

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MICHIGAN CITY HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD
JANUARY 25, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Elizabeth Bigda called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Bigda, Janet Catchings, Frances Metcalf, Werner Graf, Julie Manner, John Pugh, Chris Schwanke

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

John Nickels, Tom Przybylinski

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

None

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Ronald Bensch, John Newcomb

VISITORS PRESENT

Derrick Dirks, 436 E. 8th Street
Henry Whitten, 506 E. 8th Street

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Werner Graf to have the present slate of officers continue this year. The motion was seconded by Janet Catchings and unanimously APPROVED.

Officers for 2010 are: Elizabeth Bigda, Chairwoman; Christopher Schwanke, Vice-Chairman; Julie Manner, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Schwanke to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2009. The motion was seconded by John Pugh and unanimously APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter and response to American Structurepoint, Inc.

Letter and response to Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

ON SITE APPROVALS BY ELIZABETH BIGDA, TOM PRZYBYLINSKI & JOHN PUGH:

218 E. 8th Street Request by Candance Adams to re-roof.

PRESENTED TO BOARD:

(See Old Business)

MAINTENANCE REVIEW

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

506 E. 8th Street Board members expressed disapproval of Mr. Whitten adding more stone to his home than was previously approved by the Board in the 05/18/09 Certificate of Appropriateness.

A motion was made by Werner Graf to have a new Certificate of Appropriateness approving the stonework that has been added to the home, but forbidding any additional stonework. The motion was seconded by John Pugh.

Chris Schwanke suggested amending the motion to state that if any additional stonework was added to the home, the matter would be immediately forwarded to the City Attorney for action.

The motion was amended by Werner Graf – seconded by John Pugh and unanimously APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Schwanke inquired if there was any additional information regarding the location/relocation of the South Shore Railroad.

John Pugh advised the Board that the Mayor and City Council had agreed to commission an environmental study of all three locations and no decisions will be made before the study is completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Werner Graf – seconded by Chris Schwanke and unanimously APPROVED.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

/s/ Elizabeth Bigda, Chairwoman
~~Julie Manner, Secretary~~