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VILLAGE OF ALBION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

JUNE 21,2011
MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Matt Ballard, Jordan Bonafede, Mary Anne Braunbach, Andrea Rebeck, Linda Smith

GUEST: Neil Johnson

EXCUSED/ABSENT: R. Nenni, R. Albright

The meeting was called to order at 7:10

MOTION: To approve May minutes as written was made by Mary Anne, seconded by Andrea, passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Matt Ballard is stepping down as Chair of the HPC. A new Chairman and Vice Chairman is needed.

The Commission is also in need of a secretary/note taker.

NEW OFFICERS

Moved by Jordan, seconded by Mary Anne, appointing Linda Smith as Secretary of the HPC, passed unanimously.

Moved by Andrea to appoint Jordan as Chair and Mary Anne as Vice-Chair, seconded by Matt, passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Neil Johnson gave some history regarding the buildings North of the Canal. The former Burgio's Tire building was once a foundry; part of that building was a hotel.

The Pennysaver building was part of the foundry as well, it was part of a complex. At some point the back deteriorated, but the front was made into the present day Pennysaver building.

175 N Main st (commonly known as 'The Pool Hall') was a carriage shop owned by Henry Sears. The property was purchased B. Bessac, a local lawyer-Caroline st. was named for his wife. The present District is commercial and institutional.

Platt Street: the Gavenda house was owned by Mr. Platt.

Discussion of including and excluding Platt Street:

PRESENTATION

Katlin Olsen from AMSA-presentation of design standards.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM 7/14

We are taking a measurement of where we are in order to find the right path.

DISCUSSION:

The historic district will end at the canal bridge.

DISCUSSION:

Attendance: Discussed limited number of absences. Andrea suggested four absences within a year's time and you are dismissed from the board.

MOTION:

By Mary Anne to accept new district, seconded by Andrea, passed unanimously.

MOTION:

By Linda to have Mary Anne composed letter for public forum, seconded by Mary Anne, passed unanimously

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:15PM BY MARY ANNE, SECONDED BY ANDREA, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Smith