

CITY OF LACONIA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
6:30 PM City Hall - Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber
Draft Minutes

2/22/2022 - Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Tara Shore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll call

Members present: Charlie St. Clair, Hillary Martin, Sonya Misiaszek, Karl Reitz, Tara Shore

Absent: Mark Haynes, Laurel Briere

3. Recording secretary

Kalena Graham

4. Staff in attendance

Planning Director Dean Trefethen

5. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting

5.I. Acceptance of Minutes from January 25

Chair T. Shore declared the minutes were accepted as submitted

6. Public comment

7. Applications & Public Hearings: *The purpose of this agenda section is for the Commission to have a presentation from the applicant and open a Public Hearing for the public to provide input. The Board may also deliberate the application, decide and conduct a final vote at this time.

8. New business

8.I. Update on Commission reappointments

Planning Director D. Trefethen said that the Council just established a new subcommittee to review all applicants then the subcommittee will give Council their recommendation. T. Shore's term is up and he noted that the City Manager's office will make contact when things are all set.

8.II. Canvassing Review of downtown

Chair T. Shore mentioned they were out three days and hit a majority of the businesses. She feels it went well and didn't feel there was any negativity. Uncertainty was what most people had but the conversation was animated and positive. Areas covered were: all of Main, Canal, Pleasant and Veteran's Square. Chair T. Shore will put a list together for the larger groups to go to directly.

Chair T. Shore went over the draft press release and the commission reworked the language and for it to be put in the Weirs Times and the Laconia Daily Sun.

There was an intense discussion regarding a misunderstanding by the Commission concerning the subcommittee that was to be formed by the City Council to discuss changes to the HDC Ordinance, when in fact the matter was referred to a standing committee of the City Council, which has not address the matter to date.

Planning Director D. Trefethen will reach out again to Councilors Soucy and Cheney on getting before the existing ordinance committee and will keep the Commission updated on when the meeting will be.

Chair T. Shore left the meeting at 7:20 PM

Vice Chair K. Reitz sat in and noted that there was still a quorum.

8.III. Review of HDC logo

Vice Chair K. Reitz wen over the options that Jim Belcher had explained for the logo and how something simple will work better and be cleaner. J. Belcher will create something unique, historical and accurate. The Commission went over what was preferred. Vice Chair K. Reitz said that he should have something for the Commission to take a look at by Friday. J. Belcher will also take care of the copywrite licenses.

9. Old business

9.I. HOD sub committee update

10. Other business

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM

Respectfully,

K. Graham