



Heritage Commission

Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 4:30 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall
3 Washington St, Keene, NH 03431

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order** – Roll Call
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
April 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- III. **2022 CLG** – Recovering Black History in Keene Project
- IV. **Staff Updates**
- V. **New Business**
- VI. **Next Meeting** – June 12, 2024
- VII. **Adjourn**

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

4:30 PM

Council Chamber,
City Hall

Members Present:

Cauley Powell, Chair
Molly Ellis, Vice Chair
Julie Emineth
Marilyn Huston
Louise Zerba, Alternate

Staff Present:

Evan Clements, Planner
Will Schoefmann, GIS Technician

Members Not Present:

Susan DeGidio
Rose Carey, Alternate

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10 **1) Call to Order – Roll Call**

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12 Chair Cauley Powell called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM and roll call ensued. Vice Chair
13 Molly Ellis arrived at 4:40 PM.

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15 **2) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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17 **a. February 14, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

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19 On line 82, it was written that Chair Powell made a statement but it should state that Ms.
20 Carey made the statement. Louise Zerba moved to adopt the February 14 minutes as
21 amended which was promptly seconded by Julie Emineth. The motion passed
22 unanimously.

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24 **b. March 13, 2024 – Joint Meeting**

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26 On lines 60-61, the minutes read that Chair Powell made a statement but it was Sophia
27 Cunha-Vasconcelos who made the statement. Ms. Zerba moved to adopt the March 13
28 minutes as amended which was promptly seconded by Marilyn Hutson. The motion
29 carried unanimously.

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31 **3) 2022 CLG – Recovering Black History in Keene Project**
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33 Mr. Clements stated that the Historical Society would be hosting an event on Friday, April 12 to
34 showcase the project that had been put together. Jenna Carroll reached out to see if someone
35 from the HC would want to introduce the project, to which they decided they would not. The
36 consultant, Dr. Kabria Baumgartner, agreed to stay on the project until August in order to collect
37 the information that the HC gathered.

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39 Ms. Huston described some of her research techniques and findings that she would give to Ms.
40 Carroll. Chair Powell stated that they should also look into the physical documents that are not
41 online. They would meet with Bill Dow at the Clerk's Office for those records.

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43 Chair Powell hoped to arrange a presentation of the project for the HC in order to facilitate a
44 discussion about how they would incorporate the ongoing research and what they could do to
45 meet the grant requirements in terms of public sharing. She stated that there would be a final
46 report submitted to the HC and then, typically, with past grants, a presentation of the findings.

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48 **4) 2021 CLG – Italian Neighborhood Project**

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50 Mr. Schoefmann presented the website he had been working on for the Italian Neighborhood
51 Project. He had been working on placing videos into the different sub-sections they had setup,
52 such as interviews they had done with the Italian Society. He described the different headers
53 such as Families and Culture, Education and Faith, Agriculture/ Food and Industry, Nature and
54 Recreation, Then and Now, and Crowdsourced Data Collection. Mr. Schoefmann stated he was
55 working on the third section, which was close to completion. He went on to show one of the
56 interviews with John DiBernardo. He explained that there was a lot of great information from the
57 interviews but that it was a challenge to connect the information to an address on the map shown
58 on the website. Mr. Schoefmann would send the website to the committee so they could see what
59 he had done so far. He went through the headers and gave a brief presentation on each section.

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61 **5) Staff Updates**

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63 Mr. Clements stated he hadn't heard further discussion on merging the HC and HDC but would
64 inform the HC if there were any updates.

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66 Mr. Schoefmann reported that the downtown project was still on track and believed they would
67 break ground in 2026. The Pedestrian Path Advisory Committee had been working on suggested
68 regulations for use of the downtown bike lanes. He stated that there were three different stages of
69 project and focus areas. On May 1 at the Keene Recreation Center, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
70 and 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM, the consultants would go over some of the design concepts for Central
71 Square. Discussion ensued on the different bike lanes in Keene.

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73 **6) New Business**

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75 None presented.

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77 **7) Next Meeting – May 8, 2024**

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79 The next meeting would be held on May 8, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

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81 **8) Adjourn**

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83 There being no further business, Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

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86 Respectfully submitted by,
87 Melissa Danneker, Minute Taker

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89 Reviewed and edited by,
90 Evan J. Clements, AICP
91 Planner