

FLINT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2018

Commissioners Present

Dale Suomela, Chair
Heather Burnash, Vice-Chair
Michael Hurley
Stephanie Wright
Beverly Davis

Staff Present

Corey Christensen, Zoning Coordinator
Andy Aamodt, Planner I
Kelly Kiertzner, Assistant City Attorney

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Suomela called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the Committee-of-the-Whole Room, 3rd Floor, Flint City Hall.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

M/S – Wright/Burnash

Motion to adopt the meeting agenda.

Unanimously carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND DISPOSAL:

M/S – Hurley/Burnash

Motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes from November 2, 2017.

Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one spoke.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

Applicant: Sheri Ananich, H2A

Property Owner: Carriage Town Ministries

Location: 705 Garland St., Parcel ID# 40-12-430-025

Install new elevator, clerestory windows, steps, and ramp. Raise floor and roof of existing entry.

Construct new playground. Remove existing fence and add new fence.

Sheri Ananich, architect for H2A, introduced the project.

Commissioner Hurley asked for clarification about the existing elevator. The current elevator is within the existing footprint, whereas the proposed plan has the elevator minimally expanding the footprint.

Commissioner Hurley asked if the clerestory windows are existing or if there is just wall space there. There are no windows there now, just a lower roof and solid wall. Clerestory windows will be installed where the roof was. Essentially the whole entrance area will be brand new, with the rest of the building remaining the same. Other windows have been replaced in the past.

Chairman Suomela asked if there will be a window or “Family Center” sign on the wall near the entrance. Sheri Ananich replied that there will be a window there.

Commissioner Burnash asked if the new windows will match the patterns and style of what’s already existing. Yes, they will match the patterns.

Commissioner Burnash asked what the playground surface will be. Sheri Ananich responded that it will either be rubber or woodchips, but either way an appropriate play-surface material.

M/S –Burnash/Wright

Motion to approve application as presented.

Yes- Suomela, Burnash, Wright, Davis

No- Hurley

Commissioner Hurley’s concerns were based on the application not sufficiently covering the existing state of the property. Mr. Hurley mentioned consistency has to be improved from application to application regarding existing conditions.

Commissioner Burnash suggested that staff should revise the application to make things more clear. Next meeting staff will provide the Commission with new applications.

Kelly Kiertzner, Assistant City Attorney, mentioned to the Commission that according to Robert’s Rules of Order, the Commission could have reconsidered the motion. This motion to reconsider would have to be initiated by someone who had voted “approve”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Staff updated the Commission that they had contacted engineering about the removal of bricks on Saginaw St. near Kearsley St. and the University Pavilion, but no one had responded. The bricks still have not been replaced yet. The Commission and staff still does not know who would have the torn up bricks. This should have required approval from the HDC and a permit for this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andy Aamodt, Planner I, and Kelly Kiertzner, Assistant City Attorney, introduced themselves to the Commission.

Corey Christensen brought up the need to fill the final two vacancies. There cannot be anyone from Ward 2 or Ward 8 because of the existing seats.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S –Burnash/Hurley

Unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.