

CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, June 25, 2020

6:00 PM

Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Leasor at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members present: Cindy Gardner, Mike Leasor, James Leggs (via Zoom), Carol McKenna, Chris Ohan, and Marty Thomas.

Board Members absent: Connie McGough

City Staff present: Museum Manager Jessica Baber, Yolanda Botello (Via Zoom)

Citizens Present: None

2. **APPROVE OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING**

Marty made a motion to approve the minutes. Carol seconded the motion. All voted in favor to approve the minutes.

3. **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

4. **MAN HOUSE MUSEUM UPDATE**

Jessica gave a PowerPoint presentation of the work that has been going on at the Man House since construction began in April. Pictures showed the exterior and interior of the house as it looks during construction. Several interesting things have been found including: the original colors of the interior surfaces, that the cabin originally had stairs and a loft, and that the cabin had a porch on the south and east side. If everything stays on schedule, construction should be complete in July and the museum will be ready to open in August.

5. **PRESERVATION MONTH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Cindy explained that because of the Covid-19 situation, the planned activities for Preservation Month were postponed. If the medical situation improves, some of those activities can take place in August to coincide with Founder's Day and the grand opening of the Man House Museum. The opening of the museum is tentatively planned for August 29. There will be an opening celebration, but its scale will be determined by whether large public events can be held at that time or not.

6. **BY-LAWS DISCUSSION**

During a meeting of the Mansfield Historical Society board, which Jessica attended, there was a discussion that their board members would like representation on the Historical Preservation Advisory Board. A suggestion was made by their membership to Jessica that our board should change the by-laws to restrict membership to only those living in Mansfield. This would force at least one of our board members to resign. The Society hoped that the City Council would appoint one of their board members to the vacant position. The Society also mentioned that they would like their board members to have two permanent positions on the advisory board. The advisory board discussed this and determined that everyone present was happy with the by-laws

as they are now.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica reminded Carol, Connie and Cindy, whose terms on the board expire in October, to submit an application for reappointment if they want to continue to serve. Mike said he hopes that they will all continue to be a part of the board.

The board discussed potential ways to raise funds for the Man House. Chris and Cindy offered to reach out to the Tarrant County Historical Society and apply for a grant through their organization, the Mansfield Heritage Foundation. Chris suggested asking the Mansfield Historical Society for a grant as well.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by Mike at 6:54 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

All meetings of the Historic Preservation Advisory Board and its committees are open to the public.

I certify that this agenda was posted at the main entrance of the Mansfield Historical Museum and on the city web site by 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2020, in accordance with City policy.

Jessica Baber
Museum Manager