

Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, February 12th , 2025

6:00 PM

City Commission Chambers at City Hall – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Called to order at 6:00pm.

Edison moved to approve absence of Hibbard.

Harris 2nd motion.

B. ADOPTION OF FORMAL AGENDA

Edison motion to approve.

Morton 2nd motion.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harris motion to approve.

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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. REPORTS

1. Financial Report
Pena read report.

2. O'Connor Fund Report
Pena read report.

3. Preservation Awards of Merit Subcommittee Report.
Harris we don't have any materials to present at this meeting. We met on January 24th we spent most of the meeting discussing the current categories for the Preservation Award of Merit and talking about what the questions are in addition to the application. Then we compare them to the Michigan Historic Preservation Network Awards to understand what we are currently working with and what other people are working with. Talked about adding a potential additional question to the nomination form. We are aware the nomination form will be live soon. So we plan on talking about it more at our next meeting before the next commission meeting. Also developing criteria for evaluating the nominations and we plan to sharing that framing the framing criteria questions once we have that developed with everybody. Want to make sure we are all on the same page.

4. City Hall LHD
Pena read report

5. 2025 Section 106 Reviews
Pena read report

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Payments for O'Connor Fund Grant Pre-Application Meeting
Morton of 150.00 to KNAC for the use of space and 250.00 for food vendor as disbursement from our account.
Akina 2nd
Unanimous.
2. Encouraging Community-Wide Engagement Subcommittee Report
Edison on the 28th met with the committee for encouraging community wide engagement we worked on the name thought it was to long but the way it shows up out here looks ok to me lengthwise. Patrick, Nora and I attended Pam couldn't make it. We went through a lists that have been worked on in the previous few years that have worked towards this goal. They are listed in the report. African-American, Latin-American, Native-American, lgbtq-woman, people with disabilities and autism syndrome disorder were the groups that had been discussed. Talked about a one page report. Vail the idea behind the one pager is to give us something that we could show others that this is the kind of support that we can provide for the types of work that you want to do. Some grant information for the type of way that the commission can support their activities. We want the full commissions input before making any of this public. Talked about collaborating with the Kalamazoo Public Library. Black History Month there is a summit on racism that you can buy tickets for its February 28th 12-2pm at 180 East Water Street in Kalamazoo. February 18th the North Side Association Community Development group is having a listening session at 612 Park Street at 6pm. Dr Michelle Williams was there talking about the Institute for Public Scholarship. They talked about plans that are coming up, they plan February 20th a homeless stage meeting. In March an event to remember block on March 12th. Also in March the Turn Vine project that was the first Douglas Center office. Akina the one-pager can also be available on the website? Pena yes it can. Edison last night we held our first Kalamazoo in Bloom zoom meeting on ancient garden beds in the region to tie into Michigan 250 and a list of sources they came up with. David Bros knows quite a bit about it and is on the committee he suggested that should be something that is collaborated with us. Pena will reach out to them.

G. COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Coordinator's Report
Pena read report.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Edison Dean Margaret Hauck passed away of Michigan news agency that was a significant part of Kalamazoo and the streetscape of Kalamazoo. They had that news agency she and her father operated it since 1947. She was an advocate for historic information about the city. Vail is that building protected at all? Pena no.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Vail moved to adjourn 6:40pm.

The mission of the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission is to educate the public and city leaders on the value of preserving the City's historic resources and to advise the City Commission accordingly. Questions and comments regarding this agenda should be directed to the Historic Preservation Coordinator at 337-8804.

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