

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION
ELECTRONIC MEETING
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2022

Community Development/Engineering Services Building – Electronic Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

Hovenkamp called the electronic meeting to order at 6:01pm.

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| Commissioners Present: | Council Liaison: |
| Shostrom | Shaun Moran |
| Whitford | Staff Present: |
| Von Chamier | Brandon Goldman; Planning Manager |
| Hovenkamp | Regan Trapp; Permit Technician II |
| Swink | |
| Emery | |
| Skibby (Late) | |
| Commissioners Absent: | ALL PRESENT |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Shostrom/Swink m/s to approve minutes for December 8, 2021. Voice vote. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

PUBLIC FORUM:

There was no one wishing to speak.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- Councilor Moran was present but there were no updates to give.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Marking Ashland Places Update- Jennifer Longshore
The MAPS project is in its final stages and has been worked on for several years by a myriad of Commissioners from the Public Arts Commission and the Historic Commission. Five bronze medallions will be placed around town at different historical sites within the next few months. Jennifer has extended an invitation to the Commission to work together with the Public Arts Commission in the next phase. She went over the history of the project and gave an overview of the work done by the artist.
- Seated member quorum discussion
Goldman gave the staff report regarding the quorum requirement. The quorum requirement is half of the seated members plus one and would decrease based on seated members. Any change to Chapter 2.24 would require an ordinance amending the code and would need to be approved by Council. Only the City Manager can direct an ordinance amendment and it would need to be written by staff and approved by the Council.

The Commission will continue to recruit people but would like to make the change of quorum requirements to no fewer than 7 and no more than 9.

Von Chamier/Whitford m/s to direct staff to write an amendment to chapter 2.24 of the Municipal Code on quorum requirements (to match Tree Commission) to be submitted to the City Manager. ie; Half the number of seated Commissioners plus one but no less than four. Voice vote. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

- Community Center

Chair Hovenkamp addressed Councilor Moran regarding an update on the Community Center. Councilor Moran gave the latest updates and encouraged the Commission to reach out to George Kramer, who is the chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee for the Community Center.

Goldman gave an update on what the Ad-Hoc recommendation was regarding the “moment frame” on the interior of the building. This building is individually listed and SHPO would need to be notified if there were changes to the interior or exterior. If the Commission chooses to draft a letter, it will need to be forwarded to the City Manager for review, as this item is not listed on any upcoming Council meetings.

The group discussed the following:

The City Council has worked 2-3 years to try and bring these buildings back up to code and these buildings need a lot of work as they have not been updated since the 80's.

They emphasized that if this project moves forward in this way, it will ruin the aesthetic of the building and was disappointed that there was no public input taken by Council on this subject.

Because the building is on the national register of historic places, the Commission stressed the importance of letting the Council know their recommendations. They remarked that the effort should be put into saving the building both inside and outside so that visually, it maintains its historic integrity. The group stressed that this is a public building and should be maintained as such.

Skibby/Swink m/s for Hovenkamp will draft a letter to Council regarding Commission recommendations for the renovation (both interior and exterior) of the Community Center. This letter will be brought back (for review) to the full Commission at a future meeting. Voice vote. ALL AYES. Motion passed.

- Historic Preservation Week – PastForward

Historic Preservation Awards scheduled for Tues, May 17th @12:30
Pioneer Hall has been reserved (with indoor or outdoor option)

Historic Preservation month discussion was postponed until February's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2022 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Shostrom/Whitford m/s to adjourn meeting of January 5, 2022

There being no other items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8.12pm

Respectfully submitted by Regan Trapp