

Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers at City Hall – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Called to order at 6:00

Harris moved to approve the absence of
Vail and Akina.

Paduk 2nd motion.

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

Harris motion to approve

Paduck 2nd

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Morton October changed to I am a very active volunteer. Section F strike I am working on the Scotts Mill project that was not me. Hibbard in October E3 it says Dr Evans Cutler for attendees of the grave cleaning and its it Dr Evan Kutzler's. in F1 B the candidate reviews theres a paragraph from Fred about Murphy Darden needs to add number 2 if moving up to reports as number 5 at the end.

Edison moved to be approved as amended

Harris 2nd motion.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam O'Connor wants to remind everyone that our annual Statewide Conference will be held in Sault Ste Marie in mid-May 2025. Will sent a link to the commission as soon as it published. You all will be having a planning meeting for January 2025 meeting. This commission has a role to play in an equity-based preservation program for the City of Kalamazoo. There now a couple of good examples of where that has been done in the county. The most recent I believe is Austin Texas. I am going to try and pull together some materials to share with everyone. I plan on being at that meeting and have some conversation at that point.

E. REPORTS

1. Financial Report
Pena read report.
2. O'Connor Fund Report
Pena read report.
3. City Hall Local Historic

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. 2025 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Schedule
Harris motion to approve the 2025 schedule.
Morton 2nd motion.

G. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Coordinator's Report
Pena read report.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Edison spoke to our group a few months ago Jacob Benny hes going to give a lecture at the library up in VanDusen room February 6th. I have some library flyers on it that I would like one. Talking about Kalamazoos black heritage, black history. A meeting we had a few months go Kaila brough up is there anything we can do the 250th birthday of the United States the Semiquincentennial in 2026. I would like to start the ball rolling to see how many people would like to contribute to writing an article about under told stories of Kalamazoo. If we have enough participation then we could maybe put in a booklet. Get 10 or 12 writers document there short history of the under told stories. We would need a editorial board of some people some kind of skill in that field. Pena we should partner with the library to see if we could use some existing platform that they have on their website to document things and publish on their website.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Hibbard moved to adjourn at 6:31

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