



Royal Oak

Minutes

Royal Oak Historic District Study Committee Meeting

February 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room 116
203 South Troy Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Present: Chairperson Tammis Donaldson
Patrick Andras
Chris Kraska
Jeffrey Ridley
Eric Romain
Leslie Snow
Leo Derdelakos

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order By Chair Donaldson at 7:08p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the February 15, 2024 meeting agenda.

Moved by: Leslie Snow

Seconded by: Eric Romain

Motion Adopted

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 18, 2024 meeting minutes.

Moved by: Patrick Andras

Seconded by: Leo Derdelakos

Motion Adopted

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Historic Preservation Observations in Royal Oak

6.a Endangered

Pasquale's building at 31555 Woodward Avenue (will likely be razed soon).

6.b Lost

No new historic resources were identified as endangered.

7. Historic Group Reports

7.a Historical Commission

Patrick Andras reported Civil War Day is tentatively scheduled for May 18. Flyer Paranormal tours has been generating good revenue for the Orson Starr House. Members of the Historical Commission will be meeting with the Historical Society to discuss a possible merger

7.b Historic District Commission

Chair Donaldson reported there were no updates from the historic district commission this month.

8. New Business

8.a Michigan Historic Preservation Network Annual Conference May 2024

Carol Schwanger, staff liaison, announced the dates and location for the 2024 annual conference. It will be held May 9-11, 2024 in Kalamazoo, MI. Any members interested in attending were requested to contact Carol.

9. Unfinished Business

9.a Vinsetta Bridges Proposed Historic District

The matter will be on February 29 City Commission meeting agenda for first reading of the ordinance to establish the historic district. Members should attend if possible.

9.b Historic Context Study Update

Chair Donaldson reported that contact has been made with Commonwealth regarding the study. They have new staff members working on the context study and the City should have the draft of the study by the end of February.

10. Committee Member Comments

Eric Romain presented a report on 703 Woodcrest, Frederick Madison home including timeline of ownership, style, year built, pictures. Leslie Snow will add

the details to the letter to the homeowner and Patrick Andras will deliver the letter in person.

Leo Derdelakos reported about the Works Progress Administration (WPA) murals at the Royal Oak Middle School. Royal Oak Middle School students are working on a Legacy Project/community-based and will start their research into the WPA murals and will contact the HDSC for next steps toward possible study and designation. This is a school sponsored and directed curriculum activity for the students and therefore, research and report should be concluded by June 2024, the end of the school year.

Leo Derdelakos shared drafts of historic district map showing locations of current historic districts in Royal Oak. Additionally, he shared the draft of the document detailing steps to study and designate a property. The document was also presented in a flow chart format. Members provided feedback to be incorporated.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51p.m.

Moved by: Patrick Andras
Seconded by: Eric Romain

Motion Adopted