

City of Portage – Historic District Commission
Wednesday, February 5, 2013 @ 8:15 a.m.
Portage City Hall – Conference Room #2

MINUTES

Called to Order at 8:40 a.m.

Present: Mark Reile, Christine Broberg, Al Van Kampen, Russ Randall, Theresa Bunch, Suzanne Nemeth and Erica Eklov.

Absent: Jim Ebert (excused), Katie VanLonkhuyzen (excused) and Dorie Erhig (unexcused)

Approval of Minutes: November 6, 2013 minutes approved – Mark motioned, Christine seconded noting correction to spelling of Russ’ name.

Announcements: HDC Account Balance as of January 29, 2014 was \$77.77.

Old Business:

- 1) Site Inspections and Modifications – none.
- 2) Community Awareness:
 - b) Newsletter – none.

New Business:

- 1) Mark asked Erica to summarize the Homeowner’s Insurance matter. Discussion followed.
- 2) Mark mentioned the Kalamazoo Old House Expo event scheduled for February 15. There was discussion on the potential sale of trading cards at the vendor section. Erica was awaiting feedback from Expo host Sharon Ferraro on possibility. Several members voiced interest in volunteering.
- 3) Mark asked about ideas for the May Gathering Event for 2014. Christine suggested postponing the event for a year or conducting a tour instead. She inquired on the possibility of interior tours. Discussion followed. Theresa suggested incorporating Portage Public Schools (similar to “I Love Portage” essay contest).
- 4) Mark inquired with Erica regarding the status of the HDC student liaison. Christine inquired about continued lack of attendance. Erica noted prior issues with reaching student and would check in with the City Clerk, as well as possible alternatives for student involvement.
- 5) Mark closed the meeting by asking for all members to bring ideas for the May Gathering Event to the next meeting.

Citizen Comments: None.

Member Comments: Mark noted select absences as excused unless otherwise contacted.

Adjournment: 9.08 a.m.