

**Washtenaw County Historic District Commission
Meeting Minutes**

DATE:	July 6, 2023
TIME:	5:30 pm-7:00pm
PLACE	Gordon Hall 8347 Island Lake Rd, Dexter, MI

Call to Order

- Chair Ralph called the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- Secretary Clarke conducted roll call:
Commissioners present: Kim Clarke, Alice Ralph, Anne Stevenson, Angela Oehrli, Alec Jerome, Peter Kelley
Commissioners absent: James Mann, Katie Remensnyder
Staff present: Melinda Schmidt

Approval of the Agenda of the Current Meeting: Chair Ralph moved to approve the agenda for the July 6, 2023 Historic District Commission meeting. Commissioner Oehrli seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: May 4, 2023: Chair Ralph moved to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Jerome seconded the motion. With no discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Citizen Participation: Chair Ralph thanked Dexter Area Historical Society for hosting the HDC at Gordon Hall. Gordon Hall is one of the Washtenaw County Local Historic Districts. DAHS members introduced themselves to the Commission and reviewed the rehabilitation and improvements they have made to Gordon Hall over the past few years.

Business and Staff Reports:

Wild-Frey Farm: Staff updated the HDC on the Wild-Frey Farm Study Committee process. The next step is a resolution from the HDC recommending a designation status. Staff gave a brief presentation on the history of the Wild-Frey Farm and the Study Committee Report findings. The Study Committee Report recommends designation of the Wild-Frey Farm as a local historic district under Criteria A and C. After the presentation, staff provided a draft resolution for HDC consideration. Chair Ralph opened discussion on the Resolution by reading the draft out loud for the commission. Commissioner Stevenson suggested several friendly amendments to the text. Commissioner Jerome suggested the resolution spell out the National Park Service Criteria A and C under which the property should be listed. After some discussion, commissioners agreed with that idea. Therefore, Commissioner Jerome moved to approve the Resolution to Recommend Approval of the Wild-Frey Farm Local Historic District Ordinance as presented with an additional statement explaining the NPS Criteria A and C. The Resolution was passed unanimously. It is included at the end of these minutes.

Certified Local Government Program: SHPO and Washtenaw County are working on draft grant agreements regarding the potential Northfield Township National Register grant project.

Washtenaw County Updates: The County is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) Director position and the Historic Preservation Specialist position. Let staff know if you have any questions.

Adjournment: Since there was no further discussion, Chair Ralph adjourned the meeting at 6:03. After the meeting, Dexter Area Historical Society gave a tour of Gordon Hall for the commission.

<i>The next HDC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023- Washtenaw County Eastern Government Center, 415 W. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti MI 48198</i>
