

CITY OF LACONIA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
6:30 PM City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

5/25/2021 - Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Tara Shore called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. Roll call

Charlie St. Clair, Laurel Briere, Hillary Martin, Sonya Misiaszek, Karl Reitz, Tara Shore

Absent: Mark Haynes

3. Recording secretary

Kalena Graham

4. Staff in attendance

Planning Director Dean Trefethen

5. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting

5.I. Acceptance of minutes from April 27

Motion to accept the minutes from April 27 made by K. Reitz, H. Martin seconded. All voted in favor.

6. Public comment

Tom Cochran, Executive Director of Laconia Housing addressed the Commission. He commented on the need for education on the Historic Overlay District and Commission and what that means, for the property owners to better understand what they will need to do. They are trying to complement what the City wants to do appropriately. S. Misiaszek sits on the Housing Authority Board as well and it would be a wonderful opportunity to collaborate for future renovations. Chair T. Shore agreed and would like to see growth, just done in a thoughtful manner.

7. Applications & Public Hearings: *The purpose of this agenda section is for the Commission to have a presentation from the applicant and open a Public Hearing for the public to provide input. The Board may also deliberate the application, decide and conduct a final vote at this time.

8. New business

C. St. Clair mentioned an article he saw in a paper in the Midwest about approvals and Historic Districts. He will find that paper and share with the Commission.

9. Old business

9.I. Update from K. Reitz for artists

K. Reitz mentioned Jim Belcher is currently out of town but will be back toward the end of the week and

mentioned that J. Belcher is honored. K. Reitz would like to talk with him before reaching out to the other artists to see how it will go.

9.II. Update from H. Martin on education powerpoint

H. Martin noted how important it is to get the word out to the public on the Commission will be doing. Clarity for the general masses. It was suggested to speak at local groups like Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. Planning Director D. Trefethen suggested putting an article in the weekly links. K. Reitz offered to write a letter for a more personal touch. There were ideas discussed on how to get the word out on the HDC. Chair T. Shore would like to have everything ready so when the time comes it can be done. C. St. Clair will get the post cards, L. Briere will work on the language and staff will do the address labels. If the expansion passes, then the Commission can sign the post cards at the next meeting.

H. Martin is still waiting on information for the PowerPoint on Veteran's Park.

9.III. Update from L. Briere on welcome postcard

10. Other business

K. Reitz asked if he should invite Jim Belcher to the next meeting and the Commission agreed.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully,

K. Graham