

**FARMINGTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009**

Chairperson Myers called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Atkinson, Bernath, Gundlach, Munter, Myers, Weimar

Excused: Harrison

Absent: Baessler, Grattan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Munter, supported by Atkinson, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried: all ayes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Atkinson, supported by Weimer, to approve the minutes of October 22, 2009 as presented. Motion carried: all ayes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was not available

WARNER MANSION ACTIVITIES

- 1) Commissioner Bernath updated the commission about the activities in December.
- 2) The city is in the completion stage of solving the water problems in the basement.
- 3) Several commissioners had concerns about the condition of one of the chimneys. Commissioner Atkinson has been in contact with the city manager about the problem.
- 4) Commissioner Bernath reported that the mansion will be closed for three months this season, with reopening in April.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) City Council Study Session: Chairperson Myers reported that there has been no activity from the city council of the city council regarding the reactivation of a study committee to possibly align the historic district city ordinance with Public Act 169.
 - 2) Old Village Signs: Commissioner Harrison forwarded information about the manufacturer and costs of the present signs. Commission members will look at alternative designs and provide pictures of signs in other municipalities in the area.
- Lack of plan review for 33218 Oakland: Chairperson Myers has not been in contact with the building department about the issue. Commissioners expressed concern that this is not the only exterior renovation being done in the historic district without commission review.

Motion by Munter, supported by Gundlach, that the commission direct the chairperson, or her designee, to draft a letter to the city manager expressing our concerns that the building department appears to be, once again, ignoring the ordinance that gives the Historical Commission the responsibility to review plans for exterior revisions to structures within the historic district, with said letter to be forwarded by the city manager's office to all members of the City Council. Motion carried: all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cancellation of December meeting: Motion by Munter, supported by Weimer, to cancel the regular meeting of December unless, in the opinion of the chairperson, there is pressing business that requires the attention of the commission. Motion carried: all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Myers at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Munter, Secretary