

**LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2014**

Roll Call:

A meeting of the Laytonsville Historic District Commission (HDC) was called to order by Chair Sheree Wenger at 7:33 p.m. Commission Members Jill Ruspi, Charles Hendricks, Michele Shortley and Lisa Simonetti were present. Alternate Member Joanne Howes were absent.

Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting of October 20, 2014 were presented. Commission Member Hendricks asked that Old Business be placed before New Business in the minutes. With this correction made the October minutes were accepted as submitted.

Preliminary Statement by Chair:

The preliminary statement was not read.

New Business:

Chair Wenger along with Mayor Prats met the people who are leasing the gas station at the corner of Route 108 and Sundown Road. They were asked about the plans for the gas station and were encouraged to attend a Historic District Commission meeting with their plans and suggestions for property improvement. If any changes in design are planned, they were advised that permission from the Historic District Commission and the Mayor and Council would be needed. Any modifications to the building would need Historic District Commission approval.

Regarding the abandoned pick-up truck on Route 108, Chair Wenger informed the commission members that it is involved in a criminal investigation and the people who have leased the gas station are taking legal action to get it removed from the property.

Discussion followed regarding the removal of the trees on Route 108 between the Layton House and the Shortley property.

Commission Member Hendricks reported that he sent emails to commission members regarding information on the MAHDC training sessions. Chair Wenger stated that the seminars are helpful and informative. The session locations are not nearby. Commission Member Hendricks was encouraged to contact HDC members from other municipalities in the hope that enough members would be interested in attending a seminar. Chair Wenger stated that there is a tape from a previous seminar at the Town Hall and she encouraged members to watch it.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Commission Member Ruspi made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commission Member Shortley. Motion carried

unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next meeting or gathering will be a seasonal social to be held at Commission Member Simonetti's home.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa M. Whittington

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