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South Fourth and South Fifth Avenues
Historic District Study Committee
Meeting Notes
October 14, 2009
Sixth Floor City Hall
100 N Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. In attendance were committee members: McCauley, Gilbert, Hanel-Gerdenich, Lopez Kriss, Wallace, Whitaker, Wineberg, consultant Kristine Kidorf, and members of the public Ethel Potts and Dave Askins. No committee members were absent.

Review of Research

Each committee member reviewed what they had learned about the properties they were assigned. Some of the interesting points, Mr. Hamilton who built the Hamilton Place houses and the Hamilton Fountain at UM lived in 437 S. Fifth. 507 and 509 S. Fifth were built by Thomas Corbett. 438 S. Fifth was designed by Herman Pipp. The widow of Isaac Polhemus lived at 426 S. 4th. The dates of construction in the district range from the 1830s through the 1920s. There was a large German population in the district.

Discussion of walking tour and proposed district boundaries

The committee discussed what was seen on the September 30th walking tour and agreed to investigate expanding the boundaries southward to Madison along Fourth and Fifth. It was determined that the type and integrity of the architecture was consistent with the area north of Packard and that additional research should be conducted to see if that supported what was seen on the walking tour.

Assignments

The committee divided up the properties in the area between Packard and Madison among themselves and agreed to do preliminary research in city directories to determine whether the history justifies expanding the district boundaries. Gilbert agreed to compile and send out the Sanborn maps for the expanded area.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 4 from 7 to 9pm in the sixth floor conference room of city hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.