

Historical Commission Meeting  
Madison Heights, Michigan  
April 10, 2024

A Historical Commission Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM at Library - 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Chair Jennifer Ballantine  
Vice Chair Margene Scott  
Treasurer Rebecca Chambliss  
Council Representative Mark Bliss joined at 6:33 p.m.  
Martha Kehoe  
Robert Koneske  
Jason Kowalski  
Cheryl Suiter  
Kevin Wright

**ABSENT**

Martha Covert  
Regina Juska-Svoba  
Justin Suarez

**ALSO PRESENT**

Council Alternate Sean Fleming  
Staff Liaison Vanessa Verdun-Morris

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Scott requested "Windows in Schoolroom" be added to New Business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Approve minutes of January 10, 2024.**

**Motion made by Kehoe, Seconded by Suiter. Passed unanimously.**

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Colton Chambliss expressed interested in joining the commission as an ex-officio Youth Representative.

**REPORTS**

- 2. Historical Commission Work Plan 2024-2025**

Experiencing Madison Heights: Ballantine and Bliss stated nothing to report except History of Music event on 4/15. Several commissioners will be volunteering at event.

Scott, Ballantine & Verdun-Morris reported janitorial will mop. Supplies have been provided for dusting. Chambliss looking into having National Honor Society students' dust.

Naming Madison Heights: Bliss reported places identified were the Soccer Complex as the Swanson Soccer Complex and Fields; the pavilion added to Rosie's Park after Elva Mills; and the Executive Conference Room in City Hall named after Lindell Ross. The subcommittee also recommends honoring Rich Clark with the Active Adult Center Billiards Room.

Digitizing Madison Heights: Fleming reported a need to meet at the historical room and start taking an inventory of all the photos we are going to digitalize. The photos need to be inventoried into a database and we will need a release for every photo that will be published online. Once complete, photo storage can move forward. If you are knowledgeable about the photos in the historical rooms, please let him know. Volunteers outside of commission will be needed to assist. Fleming & Bliss will discuss online storage options.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

3. Follow-up on motion from October 11, 2023 that Experiencing Madison Heights subcommittee work with C&G news for an ongoing column.

Ballantine spoke with Andy Koslowski at C&G, which Bliss & Fleming followed-up on. Bliss will contact again with info about Heritage Rooms operating hours.

4. Follow-up on motion from January 10, 2024, to pursue Naming Madison Heights recommendation honoring Swanson, Ross, and Mills.

**Add naming AAC Billiards room after Rich Clark to the existing recommendation that City Council name the Soccer Complex as the Swanson Soccer Complex and Fields; the pavilion added to Rosie's Park after Elva Mills; and the Executive Conference Room in City Hall be named after Lindell Ross.**

**Motion made by Vice Chair Scott, Seconded by Kehoe. Passed unanimously.**

5. Heritage Rooms Hours and/or Volunteer Schedule

**Buy pants and a head for an amount not to exceed \$50.**

**Motion made by Council Representative Bliss. Seconded by Vice Chair Scott. Passed unanimously.**

Cheryl Suiter will make the purchase and submit receipts for reimbursement. Items will be used for museum display.

**Have Experiencing Madison Heights Subcommittee open rooms on or around May 15 with a temporary operating schedule which will be reviewed at the next meeting.**

**Motion made by Vice Chair Scott. Seconded by Kehoe. Passed unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

6. Windows in Schoolroom.

Suiter presented ideas of photos she would like place behind the school room windows.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Scott announced she contacted Jim Myers's son, Randy, to return loaned items to the family.

Scott announced Martha Kehoe's birthday is today. Members of the commission wished Martha Kehoe happy birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:26 p.m.

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