

CITY OF OTTAWA

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OTTAWA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (OHPC) February 9, 2012 Minutes

Present: Farley Andrews, George Cary, Mayor Bob Eschbach, Tami Huftel, Mollie Perrot, David Rabideau, Reed Wilson, Kim Czyz.

Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm.

Reed Wilson shared the new brand logo for the City of Ottawa with the OHPC.

Reed Wilson showed the OHPC the official certificate received designating the Downtown Historic District.

Moved by Mollie Perrot, second by Farley Andrews to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2012 meeting as written. All ayes. Motion passed.

Farley presented a letter written by Arthur Melville Pearson sent to Governor Quinn regarding sand mining operations immediately adjacent to the eastern entrance of Starved Rock State Park.

Discussion regarding grant opportunities. Tami advised the OHPC that the City Council approved the accepting the Certified Local Government (CLG) grant to prepare and submit an application to the National Park District to designate the east side as a historic district. It is anticipated that the Council will enter into an agreement with Granacki and Associates to prepare the application.

Discussion regarding National Register designations.

An idea was proposed to send letters to home owners that would qualify for a local landmark designation to advise them of the benefits and ask them to consider applying for a local landmark designation. Mollie will provide a list of homes for consideration.

Discussion regarding Ottawa High School building trade classes doing restoration work. Kim will ask building trade instructor Dave Keely to an OHPC meeting.

Moved by David Rabideau, second by Farley Andrews to adjourn at 1:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Czyz