



City of Saginaw
Historic District Commission
City Hall Council Chamber, Room 205
1315 S Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48601
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Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2025

I. Call to Order - Commissioner Mixter called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

II. Roll Call – Staff took roll.

Members Present: Lee Amo, Kevin Jones, Andrew Nauman, Tom Raines, and Alex Mixter

Members Absent: Mark Greskowiak, Kevin Rooker

Staff Present: Robert Gollin, Cassi Zimmerman, Marcus Owens, & Attorney Amy Lusk

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Amo, to approve the Thursday, December 19, 2024, meeting minutes. **5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.**

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Mixter requested the 2025 Goals be removed from the January Agenda. Motion by Commissioner Amo, seconded by Commissioner Nauman, to approve the agenda after amendment. **5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.**

V. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

VI. New Business

- a. J24-2809 Porch replacement 815 Adams St.** The applicant, Ricardo Garcia Jr, 815 Adams St, presented the work he had completed to replace his porch prior to the Commission's approval and the new proposed changes for approval. He expressed his concerns with aligning the porch features to the Historic District Commission's standards. Commissioner Mixter asked the applicant what had happened to the original columns that the porch supported. Mr. Garcia said that the columns had rotted and cracked, and that preservation was not feasible.

Commissioner Lee expressed concern over the long-term sustainability of Mr. Garcia's choice of material. She suggested he consider pressure treated features as another appropriate option.

Commissioner Mixter asked whether there were any changes to the gutters on the front porch. Mr. Garcia responded that the gutters have not been changed. He plans to fix all the gutters at the same time. Commissioner Mixter asked staff whether updating the gutters was a like-for-like administrative review, which Staff Gollin confirmed.

Commissioner Amo made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Raines, to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for J24-2809 because the work as proposed meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for rehabilitation:

Standard #2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alterations of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

Standard #6. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of distinctive features, the

new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical or pictorial evidence.

5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Raines, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. **5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved**

Respectfully submitted.
Robert Gollin, Staff