



Royal Oak
**HISTORIC DISTRICT
STUDY COMMITTEE**

**Royal Oak Historic District Study Committee
Minutes – June 20, 2019**

Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center - 3500 Marais Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48073

1. Call to order – 7:04 pm
2. Attendance – Ruth Cleaveland, Tammis Donaldson, Rob Duchene, Jim Keillor, Chris Kraska, Leslie Snow
Absent excused: Barb Randau
Patrick Andras (Historical Commission)
Guests: Laurie Eisenhardt, Kim Gibbs (City Commissioner), Marcia Hovland
3. Approval of May minutes – Jim Keillor made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tammis Donaldson. APPROVED
4. Treasurer's Report – Nothing new to report.
5. Public Comment – Local clay artists Laurie Eisenhardt and Marcia Hovland (who have been selected as Royal Oak's Artist Laureates) asked the HDSC for ideas and input regarding imagery for a community mosaic that the City would like to install in the new City Hall. The HDSC will also provide them with a list of already-designated properties for further inspiration.
6. Historical Commission Report – Patrick Andras reported that the HC walked through the Royal Oak Cemetery and is looking into details of who is in charge of managing and maintaining the upkeep of the cemetery. Ruth Cleaveland will provide the number of the Oakview Cemetery caregiver who may be able to provide some advice and insight.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Letter to Laura Harrison – Members reviewed a draft of a letter to Laura Harrison regarding her properties on Washington. Ruth Cleaveland will call Leslie Snow with the changes to the letter. Chris Kraska will put together the pictures and histories of the buildings to provide to Laura.
 - b. Farmers Market Status – Rob Duchene brought the final draft of the history portion of the report and Tammis Donaldson shared a draft of the architectural portion. Rob Duchene and Leslie Snow will proofread. Ruth Cleaveland will communicate with the secretary who will be putting the entire report together.
 - c. HDSC website and reports – Leslie Snow reported that Carol Schwanger was able to find 5 electronic reports that were submitted to the City. Members will look through their records to find hard copies of the others on the list. Leslie Snow will follow up with Judy Davids regarding how to post these reports on the HDSC website.
 - d. Kim Gibbs' House – Chris Kraska will take on the writeup of Kim Gibbs' house.
8. New Business
 - a. Visit to KNOW Building at 422 W. 11 Mile Road – Members discussed the findings of the visit with Rick Van House at the KNOW Advertising Building (originally Land's Pharmacy), including a canvas copy of some of the blueprints. Tammis Donaldson will contact Rick regarding making copies of the other blueprints and will speak with a Lawrence Tech professor regarding his insight into Yamasaki (the designer of the building). Research into the history of the proprietors and building will continue in the fall.
9. Motion to Adjourn – Rob Duchene made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Keillor. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next meeting: September 19, 2019

Minutes recorded by Leslie Snow