sincere hope of members of the Troy Historic District Commission that these nominated homes meet with your approval.

Yours Truly,



Wil Bedford
vice chairman

To:

From: Troy Historic District

What is Historic Preservation?

Historic preservation is the planned guided protection, rehabilitation, maintained reuse of our architectural resources.

enormous changes in attitude toward preservation have come in more recent years as a result of growing concern for our dwindling resources (including buildings), and with the escalating costs of new construction, a revived interest in the nation's history, and a new appreciation of the aesthetic and economic values of historical architecture.

Preservation is no longer the sentimental saving of a beautiful old building - It is now a concept involving housing codes, land use planning, tax laws, open space planning, and downtown revitalization.

Private involvement in preservation is extensive with people engaged in the restoration of historic buildings, and hundreds of cities have adopted preservation as a policy to establish district

What is an Historic District?

An historic district is a area that contains a historical and architectural structure worthy of preservation. It is not an museum in which no old building is ever torn down or a new one built. It is a functioning part of the community. Protected by an historic district ordinance and administered by an Historic District Commission.

An historic district commission has many duties, but one basic responsibility - to protect and develop so that it can continue to be an asset to the community.

An historic district commission must therefore, guide exterior alterations and new construction in order to preserve and enhance those features which warrant the designation as historic district.

Encourage continued productive use of fine old buildings, encourage new construction of a compatible nature, prevent the visual and harmful effect of neglected property, provide guidance for property owners, stabilize property values, protect investment and encourage new vitality.

These goals are realized throughthe implementation of an ordinance whose provisions serve to guide the decisions of the historic district commission.