



Rochester Hills

Minutes

Historic Districts Study Committee

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Chairperson Julie Granthen, Vice Chairperson Jason Thompson
Members: Janis Ferry, Bryan Lemanski, David McCracken, Michael McGunn, Charles
Tischer

Thursday, January 11, 2024

5:30 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Granthen called the Historic Districts Study Committee meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Michigan Time.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Julie Granthen, Jason Thompson, Bryan Lemanski and Janis Ferry

Excused 3 - Michael McGunn, Charles Tischer and David McCracken

Others Present:

Chris McLeod, Planning Manager
Kristine Kidorf, Kidorf Preservation Consulting
Jennifer MacDonald, Recording Secretary

Members Tischer, Lemanski and McCracken provided prior notice that they would not be attending and were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2023-0607](#) November 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by McGunn, seconded by Thompson, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Granthen, Thompson, Lemanski and Ferry

Excused 3 - McGunn, Tischer and McCracken

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2023-0268

Consideration and Request for Adoption of the Final Historic District Study Committee Report - Winkler Mill Pond Historic District - Boundary Change (*McLeod memo dated 1-3-24, Staff Report prepared by K. Kidorf dated 1-2-24, Draft Revised Final Report - Winkler Mill Pond Historic District - December 2023, Contributing and non-contributing property survey sheets, and Draft HDSC Minutes from 11-9-23, along with previously attached documents from prior meetings, had been placed on file and by reference became a part of the record thereof.*)

In attendance was Kristine Kidorf, Kidorf Preservation Consulting.

Chairperson Granthen noted that one speaker had indicated a desire to comment on this item.

Linda Monks, 1921 Washington Road, stated that she was happy with what transpired at the last HDSC meeting and asked the Committee to accept the report.

Chairperson Granthen asked if the Committee members had a chance to review the latest report or had any questions or comments. Seeing no comment, she invited a motion from the Committee.

Vice-Chairperson Thompson moved the motion in the packet to adopt the proposed final study report as written and forward the recommendation that the Winkler Mill Pond Historic Boundary remain unchanged from its original configuration back to City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGunn.

After a roll call vote, Chairperson Granthen announced that the motion passed unanimously. She stated that the Committee's recommendation is to keep the district the way it is. She thanked everyone for their efforts on this issue; and she offered an apology that there was no quorum in December, requiring this item to be delayed into the new year.

Mr. McLeod noted that this item would be submitted for the February 12, 2024 City Council agenda.

Chairperson Granthen asked if a Committee member should attend the meeting.

Mr. McLeod responded that it would be helpful to have at least one representative of the Committee attend as well as Ms. Kidorf to address any of Council's questions that may arise. He noted that he would attend as well.

Chairperson Granthen asked Ms. MacDonald to let Committee members know when the date is confirmed for that agenda item, and encouraged any interested residents to come as well to show their support for the desire of the boundaries to not change.

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by McGunn, that this matter be Recommended for Approval to the City Council Regular Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Granthen, Thompson, Lemanski and Ferry

Excused 3 - McGunn, Tischer and McCracken

Resolved, that the Historic Districts Study Committee has reviewed the final Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Draft Study Committee Report, and adopts the proposed Final Study Committee Report for the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District as written, and forwards a recommendation to City Council that the Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Boundary remain unchanged from its original configuration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

[2024-0027](#) Request for Election of Officers - Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary - for a one-year term to expire the first meeting in January 2025

A motion was made by McGunn, seconded by Ferry, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Granthen, Thompson, Lemanski and Ferry

Excused 3 - McGunn, Tischer and McCracken

Resolved, that the Historic Districts Study Committee hereby appoints Julie Granthen to serve as its Chairperson, Jason Thompson to serve as its Vice-Chairperson, and Michael McGunn to serve as its Secretary, each for a one-year term to expire the first meeting in January 2025.

After discussion, the Committee opted to begin its 2024 meetings at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that typically the meetings do not last beyond one hour, and moving the meetings to 6:00 p.m. would allow members more time to get through traffic to arrive on time.

Mr. McLeod noted that the February 8 meeting would most likely include an agenda item for the property at 1021 Harding. He explained that it is now three properties that comprise the non-contiguous historic district that was previously a long-standing farm and farm property. He stated that the building has burned down, and the Historic Districts Commission has made a recommendation to City Council that the property be delisted, and Council in turn has referred this back to the HDSC.

He added that on that date, HDSC members may be asked to stay through to the HDC meeting for a training session jointly with both boards to help refresh everyone's memories and bring the new members up to speed in terms of the tasks, limitations, and what the Committee is trying to do.

Chairperson Granthen welcomed Ms. Ferry to the Committee and invited her to tell the Committee a little bit about herself.

Ms. Ferry stated that her family moved to Rochester Hills in 1959, she lived in Colorado for a few years, and she and her husband moved back to Rochester in 1998. She noted that she went to Hamlin, Long Meadow, and McGregor Elementaries as the boundaries were changing, then West Junior High and Adams. She commented that her children went to Stoney Creek High School. She stated that she did medical billing for many years and is now retired and desiring to give back to the community.

NEXT MEETING DATE

February 8, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Vice Chairperson Thompson, seconded by Mr. McGunn, to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer MacDonald.

Minutes were approved as presented/amended at the _____ Regular Historic Districts Study Committee Meeting.

*Julie Granthen
Rochester Hills
Historic Districts Study Committee*

Michael McGunn, Secretary