

Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 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, Samantha Chapman, Liaison Bret Scott, City representative Kersten Emsley
3. Approval of February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Samantha Chapman, Motion passed unanimously.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – N/A
5. Treasurer’s Report – Don Daniels
Motion to approve the February 2021 Treasurer’s report. Motion by: Jaclyn Huffman, Second: Rosemary Spatafora, Motion passed unanimously. Notes: Kersten confirmed with Amy that because we are a municipality we don’t have an option for a different account with out the service fees.
6. Historical Commission Updates
 - a. Pewabic tile report
Notes: Letters to 100 year homes in 2021 mailed out on Monday. 1 purchase so far! Mutual Adoration (located in Detroit) will be framing the 100 year home tile for display in the museum. Square frame with Matte Black background and wooden frame. Rosemary’s husband Dennis will give us a quote for the centennial tile. Lauran will figure out what happened with the tile itself!
Motion to reimburse Don Daniels for up to \$150 for the 100-year Home tile from Mutual Adoration. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Lisa Wetzen, Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Museum organization
Notes: Lauran and Lisa to continue organization. Rosemary volunteered to join as well. Will set aside some time for Colleen and Rosemary to visit the museum.
 - c. Museum repairs
Notes: Lisa (and Doug) to take the door screen in for repairs now that the weather is improving. Should consider looking at the roof for consultation on health.
 - d. Then and Now update
Notes: Met last night (3/2). Made it about 1/3 of the way through on written content. Will work to add photos and further content. Check in with Eric Dickerson regarding the posts he is sharing to the “PR PR” Facebook group. Lauran asked if there’s anyone who is familiar with gaining archive access to Detroit Free Press. Amber to research further.
 - e. 2021 Garden Tour – September 11, 2021
Notes: Samantha shared access with everyone to the 2021 Google document. Don walked us through the document of their sub-committee meeting prior to the commission meeting. To be named: **“Outdoor Sanctuaries within Historic Pleasant Ridge.”** Referencing 2019 tour cost of ~\$25. Will depend on how many gardens and “quality of content.” Research costs of other garden tours. Will continue

to revisit. Look to confirm 10 sanctuaries and determine a deadline to do so. Amber will put out a request for volunteers on Facebook, Samantha to draft up. Will have Shawnie add to the Ridger as well.

7. City Commission Liaison Report

Notes: Next meeting Tuesday, March 9 to discuss goals. April 20th, workshop to discuss water infrastructure regarding lead pipe replacement. COVID updates: keep updated on government pages. Hoping to see vaccinations open to everyone by end of March. With guidelines opening up, will city meetings be in person again? That has yet to be determined. Bret to keep us updated.

8. Other Business

Notes: Nick is working through digitizing content and considers what items that we might want to scan. Commission agreed to keep restored digital version, no need to keep original scanned copy.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm. Motion by: Nick Kokotovich, Second: Don Daniels, Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jaclyn Huffman, Recording Secretary 3/5/2021