

**CALUMET VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CALUMET VILLAGE TOWN HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN 49913
December 18, 2019**

Present: Chair: Chris Green, Commissioners: Cassie Dronet, Abe Voelker, David Geisler, Sandy Johnson

Also Present: John Rosmurgy, NPS; Kevin Weir, HDC Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

5:33 PM Chairman Green called the meeting to order and the pledge was recited.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Geisler and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 5/0

III. AGENDA

1. Petitions from the Public - None

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Voelker and seconded by Commissioner Dronet to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019 HDC meeting with redundant punctuation removed.

Motion Carried 5/0

3. Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness - None

John Rosemurgy updated the Commission on a potential window/storefront project at the North End Bar.

Chairman Green updated the Commission on a potential eatery on Oak St, the MEDC/CDBG Facade Grant progress, new ownership at Jim's Pizza and properties on Portland and 7th St., the relocation of the Baptist Church & Bookstore, and a new use of a portion of the old Thurner's Bakery.

Commissioner Geisler updated the Commission regarding completion of the Aho Building (425 5th St.) stabilization.

4. Administrative Approvals - None

5. Ordinance Enforcement Updates

A blight update prepared by Administrator Katz was reviewed, including actions taken regarding the Ruppe Building, 201/203 5th St., 400 7th St., and 513 Scott St.

6. HDC Coordinator Report

A discussion was held regarding visual/presentation equipment needs, and the possibility of the Village, HDC, and DDA (whom is looking for similar equipment) to split the cost.

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Dronet to authorize the purchase of a battery for the HDC computer in the amount of approximately \$20 plus shipping costs.

Chairman Green polled the Commission:

Yes: Dronet, Johnson, Geisler, Voelker, Green

No: None

Motion Carried 5/0

Kevin Weir updated the commission on appointments and affirmations made by the Village Council at the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting regarding HDC Commission terms and appointments. They are as follows:

- *Reappoint Chris Green to a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2020 through December of 2022, representing the community at large.*
- *Reaffirm the reappointment of Sandy Johnson to a 3 year term that began on January 1, 2019 through December of 2021, representing the DDA.*
- *Reaffirm the reappointment of David Geisler to a 3 year term that began on January 1, 2019 through December 2021, representing the community on behalf of the Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Committee.*
- *Reaffirm the reappointment of Abe Voelker to a 3 year term that began on December 1, 2017 through November 2020, representing the community on behalf of the Planning Commission.*
- *Reaffirm the appointment of Cassandra Dronet to a 3 year term that began on December 1, 2017 through November 2020, representing the community at large.*
- *Reaffirm that all future appointments and reappointments expire on the first day of January in order to comply with Ordinance No. 140.*

Kevin Weir presented the coordinator report:

- MI Preservation Network Membership Renewed
- Retrieved the HDC laptop, acquired access to the HDC Google Account, and identified physical HDC record storage space

7. Architectural Advisor Report

John Rosemurgy expressed appreciation for the HDC efforts since its inception, as he moves into a new position.

8. CLG Update

A discussion was had regarding the need for a representative to complete a CLG Annual Review form and an annual report, and the possibility of registering the Colosseum on the National Registry of Historic Places. ~~Chris~~ Commissioner Green will work on the annual report, and will approach the Township regarding the Colosseum.

9. Training Opportunities

Commissioner Geisler updated the commission that the Village will be putting \$2000 toward training.

10. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Voelker expressed appreciation for John Rosemurgy's efforts, knowledge, and skills offered over the years.

Commissioner Geisler updated the commission regarding upcoming DDA Information Sessions, the trails group, and the Greenspace Improvement Project Committee meetings, as well as the Finnish Hall being secured, new rounds of infrastructure grants, work on the Capital Improvement Plan, and blighted properties.

Commissioner Johnson updated the commission that she will be stepping away from the commission, and that a replacement should be sought.

Commissioner Green updated the need for a spring information session for the HDC, the new GIS service, and the Elm St. Project.

11. Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Voelker and seconded by Commissioner Geisler to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Motion Carried 5/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Weir
Historic District Commission Coordinator
December 25, 2019