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# Minutes Regular Meeting Wednesday August 8, 2018 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Corey Bohan, Lois Abare Peg Corbosiero, Yvonne Harrington

Members Absent: Mary Harrington, Jay McCronon, David Plummer

Others Present: Jenelle Sroczynski Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the minutes of the 6-13-2018 Regular Meeting Corbosiero/Harrington 4-0 Approved @, 6:04 pm.

Comments regarding minutes included ensuring proper verbiage is being used when approving the minutes. Ie: as presented, as written, or as amended. Mr. Bohan is confident the Commission is approving the minutes properly.

#### **Public Comment:**

None were heard

#### **Member Comments:**

Members of the Commission are concerned that homeowners in Old Centre are not following procedure when doing renovations to their homes. Ms. Harrington is concerned the Commission could get a bad reputation if they are too strict with homeowners. Mr. Bohan suggested using legislation as a guideline. Ms. Corbosiero is concerned with members of the Commission living in the Historic District and rendering decisions that impact it, in terms of a conflict of interest. Mr. Bohan reiterated this is exactly why a policies and procedures manual in necessary. Under 40B and 40C there could be an annual update with a photo included on the accession card. Ms. Harrington suggested adopting policies that are already in place with the state. Mr. Bohan is interested in taking a moderate approach. Ms. Abare stated the picture inventory needs to be updated. Mr. Bohan suggested changing the property card that would require a signature with a disclaimer that the homeowner understands any proposed

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property changes need to be approved by the Commission. This would need approval. Mr. Bohan announced to the Commission that Mr. Plummer has indicated his need to resign. Commission members are disappointed in this news. Mr. Bohan suggested members reach out to him and see if there is a chance he would stay. Mr. Plummer has been an important member of the Commission. Mr. Bohan and Ms. Corboserio to reach out to Mr. O'Neil regarding phone set up if Mary Harrington is not able to attend meetings.

Native American Project: There is no update regarding this project as Mr. Plummer is not present and with the announcement of his impending resignation, the Commission fears this project may come to a standstill. Mr. Bohan to reach out to Mark Pava for update.

<u>Historic Commission Policies:</u> This is an ongoing item. Ms. Corbosiero to present her policy at the next meeting.

<u>Old Business:</u> Trees are being replaced at the interstation of Teel and Hall Roads. All Robison-Broadhurst reports have been filed. The Commission's filing cabinets are in good order. Mr. Bohan to check and see if budget numbers are correct in Munis.

Other Business: Enforcement of requirements for Historic District homeowners has been discussed. Ms. Corboserio and Ms. Abare gave Mr. Bohan a donation towards the Victrola purchase for the Historical Society. Ms. Corboserio announced the Museum is open on Thursday nights for informal tours and visitation. There is also an event on October 13, 2018 at the Museum called Masquerade Madness. Tickets are available for purchase. October agenda to include Archeology Month.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2018 at 6pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Abare/Corbosiero 3-0 Approved 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jenelle Sroczynski Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By: