



Historic District Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 28, 2019 6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers

MINUTES
Approved 4/25/2019

Mrs. Kenniston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and asked for a roll call.

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Kristin Kenniston, Richard Wahrlich, Bill Kennedy

Absent: David Messier, Scott Pope

II. Review of Minutes from February 28, 2019

Corrections:

Motion: To approve

Made by: Mr. Kennedy **Second:** Mr. Wahrlich

Vote: Unanimous in favor

III. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

IV. New Business

- A. Conceptual discussion regarding solar panels for the Claremont Soup Kitchen at **51 Central St.** (Parcel 119-358)

Cindy Stevens said she is working with ReVision Energy to design a solar panel array on the roof of the Claremont Soup Kitchen. The 33-kW array would consist of 102 solar panels, 3 inverters (to convert the electricity from direct current to alternating current) and 102 power optimizers. The panels will be flush-mounted to the roof and should only be visible from the sides of the building.

The consensus of the Commission was that this is a good project to which they have no objections.

V. Other

A. Rules of Procedure

The Historic District Commission does not have stand-alone Rules of Procedure. The Commission looked through a set of Rules from the Lebanon Heritage Commission and agreed to use it as a model. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Commission spent some time discussing the goals and objectives in the Historic Resources chapter of the Master Plan. The Commission has begun work toward becoming a Heritage Commission by hosting a public information meeting about Heritage Commissions, but there is much “groundwork” that must be done before asking the City to create a Heritage Commission.

Much of the “groundwork” is directed toward raising awareness of the City’s historic resources and their value to the City. Raising awareness of historic resources might be done by:

1. Creating walking/driving tours of the City’s resources as listed in the Master Plan;
2. Creating walking/driving tours of the architectural resources as listed in the Architectural Glossary;
3. Videotaping tours of the Lower Village to highlight the losses there and the buildings that are in jeopardy of demolition;
4. Videotaping a tour of Pleasant Street to highlight the evolution of commercial uses along that street; and
5. Creating museum space for collecting and viewing the City’s larger artifacts.

The Commission will continue to brainstorm ideas and figure out how to implement them.

VI. Correspondence

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Made by: Mr. Kennedy **Second:** Mr. Wahrlich

Vote: Unanimous in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Resource Coordinator