

**CITY OF MASON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2007**

Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Commissioners: Cummings, Gladstone, Hyndman, Schulien, Shattuck
Absent: Commissioners: Taylor, Ware
Also present: David E. Haywood, Planning & Development Director
Jim Mulvany, City Council Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 27, 2006

The Meeting Minutes of November 27, 2006 were approved as corrected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Shattuck, seconded by Hyndman,
To nominate Mark Cummings as Chairperson.
Seeing that no other commissioners were nominated, Haywood closed nominations.

MARK CUMMINGS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON

Motion by Cummings, seconded by Shattuck,
To nominate Dave Hyndman as Vice-chairperson.
Seeing that no other commissioners were nominated, Haywood closed nominations.

DAVE HYNDMAN UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Commissioner Randy Gladstone

Chairperson Cummings introduced new Commissioner Randy Gladstone and fellow commissioners gave a brief introduction indicating their interest and role on the Commission. Further discussion of the role of the Commission and future projects ensued.

Inventory of Historic Properties

Cummings reviewed the objectives of the Inventory project. A copy of the work schedule component of the grant application, including the tasks required to be completed, was distributed. A lengthy discussion of the details of the inventory project ensued.

Request for Comments – Draft of proposed Sign Ordinance, Chapter 58 of the Mason Code

Haywood gave a brief presentation of the proposed draft sign ordinance. He further indicated that the draft does not include historic district sign regulations, stating that the Sign Ordinance Update Committee felt that sign regulations for a historic district are best left to be developed by the Historic District Commission, and therefore, would not be pursuing the issue further. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the details of the proposed ordinance, the current review standards of the Commission and future amendment procedures.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

Gladstone invited Commissioners to Mason Area Historical Society meeting on the first Monday of April at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason Museum. David Vota from the Capital Area District Library will be speaking on tools and techniques to date a building.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk