

Flint Historic District Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2008
Committee-of-the-Whole Room, City Council Chambers
3rd Floor, City Hall
1101 S; Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Steve Heddy
James Rutherford
Nancy Sinclair
Dale Suomela
Mildred Smith
Leanne Barkus

Commissioners Absent:

Ryan Eashoo

Public: As per sign in sheet

Scott Csapo - Duragard/Court St Methodist Church
Jason Smith – 307 W. University Ave.
John Shaw – 307 W. University Ave.
George Yurek - GTDNA
Marge DePriest - GTDNA
William Gainey - 629 Stockton St – Hardwood Smith House
Mark Lual - STAT EMS
Shaun - STAT EMS
John Gazall - Gazall Lewis
Catheryn Scellitt
Dave & Carol Johnson
David White – Genesee County Historical Society

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair, Steve Heddy.

2. Adoption of minutes

Approval of minutes – tabled until next meeting due to a hard copy not being available

3. Plan Review

307 W. University Ave. – Flint NIPP - Restoration - MM/S Suomela/Smith - Approved.

225 Court St. – Court St Methodist Church - New flat roof - MM/S Suomela/Smith - Approved

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

Mr. Burnash - U of M Green House project

Mr. Burnash explained possible materials to be used on the Garland Street Green House. Also discussed using wind turbine energy & thermal heat.

520 W. Third Street – Discussion took place concerning STAT EMS addition being built on a part of historical designated property without HDC approval.

Mark Lual (the Owner of STAT) explained that they followed all regulations with the Flint building Department and were issued a building permit. He explained that he, the architect (Gazall Lewis) or the building contractor (Will Hall) had any knowledge that approximately 17' of their addition was on historical property. He also stated that it would be very costly to move part of the addition from the 17' of historical property. The building addition is very close to completion, however it does not yet have a roof.

Mr William Gainey (owner of the Hardwood Smith historical house) stated the part of the addition on historical property is blocking his previous view of downtown Flint. He would like to see the addition removed.

Neighborhood residents stated their dissatisfaction with the addition.

John Gazall stated they had meetings with BSI and asked them what the building should look like. Bsi told him they should match STAT EMS building finishes.

Discussions then took place as to how the addition might use historical looking finishes as an alternative to removing the building from the historical property.

The HDC commissioners then gave their opinions and options as to how to resolve this situation.

It was decided a letter composed by the HDC commissioners comprising our opinions, comments and options would be formed and distributed to all parties involved.

HDC Meeting Dates for 2009 – A resolution to adopt the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM as our meeting time. One exception would be Thursday, January 1st. This meeting date will be changed to Thursday, January 8th.

1. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.