

Agenda

Historic Preservation Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers at City Hall – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Called to order at 6:03pm
Powell-Wilson approved.
White 2nd motion

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

Pena added in after E3 Michigan Historic Tax Credit Update
Powell-Wilson moved to approve as amended.
White 2nd motion.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Will have February minutes at next month's meeting.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

O'Connor happy with last version of work plan, hardly anyone in the open spots.

E. REPORTS

1. Financial Report
Pena read report.

2. O'Connor Fund Reports
Pena read report.

3. O'Connor Fund Grant Program Update
Things went well, people left with more information; some people were frustrated due to inexperience with filling out grant applications. Program is new it didn't exist until last year. Need to apply with complete applications to see if they qualify.

4. Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Update
In 2022 all commercial credits were gone in 5 hours, residential took longer 13 days. Last year state representative Joey Andrews reintroduced a bill with some improvements to raise 5 million credit. The bill now in front of legislator now has a 100-million-dollar credit. The cap is set for this proposed legislation at 100 million to help meet Governor Whitmers new goal of building or rehabilitating 10,000 housing units at all price points in all age groups and recycling historic building, schools, factories, and mills. The buildings that have options for reuse.

Big projects are really important in terms of the number of applicants the small and medium size projects in like Kalamazoo and Plainwell there are many more applications for jobs and will help those projects raise up to the top. A certain amount of the 100 million will be dedicated to those small and medium packages. Can go to MHPN.Org and use all good ideas they have there, write a letter, phone call or email..

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Workplan Review and Subcommittee Assignments
Members and leaders were assigned to workplan.
2. MHPN Dues and Conference Fees
Pena didn't have fee schedule for this year went off last year. Three passes were given because of donations, only did a la carte did the cheapest way does not include walks. Only paid to get commissioners to conference. \$230.00 person Pena will take care of applications.
3. Annual Report Review
Listing City Hall on the National Registry.
Needs to be in by 3/15 to present to City Commission.

G. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Coordinators Report
Pena read the report.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Hibbard needs Vice Chair
White will not be at next month's meeting.
Powell-Wilson will we meet in May it's the day before conference.
Pena will look into it and reach out.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Hibbard adjourned at 7:25

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