

CITY OF MANISTEE
2017 HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

70 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017

A meeting of the 2017 Historic District Study Committee was held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 3:00 pm in the Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

This meeting began at 3:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Barry, Denise Blakeslee, Steve Harold

OTHERS: Ashland Korienek (Manistee News Advocate)

The 2017 City of Manistee Historic District Study Committee was created on August 1, 2017 by appointment of the City of Manistee City Council. The charge of the committee is to update the February 20, 2007 Report and Survey for the Manistee Commercial Historic District. Jessica C. Flores, MSHP, LEED GA, Principal, Preservation Forward will be assisting the Committee in preparing the report.

This being the first meeting of the Committee, the members of the committee made the following appointments:

Chair	Steve Harold
Secretary	Denise Blakeslee

The members agreed that all members must be present for a meeting to be held.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Maureen Barry, seconded by Denise Blakeslee to approve the agenda as presented. With a voice vote motion passed unanimously

New Business

Members of the Committee received copies of the following documents prior to the meeting for their review:

- o Local Historic Districts Act (Act 169 of 1970)
- o City of Manistee, Final Report of the Historic District Study Committee 2/28/07
- o City of Manistee, Manistee Commercial Historic District Survey Report 2/28/07

The Act was reviewed and Steve Harold will review the Final Report and Survey Report to see if any of the historical data needs updating.

A binder was provided each member that included the following information that will be used to update the 2007 Survey Report and Final Report

- o Updated Photo Inventory (2007, 2017, Historical Photos)

- 2007 Ruskin Survey Copies
- List of Property improvements in district since 2007

A checklist will be developed for the review process. Ms. Flores provided information to be included in the checklist and the members added emphasis to portions for their review. The check list will assist in determining if properties in the district should remain, be removed, changing a building from contributing to non-contributing, or changing the building from non-contributing to contributing. The commission drafted a checklist will be sent to Ms. Flores to see if she has any additional input before the members begin using it for their review.

The members reviewed the seven signature Buildings from 2007 reports:

- The Ramsdell Theatre and Hardy Hall, 101 Maple Street – added restoration projects since 2007 to the section.
- The Vogue Theatre, 381-385 River Street – added acquisition of the theater by the DDA and sale to the Historic Vogue Theater of Manistee and efforts to restore the theater and restoration updates since 2007.
- The Manistee County Savings Bank, 375 River Street
- The Ramsdell Building, 399 River Street – noted renovations were done by previous owner.
- Haley Block, 419-423 River Street – Included 2008 restoration of the building and deleted section on alterations needed to return the building to the original state.
- The Pacific House, 141-149 Washington Street - noted that other than painting the front façade no improvements have been made to the building since 2007
- The Winkler Block, 310-314 River Street – updated the last paragraph to include how the building fell into disrepair and the new owner used the services of a Design Specialist from the State Historical Preservation Office to make repairs to the building.

Steve Harold will review the historical component for each signature building and provide updates as needed.

The following meeting dates have been scheduled:

October 12, 2017 - 3 pm

November 16, 2017 - 3 pm

November 30, 2017 - 3 pm

There were no public comments

Adjourn

MOTION by Maureen Barry, seconded by Denise Blakeslee that the meeting be adjourned. With a voice vote motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm

2017 Historic Study Review Committee

Denise J. Blakeslee, Secretary