

**MINUTES of the June 21, 2022. MEETING of the Commission
(via Zoom)**

July 14, 2022

Adopted: July 19, 2022

Members Present: The meeting began at approximately 7:30 p.m. Bob Booher, Wendy Harris, David Stopak, Mimi Styles, alternate Marilyn Frey and Darrell Anderson (council liaison) were present. Jeff McCrehan was absent. Marilyn was welcomed as the new alternate.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Minor amendments to the proposed agenda were proposed, and the revised agenda was unanimously approved.

1.2 Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the May 2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously adopted. Review of the April minutes were postponed until the next meeting as Jeff was not present.

2.1 Review of Projects

2.1.1 Edible Garden – A community garden has been approved by the Town Council adjacent to the hard surface tennis court within the fenced area in Woodward Park. Though no Public Ways and Properties Permit was needed, a review will be prepared discussing the historic context, uses of the park and appropriateness of the project. This will be forwarded to the Town Council.

2.1.2 Shed at 352 Ridge Road – A small shed is to be hand built at the rear of the property. It will not be visible from the public way. A preliminary review will be provided.

3.1 Historic Landscape resources

3.1.1 Map of resources – Postponed until next meeting

3.2 Comprehensive Plan changes at the Town Council meeting – The Town Council is reviewing the proposed Comprehensive Plan. Several Council members have provided written comments and the Mayor reviewed his marked up copy. David attended and provided comments as well. There was general hesitancy throughout the plan to commit the Council to specific actions, and language softening these will indicate the actions are investigatory rather than determinative. This applied to several recommended actions in the Preservation Section 9. The recommendation to enact a preservation ordinance received the most discussion, including the letter of opposition from The Hansens and Challstroms which argued to delete the recommendation. The TC in the end voted to keep it but modify it to say it would be examined. Further changes to the section will be discussed at the meeting next month.

3.3 Preservation/demolition ordinance plan – A joint meeting of members of the Planning Commission and the HPC is planned for mid-July. David and Bob will put together the issues from the HPC side and Georgette and Peter will do the same for the PC.

3.4 Corrections to Architectural Survey – Mimi provided a table of all the comments we have received about the information in the Architectural Survey. Some of the comments are corrections, some are amplifications and some are of questionable value. The form of document was discussed and “errata” seeming to be the best. David volunteered to review the table in more detail and suggest a common way to incorporate the information.

3.5 Additional Signs - Mimi is working with Susan to get a list of the signs and a copy of the spreadsheet that Freda had developed for her.

3.6 Committee reports – no reports

3.7 Bulletin Material – Mimi has suggested publishing an account of the first Camp Meeting.

3.8 Planning Commission Meeting – Mimi reported that new PC members were introduced. The relevant issues discussed included the 411 Grove Avenue homeowner inquiring about purchasing the Town's "abandoned walkway" that runs between her property and neighboring 413 Grove Avenue (from Grove Avenue to Johnson Alley), beginning a review of the town ordinances, identifying who will be responsible for each of the Comprehensive Plan recommendations, investigation of allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to be led by RASEC, requesting a survey of Railroad Street, and the mutual meeting with the HPC.

3.9 Town Council meeting – Darrell’s summary of the Town Council meeting included the reappointment of Wendy and Mimi, the appointment of Marilyn, and postponement of approval of the Comprehensive Plan until September.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

By : Bob Booher