

HPC MINUTES FOR JULY 13,2021

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Attendees were Casey Gardner, Joyce Engstrom, Todd Avery, Joe Ellingson and Cathy Kouchich. 2 guests were also in attendance.

Pledge of allegiance was spoken.

Minutes for the June 8,2021 meeting were read and approved.

Bill and Jan Bruce presented a design application for the demolition of their cottage on 34775 Sumner St in Old Frontenac. The home is not on the historic registry, is uninhabitable and a potential danger. The application for demolition was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Todd and Casey are in the process of determining the proper state office for addressing a letter to be given to the commissions regarding broadband in Old Frontenac. Casey will reach out to the state broadband office and contact providers for more information. Jan Bruce mentioned that the Blanden Foundation may be a resource to also contact.

We again discussed the idea of having a dumpster brought into old town for a community activity. This led to a discussion for other potential projects to pursue in hopes of obtaining more connection with the community. Projects discussed were a national night out, a neighborhood crime prevention chain or a Frontenac Fair. A motion was made and seconded for Joyce to proceed with organizing a survey letter to be distributed to the residents of Old Town regarding interest in such events.

Cathy reported on the grant progress. A letter will be forwarded to the TB regarding HPC's acceptance of the contract from Landscape Research LLC so Carole Zellie can begin moving forward. We will be setting up a meeting with Landscape Research for the September 14th HPC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Short term rentals were discussed. At the July 12,2021 planning meeting they were interested in how the HPC could be involved with any regulation since the majority of the rentals are in the historic district. There is no specific reference in our ordinance, however the HPC feels that STR do not support the respectfulness of the district. The HPC does object to the presence of a commercial industry in the R1 district.

Todd announced a disclosure and conflict of interest regarding another position he has taken with the Red Wing Area Seniors Committee. It will not affect his position with our HPC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12.