



## Minutes

### Royal Oak Historic District Commission Meeting

September 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room 116  
203 South Troy Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Present: Patrick Sharrak  
Theresa Scherwitz  
Paul Bastian  
Dazzmin Dabish  
Danielle Cadaret  
Sean Dunlop

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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

Also present: Ed Kattan, Sign Emporium

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Sean Dunlop

Seconded by: Theresa Scherwitz

Motion to approve the September 12, 2024 historic district commission meeting agenda approved.

Motion Adopted

#### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

##### 5.a April 18 2024 Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Paul Bastian

Seconded by: Sean Dunlop

The April 18, 2024 historic district commission meeting minutes were approved.

Motion Adopted

## **6. Certificate of Appropriateness Requests and Status Reports**

### **6.a Hilzinger Block Building Historic District 108 South Main Street**

#### **6.a.1 Request for New Sign Front Facade - Farris F Haddad Law**

Signage would not go into brick, but would go into mortar. Drilling would only go roughly an inch into the mortar. Substrate behind the proposed sign has not been researched. Sign Emporium is accustomed to working with historically designated structures. The signage is light with the box being made from aluminum and the lighting is LED (it could be held in one hand).

Chair Patrick Sharrak proposed a revised diagram with specific notes as to how the sign will be installed be reviewed before this is approved and the approval to be given at the next scheduled meeting in October when a new application with more precise detail as to how the signs will be hung and pull testing has been performed in order to ensure that mortar is safe for hanging of signs.

Moved by: Sean Dunlop

Seconded by: Paul Bastian

Motion to table the request for a new sign on the front facade for Farris F Haddad Law is approved.

Motion Adopted

#### **6.a.2 Request to Reface Existing Sign Front Facade - Rudoi Law - and Reface Existing Sign Back Facade - Farris F Haddad Law and Rudoi Law**

The Rudoi Law signage requires no drilling into the brick or mortar on the front or rear facade of the building this will only require refacing by replacing the two inserts in the signs from the previous business to Rudoi Law.

Moved by: Danielle Cadaret

Seconded by: Theresa Scherwitz

Motion to approve the request to reface the existing sign on the front facade for Rudoi Law and the sign on the back facade to Haddad and Rudoi Law as presented.

Motion Adopted

**7. New Business**

**7.a Orson Starr House Museum Roof**

Chair Patrick Sharrak was approached by the historical commission regarding the need for the roof of the historically designated Orson Starr House Museum need to be replaced. It has been repaired and has reached end of its life. Chair Sharrak asked if there are reasonable substitutes for cedar shake to save costs and for energy efficiency that can be recommended to the historical commission to explore. Would fiberglass as used at the Detroit Train Station be an option. Danielle Cadaret will research and provide update at next meeting.

**7.b Vinsetta Bridges Task Force Update**

Sean Dunlop and Paul Bastien, HDC representatives to the task force, provided an update

**8. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm. Chair Sharrak will email members about the next meeting in October to continue the review of the request for signage.

Moved by: Sean Dunlop

Seconded by: Danielle Cadaret

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm was approved.

Motion Adopted