

**Flint Historic District Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 1, 2007**  
Mackenzie Room  
2nd Floor, City of Flint Municipal Center  
1103 South Saginaw Street  
Flint, Michigan 48502  
5:30 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes February 1, 2007**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Leanne Barkus, Ryan Eashoo, Steve Heddy, James Rutherford, Nancy Sinclair, Dr. Mildred Smith, and Dale Suomela.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Greg Vanucci, Theresa McDonnell, and David White

**Staff:** Carol Freeman, Program Specialist, Department of Community and Economic Development

**I. Call to Order**

The January 4, 2007 Historic District Commission meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Eashoo. Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Heddy made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes of the January 4, 2007 Historic District Commission. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Commissioner Sinclair asked that the minutes are amended to include questions and discussions related to a visit made to the Flint Institute of Music by herself and Commissioner Rutherford. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting yes.

**Motion passed.**

**III. Hearing From the Public**

**IV. Plan Review**

**610 Stone Street**

The City of Flint building department has requested approval for the demolition of 610 Stone Street. Commissioner Barkus provided the commission with minutes from the November 3, 2005 Historic District Commission meeting that denied the same request. No action was necessary.

## **V. New Business**

Chairperson Eashoo stated that meetings with Hurley about Hurley owned structures are ongoing and he will report on this matter at the next meeting.

Chairperson Eashoo presented a letter from George I. Liljeblad who is interested in serving on the Historic Commission.

Commissioner Sinclair expressed concern that a fire damaged structure on Fourth has not yet been boarded up.

Commissioner Sinclair made a motion to send a letter to a S. Tessmer regarding demolition by neglect, supported by Commissioner Rutherford. A roll call vote was taken. Staff will prepare a letter, Chairperson Eashoo will provide staff with a copy of a letter approved by the City Attorney.

**Motion Passed.**

## **4. Old Business**

A scheduled executive session did not take place as the city attorney stated there was nothing to report. The City Attorney sent confidential correspondence to members of the Historic District Commission.

Commissioner Sinclair read two letters regarding the demolition of Manning Street. Discussion took place regarding goals of the Historic District, Manning Court, Demolition by neglect, code enforcement, the Berridge Hotel, and the possibility of having a retreat. The retreat would allow the commission, in public,

March 24, 2007 was suggested for a four-hour retreat beginning at 1:00 p.m. ending at 5:00 p.m. at the Dort Carriage House. The retreat will be posted. Attendance from a building inspector will be requested for about an hour.

It was agreed that Commissioner Sinclair direct questions to the city attorney what the commission can or cannot discuss regarding Manning Court and alternatives to demolition.

The meeting adjourned at 6: 00 p.m.