

Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Pleasant Ridge Community Center  
4 Ridge Rd, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman, Lauran Howard.
2. Members in attendance: Lauran Howard, Jaclyn Huffman, Colleen McKenna, Lisa Wetzen, Nick Kokotovich, Amber Herrick, Rosemary Spatafora, City representative Kersten Emsley, Liaison Katy Schmier, Excused absence: Don Daniels
3. Approval of January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Motion by: Lisa Wetzen, Second: Colleen McKenna, Motion passed unanimously.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Welcome to Nick – our new member to be! Dick Moore, 46 year resident, currently lives on Elm Park – when United Cable came in the 1980s, there was a Pleasant Ridge cable channel. The city hired a historian who interviewed homeowners of Tudors and Dutch colonials. The tapes/DVDs were from the cable show hosted by Dave Smith. The shows appear to be spread across tapes, DVDs and other types of film. Dick recommends ripping the shows and potentially selling the quality copies as a fundraiser. Possibility to do an updated series. Catalogue what we have before making a decision to move forward with what to do. Dick has volunteered to help!
5. Treasurer's Report – Don Daniels  
Motion to approve the November 2021 Treasurer's report. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Rosemary Spatafora, Motion passed unanimously.
6. Historical Commission Updates:
  - a. Pewabic Tile Report – Last meeting, we voted to approve for \$2,000 for creation of the ornaments. Celadon and Glacier Gloss are the colors that won the vote. 24 week return originally but may potentially be done by the middle of May!
  - b. Museum Maintenance – Lauran, Rosemary and Lisa have done a marvellous job of sorting through items in the museum. Front window in the museum is cracked – need someone to review damage and what needs to be done. Recommendation for Henderson Glass, Lauran to call to get an estimate. Need someone to clean the museum once a month – Kersten to check what our options are.
  - c. Review of items from the museum – WWII articles in a scrapbook that is disintegrating, how can we preserve. Michigan Military and Technical Museum in Eastpointe may have interest in the scrapbook information. Commission to review all items once the meeting is adjourned.
  - d. Then and Now update – Form examples to review, in the final editing phase and looking to choose photographs to include. To be printed in landscape. Color and black and white photos, aiming for a hard cover book. Rosemary has asked to understand how systematic racism is addressed in the copy.
  - e. 2022 Home and Garden Tour – Subfolders have been created and filled! Colleen has updated file for 2022. Nick created a chart for past years homes. We are still in need

of gardens (zero so far). Lisa is a possibility, Rosemary's neighbor. 11 Devonshire.  
Other ideas?

7. Technology Discussion

- a. Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission Website – Cannot be hosted by the city's website but can be linked to the individually owned domain that we would likely have to purchase. Colleen to come back with options on web hosting, etc.
- b. Tape Conversion – See Public Comments for discussion.
- c. Office 365 – Like Google Drive, can be accessible by the city - \$8 per month option discussed (only if linking to a website). Can use for document storage and a common email address for the commission. Move from Google to the Office environment. Motion: To allow Colleen to work with the City Manager to create an Office 365 login for the historical commission. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Nick Kokotovich. Discussion: Nick voices concern for hitting the 1 Terabyte limit with digitizing videos. Motion passes unanimously.

8. City Commission Liaison Report

Notes: Will re-announce at the commission meeting to ask for gardens for Outdoor Sanctuaries. Nick will be officially appointed to the commission by next month. CAC meetings are going well and are open to the public and also available on YouTube. Woodward Heights consultant to be hired. Reviewing how traffic is measured.

9. Other Business

Notes: Nick and Katy for Saturday, March 19 museum opening.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Lisa Wetzen, Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jaclyn Huffman, Recording Secretary 3/2/2022