

~~5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS~~

Vice Chairperson Whateley asked if there were any announcements or communications. No announcements or communications were provided.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items)**

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

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****7A. 2007-0392 1207 N. Livernois Road**

- SHPO/Board of Review Comments
- Final Report (Draft)

The Committee noted that they found the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and State Board of Review comments regarding the Preliminary Report interesting. It was noted that the SHPO did not support the recommendation of delisting, but did not explain their reasoning.

Mr. Delacourt stated that he had spoken to Kristine Kidorf, who indicated neither she nor Dr. Jane Busch agreed with the SHPO comments. It appears to them that the SHPO is hesitant to delist a property. Dr. Busch and Ms. Kidorf noted that the SHPO did not agree with the Committee's recommendation to designate 920 South Boulevard, and was now applying the standards differently in their review of the proposed delisting of 1207 N. Livernois. In reviewing the 920 South Boulevard Preliminary Report, SHPO had indicated there was not enough criteria to designate the structure.

Mr. Delacourt stated he had asked the State if just the fact of being the oldest frame house in Oakland County would qualify for designation. He noted Dr. Busch and Ms. Kidorf claimed the house did not meet the requirements for designation. It would require quite some time to do research of frame houses in Oakland County. He commented he had not received a response to his question from SHPO.

There was concern expressed with the SHPO comments about prior Historic Districts Commission (HDC) decisions. Regardless of how or why the HDC made their decisions, the Study Committee's review of the structure pertained to how it appeared now. The HDC is a nine member Commission that followed the Secretary of the Interior's Standards in its review of historic districts. It was also discussed whether the Preliminary Reports were presented to the Review Board differently because the SHPO had confused the City with being a Certificate Local Government (CLG), when the City had not been certified to date. It was unclear how heavily the Review Board weighed the SHPO comments in reviewing a Preliminary Report.

The Committee discussed whether additional research should be done to try to alleviate the SHPO concerns, or whether they should stay on the current course and proceed with their recommendation to delist, noting the local unit of government ultimately made the final decision.

Mr. Delacourt stated he had asked SHPO if the City had gone ahead and designated 920 South Boulevard, despite the fact SHPO did not agree with the proposed designation; whether the home would qualify for tax credits, which is normally a contributing factor to an owner requesting designation. Ms. Arnold, the State SHPO Coordinator, had indicated it would not, because it would not meet the requirements for the tax credits.

It was noted that Mr. Conway had indicated in his September 20, 2007 letter that the local historic district coordinator for SHPO would be contacting the City to set up a meeting. Mr. Delacourt stated he had not yet discussed the meeting with the SHPO. He noted a meeting could be arranged that included the Committee, Ms. Kidorf and the SHPO coordinator. It would be helpful if the SHPO could supply a review that included bullet points indicating the areas they agreed or disagreed with.

It was commented that in the future perhaps a representative from the Committee should plan to attend the Review Board meetings to see how the Preliminary Reports are presented and to provide input regarding the Committee's recommendation.

Although the SHPO did not recommend designation of 920 South Boulevard for certain reasons, they then came back and did not agree with a recommendation to delist a property with the same concerns. It was questioned whether SHPO actually drove past and saw the house, if that would have changed their opinion.

The Committee agreed they would like to meet with the SHPO representatives, as it may provide some insight to what criteria the SHPO was looking for, and whether the Committee was doing its due diligence. The Preliminary Report would be held pending that meeting.

#### **This matter was Discussed**

~~7B. 2007-0303 1470 W. Tienken Road~~

- ~~- SHPO/Board of Review Comments~~
- ~~- Final Report (Draft)~~

~~Ms. Schodowski noted she had two different thoughts on this structure. She noted that in the matter of 1207 S. Livernois, the changes made had been significant enough to warrant a recommendation to delist. However, in the matter of 1470 W. Tienken, although there had been some additions, it was a nice historic property and the owners had gone through the proper channels. She questioned delisting a structure when it was clear that the home has been maintained as a showpiece for the City. There was a balance between the old and the new on this property, and she felt the property owners had tried to follow through with the design and colors.~~

~~Dr. Stamps noted that 1207 N. Livernois had been moved from Troy later in 1976. Ms. Whateley questioned if a structure had been moved from one part of Oakland County to another part of Oakland County, whether the oldest structure standard still applied. She noted the home currently had vinyl siding on it.~~

~~Dr. Stamps noted that based on the recent responses received from the State Historic~~