

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2014
6:00PM - REGULAR MEETING
LION'S DEN - CITY HALL
47450 WOODWARD AVE.
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN 48342

CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 PM

COMMISSIONERS:

MR. RICK DAVID

MR. ROBERT KARAZIM

MS. KATHALEE JAMES

~~MR. KENNETH BURCH~~

MS. KATHIE HENK

MS. LINDA PORTER

MS. TAMEKA RAMSEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN RICK DAVID: ROLL CALL: GORDON BOWDELL

MR. BOWDELL: JAMES?

MS. JAMES: HERE

MR. BOWDELL: BURCH?

MR. BURCH:

MR. BOWDELL: KARAZIM?

MR. KARAZIM: HERE

MR. BOWDELL: DAVID?

MR. DAVID: HERE

MR. BOWDELL: HENK?

MS. HENK. HERE

MR. BOWDELL: PORTER?

MS. PORTER: HERE

MR BOWELL: RAMSEY?

MS. RAMSEY:

ABSENT: 1 RAMSEY

EXCUSED: 1 BURCH

ALSO PRESENT: MR. GORDON BOWDELL

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON RICK DAVID.

OPENING PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

MINUTES REVIEWED: MAY 13, 2014

ADOPTION OF MINUTES: COMMISSIONER KARAZIM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS. COMMISSIONER HENK SUPPORTED.

VOTE: AYES: 5 DAVID, HENK, JAMES, KARAZIM, PORTER

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES WITH ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, APPROVED.

REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

**HDC-14-07 – 251 OTTAWA DRIVE – SEMINOLE HILLS HISTORIC DISTRICT
CHAIN LINK FENCE GATE INSTALL
APPLICANT – Anderson Installation
Owner – John Bullis**

THE APPLICANT IS PROPOSING A 4 FT HIGH BY 10 FT WIDE CHAIN LINK DRIVE GATE ACROSS THE PROPERTY DRIVEWAY. THE PROPOSED GATE IS LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY. THE HOME WAS BUILT IN 1952.

THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED FENCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO DETRACT FROM THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND LANDSCAPE.

RECOMMENDATION:

TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (HDC-14-07) FOR THE PROPOSED 4 FT HIGH BY 10 FT WIDE GATE AT THE TOP OF THE DRIVE WAY AT THE REAR WALL OF THE PRIMARY STRUCTURE.

DISCUSSION:

MR. BOWDELL SAID THAT PER OUR REQUEST, HE WAS SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A CHAIN FENCE REQUEST. COMMISSIONER JAMES ASKED WHAT WERE THE GUIDELINES GOVERNING THESE TYPES OF REQUESTS.

MR BOWELL SAID THAT UNDER THE MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE GUIDELINES, IN A REAR YARD, CHAIN LINK AND WIRE LINK FENCE ARE HISTORICALLY APPROVED MATERIAL FOR HISTORIC LANDSCAPES. THE CHAIN LINK OR WIRE LINK FENCE SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 3 FT TALL. COMMISSIONER KARAZIM SAID THE GUIDELINES SEEM TO BE STRAIGHT FORWARD.

DISCUSSION ON WHEATHER THE COMMISSION WANTED TO REVIEW ALL CHAIN LINK FENCE REQUEST OR CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF LEAVING SUCH REQUEST TO THE DESCRETION OF THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO APPROVED FENCING REQUEST IN HOUSE AND BRING TO THE COMMISSION ONLY REQUESTS WHERE THE APPROPRIATENESS MIGHT BE IN QUESTION AND REQUIRE COMMISSION REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER KARAZIM MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATENESS (HDC-14-17), PER THE RECOMMENDATION. COMMISSIONER HENK SUPPORTED.

VOTE: AYES: 5 DAVID, HENK, JAMES, KARAZIM, PORTER
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATENESS (HDC -14-17) PER THE RECOMMENDATION THAT MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE APPROVES THE USE OF CHAIN LINK AND WIRE FENCE FOR HISTORIC LANDSCAPES WAS APPROVED.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MR. CHARLES MOODY OF 118 FRANKLIN BLVD INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND SHOWED PICTURES OF HIS HOME. THE PROPERTY WAS BOUGHT IN 1993 FOR OVER 300.000. IT HAS BEEN RECENTLY APPRAISED FOR 125.000. MR MOODY ASKED FOR FEEDBACK ON PLANNED CHANGES TO THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN DAVID SAID MR. MOODY WAS WELCOMED TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION AT ANY TIME TO GET FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED CHANGES BEFORE GONG THROUGH THE FORMAL PROCESS. AFTER DISCUSSION OF HIS INFORMAL PROPOSAL, COMMISSIONER KARAZIM MADE A MOTION THAT HE FILE THE APPLICATION, PULL A PERMIT AND HE WOULD HAVE OUR APPROVAL FOR HIS PROPOSED CHANGES. COMMISSIONER HENK SUPPORTED AND ASKED IF THE APPLICATION FEE COULD BE WAIVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

VOTE: AYES: 5 DAVID, HENK, JAMES, KARAZIM, PORTER
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST BY MR. MOODY, HOMEOWNER OF 118 FRANKLIN BLVD FOR PROPOSED CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATION, IF

FORMAL APPLICATION IS FILED AND APPROPRIATE PERMITS AND FEES ARE PAID IN FULL WAS APPROVED.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS CONTINUED:

COMMISSIONER KARAZIM ASKED FOR FEEDBACK ON A PROJECT AT 47 N. SAGINAW. MR KARAZIM WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS FEASIBLE TO ADD A DOOR TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS. THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION DOES NOT ALLOW ACCESS TO THESE FLOORS. ALSO HE WANTED FEEDBACK ON WHERE THE DOOR SHOULD BE LOCATED. QUESTIONS ABOUT WHEATHER THE HISTORIC WINDOWS WERE STILL THERE UNDER THE FAÇADE. COMMISSIONER KARAZIM SAID THAT THEY WERE AND IT WAS HIS PLAN TO RESTORE THE WINDOWS AS WELL AS RESTORE ACCESS TO ALL THE FLOOR LEVELS. COMMISSION MEMBERS GAVE FAVORABLE FEEDBACK ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE PLAN TO ADD A DOOR FOR ACCESS AND RESTORE ORGINAL FRONT FAÇADE.

REVIEWED DRAFT OF DOCUMENT, REHABILITATION OF CONDEMNED HOMES WITHIN THE PONTIAC HISTORIC DISTRICTS SUBMITTED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE. AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT ROBERT KARAZIM WOULD WORK ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL CLARITY AND COMPLETENESS. COMMISSIONER KARAZIM STATED THAT HE WANTS TO START STEPPING UP CODE ENFORCMENT ON VACANT HOMES IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS THAT OWNERS ARE SITTING ON. HE WANTS TO INIATE A FORMAL MEETING WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

COMMISSIONER JAMES ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY UPDATE ON THE CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICATION STATUS. COMMISSIONER KARAZIM SAID THAT DUE TO HIS SCHEDULE NOTHING HAD BEEN DONE TO DATE.

COMMISSIONER PORTER ANNOUNCED THAT THE OAKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY WOULD BE HAVING THEIR ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL, ON SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2014, AND INVITED EVERYONE TO ATTEND.

COMMISSIONER KARAZIM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING. COMMISSIONER HENK SUPPORTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED APPROXIMATELY AT 7:20 PM