

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
VILLAGE OF CALUMET  
CALUMET VILLAGE HALL  
340 SIXTH STREET  
CALUMET, MICHIGAN, 49913  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY 21 September 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Green at 5:33 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

Introductions provided as a verbal roll call

Present: Chair Chris Green; Commissioners Abe Voelker, David Geisler, Pam Que, Architectural Advisor John Arnold

Absent: Commissioners Cassandra Dronet, HDC Coordinator Val Pulido

Vacant: None

Public: Allen Higgins, MSHPO and Jeff Ratcliffe, KEDA

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Que, motion to approve agenda as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Geisler.

Motion carries (4/0)

Commissioner Que amended the motion for the approval of the agenda, to include the certificate of appropriateness for 322 5<sup>th</sup> Street to item h and move item 5 to item 2.

Second by Commissioner Geisler

Motion carries (4/0)

**V. Petitions from the Public**

None

**VI. Agenda**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. from August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Voelker, motion to approve minutes of August 17, 2022 as published.

Commissioner Que seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

**2. GIS Project Update**

Discussion on the GIS project with MTU and ongoing work gathering information. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

Commissioner Que, motion that HDC supports and recommend a no cost extension of the contract with MTU to December 2023.

Commissioner Voelker seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

**3. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness:**

Chair Green moved item f to item a, for HCLBA Demos.

- a. 9/8/22 HCLBA Demos

Discussion on multiple buildings in the Village of Calumet for demolition.

426 5th Street

451 Pine Street

501 Pine Street

336 7th Street

All of these properties are officially owned by the Houghton County Land Bank

Commissioner Que, motion to proceed with demolition within the Village of Calumet Historic District for 451 Pine Street; 336 7th Street; 426 5th Street.

Commissioner Voelker seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

- b. April 2022 100 5th?, Park North, Sturos, saw plans but no CoA?

Discussion on the façade work for 100 5th Street. The application is needed for this project. Jeff Ratcliffe will follow-up on the application and provided details on the facade plan.

Commissioner Que, motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness contingent on the receipt of the application within 7 days.

Commissioner Voelker seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

- c. 8/19/22 315 5th, UP Pub, Mike Lamb, façade renovation

Review of the certificate of appropriateness, and the historic photos, only clear glass in the windows would be allowed with temporary film. No action by the HDC currently. Chair Green spoke to Mike Lamb and if using anything other than clear glass in the windows it would need to be reviewed by the HDC.

- d. 8/23/22 104 5th, was Fire Tower Engineered Timber, Steve Peters

Joe Miller is working on the community revitalization, with Steve Peters as the contractor. The plan is for restoration of the building, and REJ will be doing the masonry work.

- e. 8/26/22 613 Oak, Nelson Schroeder bldg., Jim Flood, stair enclosure

Discussion on the proposed certificate of appropriateness for 613 Oak.

Jim Flood is asking permission to build a shed over the hole in the

sidewalk, open the windows boarded up on the first floor, remove the asphalt siding, and use a replacement red siding.

Commissioner Que, motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Jim Flood, 613 Oak as presented.

Commissioner Voelker seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

f. 8/30/22 501 Elm, Ramona's Bakery, Courtney Tucker, sign

Discussion on the sign for Ramona's Bakery.

Commissioner Voelker, motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 501 Elm, Ramona's Bakery sign.

Commissioner Que seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

g. Potential Projects no applications yet.

h. 322 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frozen Farms Nathan Mcparlan

Review of the 322 5<sup>th</sup> Street application CRP project. Project is for a 8ft wide automatic fire door to connect the two buildings, façade will follow recommendation on siding for the connection. Discussion on the Garage to the back of the building and materials to be used.

Commissioner Que, motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness concept for 322 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frozen Farms, Nathan Mcparlan and ask for additional details as they become available.

Commissioner Geisler seconds

Motion passes (4/0)

#### **4. Administrative Approvals**

None

**5. KNHPAC Heritage Grant (Street Signs)**

Chair Green and Commissioner Que to work on this project.

**6. Focus Forward by Main Street Calumet 9/22 6-8**

Discussion on the Focus Forward by Main Street Calumet.

**7. MainStreet Calumet Community Update Meetings**

Discussion on MainStreet Calumet Community update meetings for the downtown district, may be morning or noon meetings.

**8. HDC Coordinator Report**

HDC Coordinator absent

**9. Architectural Advisor Report**

Discussion on the Boiler for the Theatre. It was discussed that this may be a CLG project, applications are due in Feb 2023, for up to \$100,000 grants.

**10. Comments from Commissioners**

Comments from Commissioner Que about the progress taken by HDC.

Discussion on the permit development for HDC.

Discussion about the staffing changes within the Village Office.

**VII. Adjourn**

Commissioner Que, motion to adjourn the meeting

Commissioner Voelker seconds

Motion passed (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm