

~~RESOLVED that the Minutes of the June 14, 2007 Regular Historic Districts Study Committee Meeting be approved as presented.~~

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The *Rochester Era*, August/September 2007 Edition
- B. MHPN *Network News*, Summer 2007 Edition

Chairperson Thompson asked if there were any announcements or communications, noting the Committee had received copies of the above referenced documents. No other announcements or communications were provided.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)

~~No public comments were received on any non-Agenda items.~~

7. PUBLIC HEARING

7A. 2007-0392 PUBLIC HEARING - FILE NO. HDSC 07-002

Location: 1207 N. Livernois, located on the west side of Livernois Road, north of Tienken Road, and further identified as Parcel Identification Number 15-04-427-008, zoned R-1 (One Family Residential).

Purpose: To receive public comment regarding a proposal to eliminate the subject property as a Historic District within the City of Rochester Hills, in accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.261 et seq., MSA 5.3407(3) et seq.) and the Rochester Hills Historical Preservation Ordinance, Section 18-134.

Chairperson Thompson read the location and the purpose of the Public Hearing for the record. He explained the duties of the Historic Districts Study Committee per Section 118-130 of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, which include:

- (1) Conducting a photographic inventory of the resource;
- (2) Conducting basic research of each historic district or resource;
- (3) Determining the number of historic and non-historic resources.

Chairperson Thompson stated that in 2002 Dr. Jane Busch conducted an Intensive Level Survey of all historic and potential historic resources within the City. On January 22, 2003, the Historic Districts Survey was presented to City Council.

Chairperson Thompson stated the procedure the Study Committee followed for the elimination of a District per Section 118-134 of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance was to prepare a Preliminary Report, hold a Public Hearing, and then prepare a Final Report showing one or more of the following criteria:

(1) Lost physical characteristics (the historic district has lost those physical characteristics that enabled establishment of the district), or

(2) Insignificance (the historic district was not significant in a way previously defined), or

(3) Defective procedure (the historic district was established pursuant to defective procedures).

Chairperson Thompson stated that the Preliminary Report was transmitted to the State Historic Preservation Office on June 29, 2007, for review and comment. Comments have not been received as of this date. He stated a copy of the Preliminary Report had been mailed to the property owner on June 29, 2007. He noted copies of the Preliminary Report were available at the back of the auditorium for the public to review.

Chairperson Thompson stated that per Ordinance the Study Committee was required to hold a Public Hearing not less than 60 days after transmittal of the Preliminary Report to the State Historic Preservation Office. Pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976 (the Open Meetings Act), notice of the Public Hearing was mailed to the homeowner of record on August 31, 2007, and a Notice was published in the Rochester Eccentric on September 2, 2007, at least 14 days prior to the Public Hearing.

Chairperson Thompson explained the information received at this Public Hearing would be included in the Historic Districts Study Committee Final Report for the property commonly identified as 1207 N. Livernois Road, which Report would be presented to City Council within one (1) year after the date of the Public Hearing, along with a draft proposed Ordinance.

Chairperson Thompson opened the Public Hearing at 5:42 PM. He reminded those in attendance that the purpose of the Public Hearing was not to debate or discuss the potential elimination of the property as a historic district, but to allow the public to place their comments or concerns on the record.

Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, stated that even though she did not like to see a resource be eliminated or removed as a historic district, she thought this was an appropriate situation. She commented that after a review of the existing districts performed by Dr. Busch, that the Study Committee had done the work on the properties recommended by Dr. Busch to be delisted or eliminated as historic districts. She stated the Preliminary Report was well done and thanked the Study Committee for their work. She agreed this was the appropriate action to be taken.

Chairperson Thompson called for any other public comments. Upon hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 5:44 PM.

Chairperson Thompson asked if the Committee wanted to move the Preliminary Report forward to have the Final Report prepared and forwarded to City Council.

Mr. Delacourt stated that based on the process, the most appropriate direction would be to direct Staff to move forward with the preparation of the Final Report, now that the Public Hearing had been held. He stated that as required by the Ordinance, the Preliminary Report would be forwarded to the Planning Commission. Ms. Kidorf noted an Ordinance Amendment would also have to be prepared before the Final Report was presented to City Council.

A motion was made by Stamps, seconded by Webster, that this matter be Accepted. The motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye 6 - Verschueren, Stamps, Thompson, Webster, Whateley and Schodowski

Absent 1 - Dziurman

RESOLVED that in the matter of HDSC File No. 07-002, the Historic Districts Study Committee requests that the Final Report and draft Ordinance Amendment be prepared regarding the delisting of the Historic Resource known as 1207 N. Livernois Road, Sidwell Number 15-04-427-008.

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Chairperson Thompson asked when the Final Report and draft Ordinance Amendment would be prepared. Mr. Delacourt stated he would like to have the State Historic Preservation Office comments included with the Preliminary Report when it was sent to the Planning Commission. He would find out when those comments could be expected.

Chairperson Thompson would like to let City Council know the Study Committee had moved forward with recommending delisting of a historic resource.

This matter was Discussed

~~7B. 2007-0393 PUBLIC HEARING - FILE NO. HDSC 08 010~~
 Location: 1470 W. Tienken Road, located on the north side of Tienken Road, west of Livernois Road, and further identified as Parcel Number 15-04-377-035, zoned R-1 (One Family Residential).
 Purpose: To receive public comment regarding a proposal to eliminate the subject property as a Historic District within the City of Rochester Hills, in accordance with Public Act 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.261 et seq., MSA 5.3407(3) et seq.) and the Rochester Hills Historical Preservation Ordinance, Section 118-134.
 Chairperson Thompson read the location and the purpose of the Public Hearing for the record. He explained the duties of the Historic Districts Study Committee per Section 118-130 of the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, which include: