

HENNIKER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center by Chairman Lisa Hustis.

Attending: Diane Kendall (Town Administrator), Susan Adams, Peter Flynn, Lisa Hustis, Bob Pagano and Warren Mattiello.

Diane discussed the condition of the Community Building, both interior and exterior and the needs for repair. Lisa explained that the purview of the HHD Commission is not maintenance but any changes to the building. We toured the outside of the building and noted repair needs— front door, stonework on the steps, broken windows, peeling clapboards (back wall) , improper door handles, some broken stained stained glass, deterioration and damage to the metal doors on the lower level and peeling trim paint. After much discussion, the commission members recommended: to keep the existing front door, repair it, weather seal the door, install a fire-safety latch and replace the handle with one that is appropriate to the age and character of the building. The remainder of the needs are maintenance issues. Diane suggested that there are AARPA Funds available to cover the work on the front door. A discussion of the interior needs followed. The Commission recommended that a full assessment be done on the following: repair or removal of the stage, replacement of the laminated paneling, organization of the closets, and replacement of the carpeting. We recommend that the stakeholders that use the inside of the building be involved in that assessment. The commission also suggested that the interior projects would be done in the future. Diane suggested that the maintenance of the exterior of the building should be referred to the CPI as a priority.

We then turned our attention to the Grange. The members agreed that interior maintenance is not in our purview, but that the ramp and front door on the front of the building fall within our review. It is our recommendation that electronic access be installed on the front door and that the front door and handle be replaced with historically appropriate fixtures. To this end, Lisa recommended that we contact John Evans, a former member of the HHD Commission and an architect for advice on possible alterations or repairs for both buildings.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2021 were unanimously approved.

Board Organization:

Lisa Hustis offered her resignation as Chairman of the HHD. Diane thanked her for her longtime contribution to the community. Peter Flynn and Lisa seconded the nomination of Warren Mattiello as Chairman with unanimous approval. Bob Pagano was

nominated by Peter and seconded by Warren to be the Vice-Chairman and voted unanimously. Susan Adams was unanimously approved (Peter nominated, Warren seconded) as Secretary. Lisa offered to help with the Annual Report for the Town.

Process:

A discussion followed on the decision process of these town buildings. It is the Commission's recommendation that the HHD be consulted on all exterior changes well before they are made and that we specify our input before changes are made. The Town Administrator agreed that a report from an architect should be received prior to any changes in the exterior doors and that the HHD will be included in that procedure and those in the future. This will guarantee that the buildings will properly reflect the historical nature of the town buildings and will insure pride in our community.

Peter moved that we adjourn, Lisa seconded. The members thanked Lisa for her many years served on The Historic District Commission and her leadership throughout.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Adams, Secretary