

This matter was Discussed**7B. 2009-0437 2371 S. Livernois Road (HDSC File #04-006)
- Preliminary Report**

Chairperson Thompson reminded the Committee this delisting request had been referred to the Committee by City Council with a 180 day time frame and was due back to City Council by April 26, 2010.

Mr. Delacourt stated the Preliminary Report was provided to the Study Committee at the January 14, 2010 meeting and the Committee had asked that Ms. Kidorf be made available for questions regarding the report. He noted Ms. Kidorf was present and available to answer questions.

Chairperson Thompson stated a request for public comments had been received on this matter.

Melinda Hill, 1481 Mill Race, stated the Preliminary Report discussed insignificance. She thought there was more information "out there" although it could be difficult to find. At the time of designation, people knew the property owners of the resources and knew about the moves and changes that took place, which was an evolution of history over time. As property owners accumulated wealth or prominence, they were able to make changes to these older structures because that was part of the progress of the Community. Some of the properties that were designated indicated the progress and they were only certain examples of a particular architectural style. Although she was not an expert in National Register criteria, she thought the criteria talked about what made things significant within a community. Qualifying for listing under the National Register criteria was not a factor in whether the property should be delisted. Was an appropriate decision made at the time of original designation, and if so, we should be saving our history. She did not feel the Committee should feel pressured to bring something back to City Council because the State Act gave them more time. Research takes a long time and she thought more could be done before a recommendation was made to Council.

Chairperson Thompson stated it would be helpful if the Committee could find photographs or other documentary evidence about the appearance of the house before it was moved, or any other information about the architectural practice of the property owner. He noted the Report had not been forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or the Public Hearing held. He stated he would like to have the State's comments before coming to a decision. He suggested the Committee might consider requesting additional time from City Council.

Mr. Dziurman clarified the Committee also had a 180-day time frame on this request.

He stated in looking at the architecture, he saw some strange things on the building, but he went back to the Greek Revival, and it looked like the property owner made changes. He noted changes were allowed, particularly if the changes could be removed to put the structure back to its original style. He agreed the Committee needed more time as it was difficult to get the right information in that time period.

Chairperson Thompson asked if the Committee would consider submitting the report to SHPO to move the process forward.

Dr. Stamps did not agree that the house was not significant as originally thought or not significant to the architecture of Rochester Hills. He was reluctant to send it to the State as he was not sure he agreed with the conclusion until it was modified by the Committee.

Chairperson Thompson asked if changes were made to the Preliminary Report, whether the Committee could decide not to submit the report to the State for comments. Mr. Delacourt stated that eventually the report had to be submitted to the State as part of the process as the Public Hearing could not be held before that happened.

Ms. Kidorf stated the Committee could revise the Preliminary Report before sending it to the State, or send the report to the State as is. The Committee sends the report to the State when they are ready to do so.

Dr. Stamps suggested changes be made to the Preliminary Report before it is submitted to the State.

Chairperson Thompson asked the Committee to submit their changes prior to the next meeting so the report can be accepted and submitted to the State at the next regular meeting. He stated the report would be tabled to the next meeting.

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- 7C. 2008-0663 National Twist Drill (HDGS File #08-002)
- Preliminary Report

Chairperson Thompson called for discussion on this property.

Mr. Dziurman stated he had a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) last week and had brought up the reduced proposed historic district for the Stiles School. He said the SHPO representatives he met with were surprised that had been approved but felt there must have been some reason for narrowing the focus of Stiles School.