

**MINUTES
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY OF LINDEN
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- (A) This meeting of the Linden Historic District Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM by Dee Burch. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Klee, Burch, Williams, Plumb, Morey

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Erica Armstrong, Clerk's Office.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (A) Motion by Klee, second by Plumb, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 Historic District Commission Meeting as presented. Motion carried by full yeavote.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) Certificate of Appropriateness was presented for 302 N. Bridge St. requesting that Odessa Pink be approved to paint the exterior of the home. The possibility of approving additional choices for the home owners within the current Historic District color palette was discussed, but there were concerns about allowing too wide of a choice leading to persons not staying within the color palette. If the homeowners choose another color, they must come back to the HDC to present

their choice and gain approval, but without the requirement of an additional fee. There was a question regarding what color they would be repainting the trim, if at all. The current trim of the home is white.

Motion by Chairperson Dee Burch, seconded by Plumb, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 302 N. Bridge St. to repaint the home's exterior using Odessa Pink HC-59, with the condition that the trim remains white. Motion passed with a full yeas vote.

VII. REPORTS

- (A) Burch brought up a concern about the e-mail chain she is a part of with the Linden Business group. There were some comments on there regarding the Spa that had been trying to get approval from the HDC for a sign. The HDC does not meet in December and had difficulty scheduling a meeting in the new year, because illness prevented the Commission for having a quorum. This business is no longer in Linden, but before they left, they were given permission from the City Planner to hang the sign because it had otherwise been approved and it was in the historic color palette. The business left before HDC could approve the sign, but a temporary sign had been in use during the interim that allowed them to advertise their business.

- (B) Williams provided an update regarding the Planning Commission's most recent public hearing. The Planning Commission is proposing 25 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to work towards making it in concert with recent federal and state law changes. The hearing received public comments from a few local business owners who are members of the Linden Business group both, prior to the meeting asking the meeting to be postponed, and during the meeting. The meeting could not be postponed because the public hearing had been scheduled and noticed in the newspaper. Additionally, the Planning Commission would have had to meet to call a vote to postpone the public hearing. The Planning Commission chose to table the issue of the proposed amendments to allow additional time for comment. Many of the comments during the public hearing failed to provide specific constructive critiques of the proposed amendments.

VIII. ADJOURN

- (A) The meeting was adjourned at by Chairperson Dee Burch at 7:29 p.m.

Erica Armstrong

Approved: _____