

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF CALUMET
CALUMET VILLAGE HALL
340 SIXTH STREET
CALUMET, MICHIGAN, 49913
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2022 - 5:30PM**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Green at 5:30 PM.

Introductions provided as a verbal roll call

Present: Chair Chris Green; Commissioners Cassandra Dronet, Abe Voelker (early departure at 6:30pm), David Geisler, Pamela Que, Architectural Advisor John Arnold

Absent: Val Pulido, HDC Coordinator

Vacant: None

Also present: Amber Goodman, Village Manager

Members of the Public: Two Members

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance - *I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

III. Approval of Agenda

Discussion on adding the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022 as 1a, and moving April 12, 2022 as 1b. Revised agenda was sent out yesterday afternoon.

Moved by Commissioner Geisler to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Que.

Motion Passed (5/0)

IV. Petitions from the Public

Dennis Sliva - Monkey business spoke to the HDC about the sidewalk request. He would like to shorten the concrete to 6 feet for the sidewalk. Spoke about possibility adding grass near the building. State specifications need to be followed; concern with reduction of the width of the sidewalks. It was the general discussion that the sidewalk should match the width of the other sidewalks in the Village. Commissioner Que requested the steps have structural support added.

Motion by Commissioner Que, and seconded by Commissioner Dronet to waive the application, allow this project to proceed with the sidewalk width to match the western edge of the Elm Street sidewalks (estimate 8 ft) and structuring up soring the steps current existing.

Motion passed – (5/0)

Motion by Commissioner Dronet, and Commissioner Que, to Appoint Manager Goodman to take meeting minutes as the recording secretary for Wednesday, May 18th, in the absence of the HDC Coordinator Val Pulido.

Motion passed – (5/0)

V. Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

1a. Approval of March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

1b. Approval of April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Request from Chair Green to table the approval of the meeting minutes for both March and April 2022 to make a formatting correction for voting. The meeting minutes will be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Que, seconded by Commissioner Geisler to table the March and April 2022 meeting minutes

Motion passed – (5/0)

Reminder to blind copy all attendees on the emails, except Chair Green and Coordinator Pulido

2. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness:

a. 320 5th – McParlan

Discussion on the new zoning ordinance 160, and how this applies to this request. The current ISO container is grandfathered in, but the request to place another ISO container needs to be moved for consideration by the planning commission, before consideration by the HDC. Conversation on the needs of the Frozen Farms. The next planning commission meeting is on June 1, 2022 at 5:30pm.

b. Potential projects with no application yet

Discussion on Park North or other portion of Café Rosetta, the plan is to make this building office space. No application at this time.

104 5th street, damaged building from the fire on 5th street. This relates to a MEDC application. Discussion on the cleanup from the EPA and EGLE for the fire site. No application at this time.

3. Administrative Approvals

Not aware of any administrative approvals at this time.

4. KNHPAC Heritage Grant

Discussion on the sign project with the most recent approval from KNHPAC funding. Identification of the Historic District needs additional work.

5. GIS Project

This was a grant from the National Historic Park last year for the GIS system. John Arnold provided history on this project.

6. Letter of Support for GRF

Discussion on the Keweenaw Time Traveler and the upcoming update on 6pm on June 2, 2022. They are looking for a letter of support, for their application for a five year 3.2-million-dollar grant from the EPA.

Motion by Commissioner Voelker, and seconded by Commissioner Que for Chair Chris Green to write a letter of support for Michigan Tech.

Motion passed – (5/0)

7. MHPN Conference Report

Chair Green provided a MHPN conference report. Shared that the HDC is expected to rule on all of the exterior features within the Village, with the exception of items on school property.

****Commissioner Voelker left the meeting at 6:30pm***

Motion by Commissioner Que, seconded by Commissioner Geisler to approve the Commissioner Green expenses in association with attending the MHPN Conference in Holly, MI.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Commissioner Que, Geisler, and Dronet

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Voelker

Abstained: Chair Green

Motion passed 3/0

Discussion on the state historic tax credit has been reapproved and will be available later this summer, provides a 25% tax credit for work on an historic structure.

Also additional discussion on the COA process and workflow

8. HDC Coordinator Report

Not present at this meeting.

9. Architectural Advisor Report

National Park Architect, Steve DeLong will be moving out of the area, and other national park items discussed.

10. Comments from Commissioners

Discussion on the Church on 7th Street and the status of this returning to the County, due to back taxes.

Reminder that Village Council needs members, please reach out to residents within the Village.

VI. Adjourn

Moved by Commissioner Geisler, seconded by Commissioner Dronet to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.