

Historical Commission Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
April 12, 2023

A Historical Commission Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Heritage Rooms in City Hall Basement, 300 W. 13 Mile Rd.

CALL TO ORDER

at 6:35 p.m. by Acting Chair Ballantine.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Acting Chair Jennifer Ballantine
Martha Kehoe
William Mier
Margene Scott
Kevin Wright
Council Representative Mark Bliss
Staff Liaison Vanessa Verdun-Morris

EXCUSED:

Rebecca Chambliss
Patricia Ross
Justin Suarez
Cheryl Suiter

Motion by Bliss to excuse Chambliss, Ross, Suarez, & Suiter for giving notice. Second by Scott.
Passed unanimously.

ABSENT:

Deliza Lee

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Add motion to issue certificate of appreciation to Tanya Graettinger as agenda item 11.

PRESENTATION

1. Special Tribute Honoring Barbara Geraldts
Special Tribute proclamation honoring Barbara Geraldts was presented to Laurie Geraldts and Jeff Geraldts by Chair Ballantine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of minutes from January 2023.
Motion by Bliss. Second by Mier. Passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jeff Gerald mentioned Clawson Historical Museum has a current cartography exhibit with four historical local maps.

REPORTS

3. Chair & Vice Chair Updates - Ballantine

Chair Tanya Graettinger's term on the Historical Commission expired. Jennifer Ballantine is Acting Chair at this meeting.

Motion by Bliss to nominate Ballantine as Chair, Mier as Vice Chair, and vacate Treasurer position. Second by Kehoe. Passed unanimously.

4. Naming Committee - Chair Bliss, Scott

Motion by Bliss to use wording as amended for plaque honoring Robert Corbett. Second by Mier. Passed unanimously.

"Robert "Bob" Corbett was a City Council member for 23 years and lifelong resident of Madison Heights, Michigan. Mr. Corbett was instrumental in saving the library during the Great Recession of 2008. He invested 22 years of his life on the Library Advisory Board. The library's youth room was chosen to honor his commitment to the library and creating accessible playgrounds."

Scott volunteered to serve on committee.

5. Experiencing Madison Heights Subcommittee - Chair Ballantine, Wright, Scott, Mier

The Heritage Rooms will reopen when the entire civic center complex reopens. Bliss volunteered to create an exhibit on historical music and also volunteered to be on the committee.

6. Digitizing Madison Heights Subcommittee - Chair Fleming, Bliss, Suiter

No report.

Motion by Scott to approve partnership for "Digitizing Madison Heights" project with Madison Heights Public Library for an Improving Access to Information Library Services and Technology Act Grant application. Second by Kehoe. Passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. Historical Commission Work Plan 2023

No updates needed to plan based on committee reports.

8. Heritage Rooms Volunteer Schedule

Volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around the room.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Historical Commission Work Plan 2024

Motion by Bliss to carry over goals from 2023 Work Plan to 2024 Work Plan. Second by Mier. Passed unanimously.

10. Library Exhibit Space

Motion by Wright to allow Madison Heights Public Library to display and store Heritage Rooms items in the library's exhibit area. Second by Mier. Passed unanimously.

11. Issue certificate of appreciation to Tanya Graettinger

Motion by Mier. Second by Kehoe. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

by Ballantine at 7:50 p.m.

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