

Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 – via Zoom teleconference

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chairman, Lauran Howard.
2. Members in attendance (Via Zoom): Lauran Howard, Jaclyn Huffman, Amber Herrick, Colleen McKenna, Rosemary Spatafora, Lisa Wetzen, Don Daniels, Nick Kokotovich, Liaison Bret Scott, City representative Kersten Emsley; Excused absence: Samantha Chapman
3. Approval of January 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motion by: Lisa Wetzen, Second: Don Daniels, Motion passed unanimously.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the Agenda.
Notes: Welcome new members, Colleen and Rosemary! Lauran visited and brought them their letters and old “Then and Now.” Colleen - moved to PR in 2016 as empty nesters. Home on Millington was built from materials from Wilcox Castle! Lots of rocks! Rosemary – Resident of PR for 45 years! Has lived in the same house on Amherst ever since. Researching into the history of systemic racism in our area.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Don Daniels: Acting Treasurer
Motion to approve the January 2021 Treasurer’s report. Motion by: Amber Herrick, Second: Jaclyn Huffman, Motion passed unanimously. Notes: Lauran reviewed Historical Commission’s expenditures and revenues for the new members.
6. Election of new officers:
 - a. Chairman: Lauran Howard – Nominated by Amber Herrick, Second: Jaclyn Huffman, Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Vice Chairman: Nick Kokotovich – Nominated by Don Daniels, Second: Lisa Wetzen, Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Treasurer: Don Daniels – Nominated by Lauran Howard, Second: Amber Herrick, Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Secretary: Jaclyn Huffman – Nominated by Lauran Howard, Second: Colleen McKenna, Motion passed unanimously.
7. Historical Commission Updates
 - a. Pewabic tile report
Notes: Sold out of general tiles. Current stock includes tiles for purchase for homes that have turned 100 years old. 26 sold, 19 left. Reviewed Lauran’s email to the homeowners.
Motion to send letters to 2021 & 2022 households for a deadline of March 31. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Amber Herrick, Motion rejected.
Motion to send letter to 2021 households as proposed. Motion by: Lauran Howard, Second: Don Daniels, Discussion: Wait until later in the year to send letter to 2022 households. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Museum organization
Notes: Not opening for general hours at this time. Still ok to open by appointment. Kersten has been reaching out to Lauran when appointments have been requested.

May contact other members if Lauran is not available. Follow up: Amber to send email to Shawnie to add the open by appointment note to the next Ridger.

c. Museum repairs

Notes: Lisa and Doug added caps to the posts on the porch. Will fix screen insert on screen door once weather is warmer. Furnace has been on low to preserve pipes.

d. Then and Now update

Notes: Last version published in 1981. Lauran sent a memo to commission members on the current status of publication. Content not able to make it into the book can be used to update the website.

e. 2021 Home and Garden Tour.

Motion to set date for Saturday, September 11, 2021. Motion by: Lauran Howard, Second: Nick Kokotovich, Discussion: Yards & Gardens only this year. Motion passed unanimously.

Notes: Chairs – Don, Samantha and Nick. Community Center reserved in case we can have an afterglow (COVID permitting). Lauran received confirmation on one garden. Commission members to reach out to those they know to find gardens. Look to compile list by next meeting. Include community garden. Amber reached out to last year's docents to gauge interests for 2021. Tri-Chairs to have separate sub-committee meetings again this year open for everyone.

8. City Commission Liaison Report

Notes: Making progress with the state on lead pipes. Will start to see city properties and services open as the state opens restrictions.

9. Other Business

Notes: N/A

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Motion by: Don Daniels, Second: Lisa Wetzen, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jaclyn Huffman, Recording Secretary 2/4/2021