

Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Pleasant Ridge City Hall, City Commission Chambers

23925 Woodward Ave, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman, Lauran Howard.
2. Members in attendance: Lauran Howard, Jaclyn Huffman, Colleen McKenna, Rosemary Spatafora, Nick Ziems, Lisa Wetzen, Don Daniels, Amber Herrick, Nick Kokotovich, City Representative Kersten Emsley, Attending via Zoom: Liaison Katy Schmier
3. Approval of May 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Motion by: Lisa Wetzen, Second: Colleen McKenna, Motion passed unanimously.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – N/A
5. Treasurer’s Report – Don Daniels
Motion to approve the May 2022 Treasurer’s report. Motion by: Don Daniels, Second: Lisa Wetzen, Motion passed unanimously.
Notes: Don asks that we send him a copy of invoices submitted for payment and contracts to keep on record. Galloway & Collens invoice paid as an addendum to the revenues @ \$250. Don shared a spreadsheet with the commission to show the Pewabic tiles sold.
6. Historical Commission Updates:
 - a. Pewabic Tile Sales: Rosemary sold the first round during the museum opening on 5/21. Lauran’s neighbor bought 3 of each color, plus an additional sale at city hall. 10 total sold. Nick K suggested shipping out tiles, discussion to wait until tiles have been available a bit longer until others still within the city have a chance to buy. Events in the future to sell: continue to sell at city hall, primary election August 2, post a picture/poster for rec center.
 - b. Museum Maintenance: Lauran purchased new doormat for the museum made of natural materials (from Target). Cleaning person hired for city hall and can also clean the museum for \$50 per visit. Commission has decided to defer on cleaning person for time being. Moulding around the Police Booth Museum is coming loose and the louvers around the window. Lauran had requested someone to take a look and he hasn’t stopped by yet.
 - c. Then and Now update: Bret has a flash drive of the 2nd 10 chapters so we’ll be able to review the rest of the books. First 10 chapters have been reviewed by an English teacher and was edited a ton. Lauran reached out to Kathleen Campbell regarding her photo work for the book. She has a lot of experience and Lauran brought some demos of her work for us to review. She has worked with a group to create the display boxes we discussed last meeting. Aiming for September release date of book. Nick working on getting the pictures to Kathleen, with captions.
 - d. 2022 Home and Garden Tour (September 17): Only two gardens confirmed to this date. Motion to change the tour timeline to every other year on odd years. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second by Rosemary Spatafora, Motion fails: 6 to 3.

Discussion: Fear that automatically moving to every other year the even will fall off people's radars. Too soon to make a call for future commissions to fix at every other year at this time. Regardless, it will always be difficult to find homes to volunteer ever year. Homes are the historic part, why the historical commission is part of the event.

Motion to cancel Garden Tour the garden tour, scheduled for September 17, 2022 due to lack of participants. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second by: Amber Herrick, Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion: Discuss the plans for 2023 during our next meeting in September.

7. City Commission Liaison Report

Notes: Marijuana retail on Woodward update – proposed site is next to the Hertz building on Woodward. 1,800 square feet with 26 parking spaces (tearing down part of the building to allow for parking). No decision has been made as of yet. Commission will have another workshop prior to next meeting to address questions and concerns of the proposal. Sky Mint is the business name, they have a current location in Hazel Park.

8. Other Business

Notes: Nick Z has been researching into DIA Inside Out, bringing back into PR. Current year runs May through October. Deadline for 2023 application is July 25. Needs for application: on-site contact; maximum of 10 pieces of artwork per city (artwork is high quality replication), community events during installation.

Motion to have Nick Z submit the application for the DIA Inside Out on behalf of Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission and to coordinate any necessary workshops prior to the July 25th application deadline, pending final approval by the city manager. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second by: Rosemary Spatafora. Motion passes unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm. Motion by: Colleen McKenna, Second: Lisa Wetzen, Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Jaclyn Huffman, Recording Secretary 6/2/2022