

MINUTES FOR
REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:08 p.m. by Chairman Teich.

ROLL CALL was taken by Recording Staff Liaison, Josh Adams.

PRESENT: Chairman Steven Teich; Commissioner Gary Wilson; Secretary Philip Hathaway (6:24); Commissioner Lance Omer; Commissioner Dianne Acton; Commissioner Matthew Van Epps

ABSENT: Commissioner Scott Newman; Commissioner Lance Omer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONER ACTON. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VAN EPPS AS PRESENTED

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MINUTE APPROVAL:

MOTION FOR APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONER WILSON. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VAN EPPS AS PRESENTED

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: 300 W. Main Street Owner Response Letter to the HDC's Demolition by Neglect Update Letter

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

Committee Reports: None

Public Hearings: None

Items of Business:

1) 123 N. Washington Street - Discussion

Chairman Teich stated he had received questions from members of the community on the status of the building's redevelopment efforts.

Mr. Adams referred the commissioners to an email correspondence from the building owner indicating that they have engaged a consultant to help them secure grant funds from the State of Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Mr. Adams also stated that this process has just started and could take a significant amount of time to acquire the funding needed to complete the project.

Chairman Teich stated that he is concerned that the building could sit unfinished for any significant amount of time. He indicated that the building sits on a predominant corner of the downtown district and its redevelopment is vital.

Commissioner Wilson stated that he would like to see the building be redeveloped right rather than fast. He also stated that it is important that the building owners continue to show forward motion on all building redevelopment efforts. He suggested that Chairman Teich reach out to the property owner (as the representative of the HDC) to create partnership with them.

Chairman Teich asked Mr. Adams if he could set up a meeting with the building owners.

2) 300 W. Main Street - Discussion

Chairman Teich stated that the owner's response to the HDC's Demolition by Neglect Letter was received in a timely manner and properly outlined the activities that they are taking to bring the building up to code.

Mr. Adams stated that the new roof had been installed on the building and development is under way. He also mentioned that he will be contacting the building owners to ensure that they know any window repair and/or replacement must go before the HDC for approval prior to any action being taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HATHAWAY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VAN EPPS TO ADJOURN AT 6:47 P.M.

Phil Hathaway, Secretary