

NASHUA HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monday, 26 February 2007, 6:30 p.m. - Room 208, City Hall

Members:

Roberta Woitkowski, Chair
Frank Mellen
Bob Sampson
Bill Slivinski

Also present:

Carter Falk, Planning Department

There were no cases tonight. This was an informal meeting to get thoughts from the members to think about what they could work on during the next year.

- What is our mission and vision – The ordinance and master plan have statements about how valuable of the HDC – How do they promote and implement the statements
- If the HDC didn't exist, renovations and changes in the district would be much different – The HDC should be proud of the difference they have made
- What can they do without further legislation and what additional legislation would they like
- How can they incorporate other sections or buildings into the HD
- What could they do for the interior of the Odd Fellows Building and other special buildings
- The HD already is built-up; the HDC doesn't have the volume of the other boards (ZBA, NCPB and Conservation Commission) so they could have more time to devote to fulfill some of their ideas

- Promote and educate people about the HD and make the people more aware of the HD
- Preserve what they have, create interest in the historical character of the city and buildings
- Explore and identify other historic areas in the city
- Have plaques on buildings – not just the HD, but on historic buildings throughout the city
- Could they generate money – Would any money they receive have to go back into the general fund or could it be used for special projects, signs, etc.
- Work with the high school (Example: Classes such as Mary Coe's that worked on the Mine Falls Gate House)
- Have walking tours of different sections of the HD
- Give the residents more info about the HD – What can/cannot be done in the district – Historical backgrounds of houses, etc. – Use mailings, signs, brochures, and/or maps
- Assure people it is an asset to be in the HD and not a liability – Want to have people get away from the feeling that they are a restrictive board, but are there to help them – The value of their property would most likely increase with proper changes
- Years ago the HDC wanted real estate agents to give new property owners info about the HDC, but it didn't happen

- Have an annual meeting for HD residents and other interested parties (most likely to be held at the Hunt Building) – How do they get people involved, what could be done to make it interesting and worthwhile for people to attend – Have Mr. Mellen present his glass slides of old Nashua and also include pictures of what is now in those particular locations – Have pictures of different doorways, windows, etc. – Have multiple public meetings – Get The Telegraph, Broadcaster, and Channels 13 and 16 involved
- Want to get additional input from other HDC members

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.