



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
**Historic District Commission**  
Art Pappas Village Hall 375 Depot Road  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**Draft Minutes Tuesday December 12, 2023**

Meeting called to order by R. Hauxwell at 7:01 PM.

Present: R. Hauxwell, M. Luginski, M. Moon, L. Patercsak, J. Radcliff.

Absent: None

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by J. Radcliff, second by M. Luginski to approve the agenda as written with the addition of L. Patercsak to the roll call. Approved unanimously.

Announcements: HDC Chairman R. Hauxwell welcomed L. Patercsak to the Commission, acknowledging her appointment by Clarkston City Council on Monday December 11, 2023. She will be sworn in soon.

Public Comments: None

Approval of November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Motion by M. Luginski, second by J. Radcliff to approve the minutes as written without changes or additions. Aye: R. Hauxwell, M. Luginski, M. Moon, J. Radcliff. Abstain: L. Patercsak

Historic District Study Committee Update: Nothing to report.

New Applications for Review and Discussion: None

Existing Applications for Discussion:

91 North Main Street – Applicant/homeowner Jim Markwalder was granted a Conditional Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) dated August 21, 2023. He is in attendance to discuss handrail/balustrade design and location. At the November 14, 2023, meeting, newel post design was thought to be appropriate but suggested handrail/balustrade design was not. The current balustrade design shown at this meeting was from color photos of another house (not in the district) and shop drawings of proposed design. The applicant explained in some detail how he proposed to fabricate this from wood. He is using cedar for deck materials but is not sure what wood for handrail/balustrade. Discussion concluded with total acceptance from all commissioners concerning design and material. In particular, no false sense of history would be created. The exact location will be noted on site plan drawings and sent to R. Hauxwell. Motion by M. Luginski, second by J. Radcliff to approve the conditions:

- (1) newel post and railing designs and materials;
- (2) details of the balustrade and exact location on the site plan; under the original conditional CoA of August 21, 2023.

Condition (3) “skirting should be vertical (as is existing), but the HDC needs to know exact material to be used” is still outstanding; the homeowner will return to the HDC for this conditional approval.

An amendment to the CoA will be issued. All other parts of the original CoA remain unchanged. Roll call vote: Aye: R. Hauxwell, M. Luginski, M. Moon, J. Radcliff. Nay: None. Abstain: L. Patercsak.

130 North Main Street: Homeowner Omar Sharfeldin asked to be placed on tonight’s agenda. However, no application was filed. No one was in attendance. R. Hauxwell will attempt to contact.

Final Comments:

- (1) Significant damage was done by a reckless driver to the historic fieldstone pillar located at the west side of the driveway entry at 21 Clarkston Road. The homeowner has called their insurance agent. They know that the HDC will need to be involved in the repair process. Commissioner M. Moon provided photos.
- (2) The HDC 2024 meeting schedule was presented with a special note that the November 19, 2024, meeting is one week later than usual due to the election.
- (3) Previous HDC Chairman J. Meloche was working with City Manager Jonathan Smith and city contractor Carlisle-Wortman on obtaining some form of enforcement for the district ordinance. Chairman R. Hauxwell will contact J. Smith concerning progress on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Moon