

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
OWOSSO HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Steven Teich.

ROLL CALL: was taken by City Manager Nathan Henne.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steven Teich, Vice Chairperson Omer, Commissioner Gallinger, Commissioner Byrne, Commissioner VanEpps, Secretary Hathaway, Commissioner Powell

ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: City Manager Nathan Henne

AGENDA APPROVAL: May 15, 2024.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED BY COMMISSIONER VANEPPS. SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR OMER.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

MINUTES APPROVAL: February 21, 2024.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY COMMISSIONER VANEPPS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BYRNE.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

PUBLIC/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. HDC Ordinance Violation Enforcement Policy

City Manager Henne recommended the Commission adopt a policy/procedure for enforcing violations of the Historic District ordinance. Commissioner VanEpps had suggested changes to the language and proposed that he work with Henne to refine the policy draft for future consideration.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VAN EPPS TO TABLE THE ENFORCEMENT POLICY/PROCEDURE UNTIL THE JUNE HDC MEETING SO THAT APPROPRIATE REVISIONS CAN BE MADE.

MOTION SECONDED BY SECRETARY HATHAWAY

AYES ALL.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: The Commission discussed 123 N Washington St and Henne gave an update on the development's progress – notably that SHPO was seeing very long delays in their reviews regarding historic tax credit applications that have bottlenecked many important development projects across the state. The Commission also discussed 110 W Main St regarding the approved façade plan. This plan was approved in 2023 but not executed. The owner mentioned to Chairman Tiech that he would like to explore full restoration. Henne recommended that if the façade project has changed again that the owner should reapply so that there is clear public record and formal consideration by the Commission. Henne explained that the Senior Center in Owosso was doing some repair work and did not realize they were in the district. He spoke with the DC director so that they submit an application but the work would most likely constitute a need for an administrative review rather than consideration from the entire Commission.

NEXT MEETING: June 20, 2024

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BYRNE TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL.

AYES ALL. MOTION CARRIED - MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Philip Hathaway, Secretary