CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
HISTORIC CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Historic Conservation Commission was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2019 by Chairperson Marsha Peterson at the City Hall Council Chambers, 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan, 49417.

Roll Call of Members Present: Chairperson Marsha Peterson; Board Members Bonnie Cowles, Cynthia Crane, Liza Dora; Vice-Chair Todd Crum and Secretary Colleen Skendzel.

Members absent: Jane Stoepker.

Others who may be present: Mary Angel, Administrative Liaison; John Martin, Loutit District Library Director; Meredith Slover, Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member.

1. Approval of the November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes.
Moved by Cynthia Crane, seconded by Todd Crum to approve the November 15, 2018 Historic Conservation District Commission minutes. This motion carried unanimously.

Discussion centered on what guidelines the Historic Conservation District Commission should use to evaluate the historic value and guidelines for changes that can be made to historic structures. In evaluating the Depot, the National Parks Historic Registry of Places played an important role in guiding our recommendations. As guardians of Grand Haven’s history, the Historic Conservation District Commission made and passed a motion that will institutionalize this resource as required research for recommendations for all of our historic structures and districts.

A motion was presented to adopt the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines by the National Park Service as a reference for historic structure evaluation to be used by the Historic Conservation District Commission in making recommendations concerning the treatment of historic properties (preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction) in the City of Grand Haven. This motion was moved by Board Member Cynthia Crane, seconded by Board Member Liza Dora. The motion carried unanimously.

Update by Meredith Slover (Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member). The brochure and rack card will be sent by email for proofreading.

5. Planning Commission Meeting.
Update by Chairperson Marsha Peterson. The Sandy Gentry Real Estate building located on 133 Washington is not the original building; therefore, it would not be judged by standards for an historic structure. The Historic Conservation District Commission recommended that the
structural changes fit the DDA’s recommendation, as well as the newly adopted Planning Commission’s revised materials recommendations.

Report by Board Member Cynthia Crane. Because of the recent government shut-down, food and money have been donated to help Coast Guard members and their families. There will be a fundraiser on Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Grand Haven Eagles for Phase II of the lighthouse renovation. More details to follow.

7. Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member Update.
Report by Tri-Cities Museum Advisory Member, Meredith Slover. Check the museum’s website for upcoming lectures on shipwrecks. The new exhibit, Icebound: The Ordeal of the SS Michigan, is on display from January through the summer of 2019.

8. Loutit District Library Events.
Report by Loutit District Library Director, John Martin. On Friday, April 26, 2019, the library will be hosting a genealogy lock-in. The event is limited to 40 people and will be held from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for the annual Boards and Commissions Dinner on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. Invitations will be sent.

10. Adjournment at 5:40 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Skendzel, Secretary