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August 12, 2014 Minutes – Mt. Pleasant Historic District Commission

Meeting called to order at 5:07 p.m. at City Hall

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

P	Lara Raisanen (12/31/2016)	A	Patricia Krcmarik (12/31/2016)
P	Elizabeth Van Dorin (12/31/2015)	P	Aimee Goodreau (12/31/2015)
P	Marcie Otteman Grawburg (01/31/2015)		Vacant
EA	Lisa Ferden (12/31/2016)	P	Michelle Sponseller, Secretary

A = Absent without notification P = Present E = Excused Absence N/A = Not Applicable

Guests: T. Kulick

ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA

Motion to nominate Marcie Otteman as meeting chair.

M = Otteman

S = VanDorin

Motion = Passed

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

HDC MINUTES

Approve July 22, 2014 minutes as amended.

M = Raisanen

S = VanDorin

Motion = Passed

NEW BUSINESS

A. Historic District Commission Projects

Extensive discussion held on expanding the duties of the HDC and potential projects the HDC may wish to take on in the future.

By accepting the charge of the City Commission, the Historic District Commission embraces a vision to contribute to placemaking efforts in Mt. Pleasant. To begin, the HDC will focus on projects #2 and #3 as suggested by the City Commission in July 2014 memo. Projects 1, 4, and 5 remain on the horizon for the future. However, the HDC reserves the right to amend and/or expand our work as deemed necessary.

M = Raisanen
S = VanDorin
Motion = Passed

Projects referenced are as follows:

1. Homeowner awards for “historic” renovations. Similar to what the Planning Commission does each year for commercial and residential renovations however, these would focus solely on renovations that are focused on historic preservation. Limit of four awards per year (two for commercial, two for residential).
2. Complete the historic guidelines for downtown from 2011. Design guidelines would serve as a roadmap to quality historic renovations in downtown. Use of the design guidelines would serve as a precursor to option #3.
3. Review applications for the downtown revolving loan fund (RLF) when requests are made for exterior renovations. Using the design guidelines in option #2, the HDC could work with property owners applying to the RLF on the material choices and usage so property owners can make good choices based on style and age of the building.
4. Review of Zoning Board of Appeals requests when pertaining to historic properties. Review past ownership, architectural style, etc. to make recommendation to ZBA.
5. Bronze Art / Plaques – Assist property owners and community members on the cultivation of new bronze art sculptures and plaques pertaining to historic buildings, people and event downtown.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 5:55 p.m.