

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
CITY HALL, MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN**

Acting Chairman, Nancy May, called a public hearing of the Historic District Study Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Nancy May, Brian Findley, Mary Dufina
ABSENT: Sam Barnwell, Brad Chambers
STAFF: Jennifer Metz, Past Perfect LLC, Attorney, Gary Rentrop

Gary Rentrop provided a general introduction to a historic district, its affect and the process for creating a new historic district.

Letters were received regarding the proposed creation of the East End Mission District:
Joseph Schott in support
Edward English in support
Annette Gillespie questions regarding use and limits
Candace Smith feels the area is too far gone to become a historic district

Susan Lenfesty stated her support for the creation of the proposed district.
Marta Olson stated her father came here in 1958 to manage the fort, and stated her support to the proposed district.

Metz did a presentation on the historic district. Metz presented a map that showed both State land and City land. The state land would not be subject to a historic district. Metz then presented the proposed map of the East End Mission District and how it was prepared. Metz stated the period of significance used is 1790-1941 to be more relevant to the island than the 50-year rule. Metz recommended that the proposed district be created because it meets all of the required criteria.

Andrew Doud stated that an HD puts the control of demolition in the HD but does not change the density or dictate a "look". Doud believes this could be a conflict in this district.

Ira Green stated that ownership in a historic district is not an issue if a building is owned by one person, or many.

It was pointed out that the Millennium Building and Harbor View have a mix of contributing and non-contributing structures on one parcel.

There was discussion on a vacant parcel 1278 which is two vacant lots and could have two condominiums.

Steve Moskowitz asked for the contributing vs non-contributing structure count. Metz stated 47 and 39, respectively.

There was discussion on the John Dennany house. Metz identified it as a special building with a high degree of integrity. The house has not changed.

An audience member asked how the district would affect the red house. Rentrop stated the architect has agreed on a new design and they are awaiting input from the owner. The emergency moratorium remains in place.

Anneke Myers spoke about the control a district has over wireless communication.

With no further discussion the hearing was closed at 10:52 am.

Gary Rentrop, Attorney

Katie Pereny, Secretary