

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE WEST MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023
AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
CITY HALL, MIDLAND, MICHIGAN**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Storey

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. **Roll Call**

PRESENT: Mike Storey, Kristin Riddle, Megan Woodward, Randy Swierzbina (a little late)

ABSENT: Edward Saunders, Kari McPhillips, Erica Piña

OTHER PRESENT: Jacob Kain, Director of Planning & Community Development, Ryan Smith
Community Development Planner, and 2 others.

4. **New Business** –

a. **Midland City Modern-**

Kain gave a presentation on the progress of the Midland City Modern comprehensive update on the master plan that is currently underway. Discussion ensued surrounding the importance of historic preservation throughout the community and ways to encourage historic preservation outside of a regulatory framework.

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on October 26, 2022**

It was moved by Riddle and seconded by Woodward that the minutes from the meeting of October 26, 2022 be approved. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

6. **Certificate of Appropriateness** –

a. **605 West Main Street-**

Proposal includes the addition of a window on the southwest side of the detached accessory structure.

Smith provided the staff overview of the petition regarding 605 West Main Street.

There were no public comments regarding this petition.

Swierzbina made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness seconded by Woodward.

Motion carried 4-0

a. **614 West Main Street-**

Proposal includes, gutter installation, skylight installation, fascia and soffit replacement, color change for exterior trims, and front porch railing changes.

Smith provided the staff overview of the petition regarding 614 West Main Street.

Petitioner(s):

Jason Pung, 614 West Main Street, Midland, Michigan.

Petitioner clarified the location of one window that is intended to stay and the location of another window that is proposed to be replaced.

Public Comments:

Beth Vanvolkinburg, 608 W Main Street Midland, MI

Believes that the AZEK material for a new railing is the best material to retain the quality in the area. Concerned with additional parking proposed if it would allow for many more cars on the property.

Riddle made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented, seconded by Woodward.

Swierzbins proposed an amendment to the motion to exclude the proposed railing from this proposal until a more appropriate design is provided.

Discussion ensued on the style and compatibility of the proposed porch railings.

After further discussion, Swierzbins withdrew the amendment to the original motion.

Original motion carried 4-0.

7. **Public Comments** (unrelated to items on the agenda) – none

8. **Old Business** – none

9. **Adjournment:**

Chairman Storey adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Smith
Community Development Planner

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