

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING**

The Historic District Commission held a Special Meeting at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

Present: Barbara Theurkauf, Chairman; Henry von Wodtke, Vice Chair; Geoffrey Dellenbaugh, Secretary; Commissioners Brian Chiffer and Robyn Guimont (joined at 5:15); and Rebeca Augur, AICP, Director of Planning and Land Use Services

Excused: Jane Gordon Julien, John Langmaid

Chairman Theurkauf called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Discussion of potential Hubbard Street Historic District expansion

Chairman Theurkauf summarized results of a recently held public information session for residents of the Hubbard Street neighborhood. There were several in attendance who were not in favor of an expanded historic district and some who liked the idea of an historic district, but were leery of adding a layer of governmental oversight to properties. Mr. Dellenbaugh commented that there was no one at the public information session who wanted to lead an advocacy effort to expand the district and that several had concerns about specific changes they may want to make to their own properties in the future. Mr. von Wodtke commented that the current climate is not conducive to attempting to expand the district.

Chairman Theurkauf enumerated the steps she and the Commission have taken to gauge interest, including mailing and e-mailing information to all property owners, going door-to-door, holding an informational session with staff from the State Historic Preservation Office, and a second informational session with commission members. Based on the feedback received, and the lack of feedback from several property owners, there does not seem to be sufficient interest in expanding the district at this time.

MOTION:

The Historic District Commission communicates to the Town Council that it does not recommend expansion of the Historic District at this time.

MOVED by Theurkauf; SECONDED by Dellenbaugh. APPROVED unanimously.
(Commissioner Guimont not present).

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Planning and Land Use Services