

CITY OF LACONIA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
6:30 PM City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Accepted April 26, 2022

3/29/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Tara Shore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll call

Members present: Mark Haynes, Charlie St. Clair, Laurel Heywood, Hillary Martin, Karl Reitz, Tara Shore

Absent: Sonya Misiaszek

3. Recording secretary

Kalena Graham

4. Staff in attendance

Planning Director Dean Trefethen

5. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting

5.I. Acceptance of February 22 minutes

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

6. Public comment

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

8.I. Discussion of public or group presentations

The press release was sent to the Laconia Daily Sun and the Weirs Times but the exact date published is unknown. It was suggested that the press release also be put in the Laconia Links and Salmon Press and possibly Lakes Region Public Access.

9. Old business

9.I. Confirmation of logo

K. Reitz stated the artwork has been finished and is set to go to the school for print. He suggested a special meeting to go over the logo and get it finalized.

9.II. Update on subcommittee

There has been no movement on the subcommittee.

M. Haynes apologized for his absence lately. The review of the HOD ordinance is with the Government Operations & Ordinances Committee which Councilors Soucy, Felch and Cheney sit. He has mentioned moving this forward but the committee has its hands full with other things. He clarified that in no way did he get the notion that Council was stalling on the ordinance.

The Commission's focus has been on educating the public since the expansion is in limbo. Until the ordinance is cleared and agreed upon, there is not much else to do. M. Haynes was asked to set up a meeting with the Committee for May and asked that the Commission has questions from that committee prior to the meeting so they can move forward. Also to have the committee look through the ordinance and try to see which areas hinder an expansion. Planning Director D. Trefethen will print the ordinance and put them in the Councilor's mailbox with a letter of explanation, as well as M. Haynes so they can look at it prior. He also noted that he sent an email to the City Manager and the Mayor concerning the discussion after the last meeting so they are aware of what is going on. There were suggestions of doing presentations at the different local groups that meeting monthly.

10. Other business

Chair T. Shore updated the Commission on St. Joseph's church. There was knowledge of a leak and was supposedly fixed but now there is mold. The St. Joseph's Preservation Society is working within the confines of Cardinal Law to have the issue taken care of.

There was a long discussion on the process of the demolition permit applications and that the permit has not been issued. There are different rules when the applicant requests applications be put on hold vs the municipality. Planning Director D. Trefethen reaches out to the attorney often and per the Diocese it is still on hold.

11. Adjournment

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully,

K. Graham