

Agenda

Historic Preservation Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, November 13th, 2024

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers at City Hall – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Called to order at 6:01.

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

Vail moved to approve.

Akina 2nd motion.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August minutes were attached will do the last 2 months at the December meeting.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam O'Connor limited number of Kalamazoo Lost and Found books would like to give to the new commissioners if they would like one. She will bring another one to next months meeting. That book was published a little over 20 years ago and was the preservation's most recent publication. The Michigan Statewide Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Sault Ste Marie this year on May 15th through the 17th. It is sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and will be held at Lake Superior State University. Conference registration will open in February and hope some if not all you can think about attending or plan to attend. Last do we have any possible dates yet for a planning session for 2025? Hibbard I think at this time we just have this weekend for training and no date yet for planning.

E. REPORTS

1. Financial Report
Pena read report.

2. O'Connor Fund Organizing Committee Report
I was able to finish the edits to the grant program website intro page application and associated documents with a lot of help from Kaila throughout the summer and sent them to Pena. The last item on page 1 of that report which is the new spendable dollars for 2025.

3. Grant Making Report
Pena read report

4. City Hall Report
O'Connor only one item to add to this report my follow committee member Kyle

Hibbard and I late last week and we will be drafting a note to the Deputy City Manager to see if we can get some assistance in movement on this issue.

5. Ransom Street Project

Hibbard did notice that it is was dated mid-October so probably mostly done if they stuck to what they said. Edison they have the infrastructure completed now they want to do the cultural part of it. Last month Ryan Stokes the city engineer spoke to residents and conveyed that. They were zeroing in early November to have the street completed and plan for 2 markers per block per side. They at first wanted 8 markers but could be going over that number now. November 21st there is a cultural business district meeting at the North Side Community Association Center at 6 pm.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Officer Elections

Hibbard what officers do we need to elect? Pena this commission only has 2 officers chair and vice chair. Hibbard we just did this in Spring because Ryan left, and we had to replace him. Vail we did. Pena we will just scratch this then and do it again in the Spring next year.

2. Vote to Approve Payment to KNAC for Training Space

Vail moved to the expenditure of 75.00 for KNAC space for training on Saturday from the O'Connor 1 account.

Edison 2nd motion
Unanimous

G. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Coordinator's Report
Pena read report.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Akina does this commission do a planning meeting for the next year? Hibbard we were just talking about that we need to set a date. Hibbard we decided the training and planning need to be separate because one or both can take a long time. Pena asked when the commissioners would be available they will email him.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Hibbard moved to adjourn at 6:40pm.

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accordingly. Questions and comments regarding this agenda should be directed to the Historic Preservation Coordinator at 337-8804.

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