



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR
Thursday, December 10, 2009.**

Commissioners Present: Sarah Wallace, Diane Giannola, Patrick McCauley, Robert White, and Ellen Ramsburgh (5)

Commissioners Absent: Liza Rozmarek and Kristina Glusac (2)

Staff Present: Jill Thacher, Planner and Historic District Coordinator (1)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Wallace called the Regular Session to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Quorum satisfied.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The Agenda was approved with the following correction – Item F-1 Should say **January 11th** and not **January 12.**

A - HEARINGS

A-1 HDC09-163 – 100 ARBANA DRIVE - OWSHD

BACKGROUND: This is a modern building and a non-contributing structure in the Old West Side Historic District.

LOCATION: Northeast corner of Arbana Drive and Huron Street.

APPLICATION: The applicant seeks HDC approval to install a new 8 foot by 3 foot business sign on a brick base that is 9 feet by 1 ½ feet. The sign would be externally lit by two strips of LED lighting, one on each face, and would be located on West Huron.

STAFF FINDINGS:

1. The sign panel is proposed to be to have two faces, each with space for changeable text. The changeable text would be located behind a clear, locking vandal cover which prevents the removal or rearrangement of the text. The sign would be lit on the top edge of each side with a strip of LED's that are shielded by the sign casing. Many of the church's activities are in the evening, so the applicant feels that lighting is necessary. The brick base would be a shade of tan that is compatible with the building.
2. The proposed sign is compatible in exterior design, arrangement, texture, material and relationship to the remainder of the building and surrounding area and meets *The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*, in particular standards 2 and 9.

Owner/Address: Salvation Army, 100 Arbana Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 4810

Applicant: Huron Sign Co/Jim Anderson, PO Box 980423, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Review Committee: Commissioners Giannola and Wallace visited the site.

51 Commissioner Wallace - The staff report is complete and the proposed base for the sign is also
52 brick which matches the building. This is a non-contributing structure and there is zero signage.
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54 Commissioner Giannola – Concurs with staff’s report and Commissioner Wallace.
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56 **Applicant Presentation:** No applicant was present to speak on behalf of this application.
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58 **Questions of the Applicant by the Commission:** None.
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60 **Audience Participation:** None.
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62 **Discussion by the Commission:**
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64 Commissioner Ramsburgh – Stated that in this case, the sign is appropriate, but wanted to voice
65 that they keep in mind that a great deal of Huron Street is residential in character, be respectful of
66 signage along Huron Street. This should not set precedent for signs in residential areas.
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68 **MOTION**
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70 Moved by Commissioner White, Seconded by Commissioner Giannola, “**That the**
71 **Commission approve the application at 100 Arbana Drive, a non-contributing**
72 **property in the Old West Side Historic District, to install an 8 foot by 3 foot sign on a**
73 **brick base, as proposed. The work is compatible in exterior design, arrangement,**
74 **texture, material and relationship to the rest of the building and the surrounding**
75 **area and meets *The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and***
76 ***Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings*, in particular standards 2 and 9 and**
77 **the site guidelines.**
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79 **On a Voice Vote – MOTION PASSED – *UNANIMOUS (Application Approved)***
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81 **B - OLD BUSINESS – None**
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83 **C - NEW BUSINESS**
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85 **C-1 Approval of 2010 Meeting Schedule**
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87 Moved by Commissioner White, Seconded by Commissioner Giannola “**To Approve the**
88 **2010 Yearly Schedule as presented.**”
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90 **On a Voice Vote – MOTION TO APPROVE – *PASSED - UNANIMOUS***
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92 **C-2 Awards Committee Nominations**
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94 J. Thacher – Stated that the Nominations are proposed to be the same members as last year:
95 Susan Wineberg, Elena Elkin, Fran Wright, Kristi Gilbert, Louisa Pieper, Marc Rueter, Susan
96 Nanadick, Tom Stulberg and Ina Hiedel-Gerdenich.” In addition, there are two Commissioners
97 that will also participate, and those are Commissioners Ramsburgh & McCauley.
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99 Moved by Commissioner White, Seconded by Commissioner Giannola “**To Approve the**
100 **2010 Yearly Schedule as presented.**”
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102 **On a Voice Vote – MOTION TO APPROVE – *PASSED - UNANIMOUS***

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – GENERAL (Limited to 3 Minutes per Speaker) – None.

D - APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

D-1 No minutes were available.

F - ASSIGNMENTS

F-1 Commissioners Ramsburgh and McCauley – Monday, January 11th 2010 for the January 14th 2010 Regular Session at 12:00 noon.

G - STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT

G-1 November – (Not Available)

H - CONCERNS OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ramsburgh – Gave an update on the Delta Upsilon House.

I - COMMUNICATIONS

J. Thacher – Passed out the OWS News.

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. without objection.

***A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGED INFORMATION followed the Regular Session.**

SUBMITTED BY: Brenda Acquaviva, Administrative Service Specialist V, Planning and Development Services.