

**Rochester Historical Commission Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers 7:00 PM July 22, 210**

Call to Order: Chair Steve Sage called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Cathy Pouls, Joel Kohn, Gail Bothwell, Gail Kemler, Steve Sage, Jim Kemler, Penny Reddish, Tammy Byers, June Hopaluk, Lynn Anderson, Rose Govig, Bob Michalka, Kay Johnson City Council Liaison Jeff Matis and guest Eric Bothwell.

Absent with Notice: Bill Pietrzyk

Absent without Notice: N/A

Meeting Minutes: Make corrections to note referring to Gail Kemler and Sue Neal as necessary. On page 1 under Unfinished Business change “Neil” to “Neal” & insert Kemler after Gail regarding the 2000 flags. Jim Kemler made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 24th meeting as corrected. Seconded by Steve Sage. Passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Sage presented the 2010-2011 proposed report. The RHC General Operating Fund & the Capital Project Fund will be replenished 7/1/2010. Cathy Pouls moved to accept and file the Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Jim Kemler. Passed.

Communications: None.

New & Unfinished Business:

1. **Historical Markers:** Lynn Anderson stated there was 1 application in June for 509 3rd Street. There are 8 other houses in the works, some of which have requested help in research for the application. The RHC should place emphasis for the markers to downtown businesses, addressing the tenant & the building owner & the downtown buildings regardless if it is a business. Steve Sage will reach out to Derrick (City of Rochester) to obtain a list of buildings 70 years or older in hopes of contacting people to inform them of the Rochester Historical Marker program. Possibly create press releases discussing the program. In addition, RHC would like to engage the help of people outside the RHC for this task.
2. **Computer & Printer Update:** The pictures for 134 University have been scanned & printed. Steve Sage will advise Derrick (City of Rochester) that the RHC research is continuing. The RHC will be located in the conference room in Rochester City Hall. Members of the RHC feel this is not a good location due to security. Steve Sage will reach out to the City to discuss. Cathy will contact the city regarding printer ink.
3. **Greater Rochester Heritage Days:** Steve Sage will present the final report to Rochester City Council at the next City Council meeting. A copy of the report was presented to the RHC.
4. **Budget:** Presented by Steve Sage. It was discussed to identify 2 or 3 projects for top priority. Cathy Pouls motioned to designate 3000.00 for the historical marker for the Lysander Woodward Home. Seconded by Kay Johnson.

Miscellaneous:

Elevator: Rod Wilson (R-AHS) stated the historical documentation has been approved & will go in front of the State of Michigan Historic Places committee on September 24, 2010. If approved, the application will be sent to Washington DC for approval. They have 45 days to approve the National Register of Historic Places application.

Paint Creek Tavern: Kay Johnson moved to begin a petition to preserve the PCT. Rose Govig seconded. Rod Wilson (R-AHS) stated the City Manager & the Mayor assured him nothing is final with PCT. Jeff Matis (liaison) stated all discussions regarding the PCT must go before City Council & highly suggested that RHC members attend.

Bunker Park: Rod Wilson (R-AHS) spoke with the City Manager & the Mayor regarding Bunker Park as well. They both stated the project is moving along & the nomination for the park should be ready by Christmas.

Lysander Woodward Home: Our guest, Rod Wilson (R-AHS), stated he & others met with the Singh representatives to discuss the preservation of the Lysander Woodward Home. The future site plans for the property were discussed along with historical significance of the home, which Singh was unaware. Singh mentioned the possibility of selling the home for a dollar to the R-AHS. In addition, Rod Wilson presented the RHC members a copy of the letter received from Robert Christensen, the National Register Coordinator for the State of Michigan. His letter confirmed his review of the Lysander Woodward Home & the belief that it is clearly eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Attached to the letter, was the R-AHS historical documentation completed by Deborah Larsen regarding the home.

Adjournment: Kay Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Seconded by Rose Govig. Passed

Next meeting Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully presented by Tammy Byers 8/24/2010