



RoyalOak

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

Royal Oak Historic District Study Committee

Minutes – Thursday, June 16, 2022

City Hall - 203 South Troy Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Royal Oak, MI 48067

1. HDSC Call to Order - 7:19 pm
2. Roll Call - Patrick Andras, Tammis Donaldson, Rob Duchene, Chris Kraska, Eric Romain, Leslie Snow; Carol Schwanger
Excused absent: Lillian Wilson
3. Approval of Agenda – June 16, 2022 - Patrick Andras made a motion to approve the agenda for June 16, seconded by Rob Duchene. APPROVED
4. Public Comment - None
5. Approval of Minutes April 21, 2022 - Patrick Andras made a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, seconded by Rob Duchene. APPROVED
6. Historical Commission Report (P Andras) - Patrick Andras reports that the Civil War Day at the Orson Starr House on Saturday, May 21 was well attended. There will be a paranormal open house this Saturday, June 18. The side porch project will be going before the Historic District Committee on June 22.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Study Reports Update – updates on hold
 - b. Certified Local Government – Approved by the SHPO & the NPS
 - i. Schedule an in-person meeting this fall with Allan Higgins SHPO
 - ii. Leslie Snow wrote up a press release for publication on the SHPO and NPS Facebook pages introducing Royal Oak as a new Certified Local Government.
8. New Business
 - a. Vinsetta Bridges
 - i. Compilation of research material 95% complete
 - ii. Fill out the SHPO identification form – for each bridge - The HDSC will work on this during our next work session.
 - iii. Working meeting; committee to compile and create preliminary report at this HDSC monthly meeting
 1. Members will get Rob Duchene information and articles from their research to incorporate into the history portion of the report
 2. Patrick Andras made a motion to name the district the “Vinsetta Bridges Historic District”, seconded by Rob Duchene. APPROVED
 3. Members began collectively editing the draft report
9. Committee member comments
 - a. Absent policy letter - Leslie Snow shared a letter commenting the absence policy for Royal Oak boards and commissions. The group provided feedback and approved. Leslie will edit send to Carol for distribution.
 - b. Leslie Snow reported that she seard back from Chad Randau (Barb Randau’s son) and will keep in touch regarding Barb’s historical files and what may be of use to the HDSC or Historical Museum.
10. Adjournment - Rob Duchene made a motion to adjourn, seconded by LS. APPROVED.
Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.
Next meeting: Study report work session on July 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm at City Hall

Minutes recorded by Leslie Snow