

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 1, 2013, 7:30 P.M.
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at the Franklin Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Rd, Franklin, MI. at 7:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Garrett Keais, Mike Brassfield, Gary Roberts, Mary Ann Liut, Eileen Harryvan
Absent: Laura Witty, Pat Burke
Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Clerk; Amanda Davis, Consultant; Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Roberts requested that an item about the Historic Preservation in the 21st Century Workshop be added under V. Public Comments and under VII. HUDA School Landscape Plan review will be discussed in lieu of the Update on CLG Application.

Agenda was approved unanimously as amended.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of March 4, 2013

Motion by Harryvan, supported by Liut to adopt the minutes as provided.

Motion was approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sullivan stated that on Friday, May 3, there will be an all day workshop, sponsored by Main Street Franklin on historic preservation and sustainability. It will be held at the Church and is entitled, Historic Preservation in the 21st Century.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review Franklin Public Library Conceptual Plan for Building Addition

Judy Moenck, representing the Library Board of Trustees, explained that “usage” is the driving force of this addition project. Library services are evolving tremendously; books on tape, DVD’s, as well as computer access, directories, and WiFi access. Another incentive for the new addition is to re-configure the inside of the library to accommodate those different services and uses. Plans are to add approximate 230 sq. feet to the Southeast corner of the building.

Keeping in mind the Board’s fiduciary responsibility to the village residents, it wants to collaborate with HDC and historic preservation professionals to create a space that preserves and showcases the authentic historical aspects of the library. The addition will blend old with the new and would be consistent with the Secretary of Interior’s “Ten Standards for Rehabilitation”. With regards to the landscaping, a landscape architect will be consulted. Special attention will be given to the front entryway and among other things several large cedar trees will be removed and replaced according to the Village Tree Ordinance.

There was a discussion about how to successfully combine and differentiate the old exterior with the new. Although no specific application has been filed, the HDC was generally supportive of the proposal.

VII. Update on HUDA Landscaping

Roberts led a discussion about the revised landscaping plan, referring to a handout entitled, Landscape Buffer Plan drawn by McKenna Associates. He had met with Jim Allen, Design Director for Landscaping at McKenna Associates to discuss the possibility of creating a barrier in lieu of a wall which would have the same function. Jim created a dense packed plan of predominately evergreen material but he said that in order to make it look more natural some deciduous plants need to be included.

The school needs to approve the plan. The HDC would then need to amend its original motion, send it to the VC which would have to amend its own motion.

Sullivan will present this conceptual plan to the school and neighbors for feedback. The plan will then come back to HDC to create a motion.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk