

**NORTHVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
**Workshop Meeting**  
**March 9, 2017**  
**Thursday 6:30 P.M. – Northville Public Schools:**  
**Main Street School and Old Village School**  
**501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

**Chair Allen called the Historic District Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Allen, Argenta, Field, Gudritz, Hoffman  
**Absent:** Murdock, Tartaglia  
**Also Present:** Planning Consultant Elmiger  
Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher  
Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Finance Operations  
Michael Zopf  
Robert Roop, CPD, LEED AP, Peter Basso Associates Inc., Troy, MI  
Jeffrey D. Hamilton, P.E., Auch Builders, Pontiac, MI  
Eugene C. Hopkins, FAIA, Hopkins Burns Design Studio, Ann Arbor  
Tamara Burns, FAIA, LEED AP, Hopkins Burns Design Studio, Ann Arbor  
25-30 residents

**WORKSHOP MEETING: NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WALK THROUGH OF OLD VILLAGE SCHOOL AND MAIN STREET SCHOOL**

Members of the HDC, representatives of the Northville Public School Administration and their design team, as well as residents, participated in a workshop meeting walk-through of the Main Street School (MSS) and Old Village School (OVS) buildings. This was a regularly posted public meeting.

The purpose of the walk-through was to illustrate current building conditions, layout, and the basis for NPS's decision to renovate the Old Village School over the Main Street School. Decisions regarding this renovation, including the possible demolition of Main Street School, would involve the Historic District Commission. No action would be taken at tonight's meeting.

The group met at the Main Street School and observed the poor exterior condition of that building, which was last renovated in 1977. The group then moved to the Old Village School interior and viewed several floors. NPS representatives pointed out the efficient layout of rooms at OVS, and noted that this building would offer the opportunity to double the number of classrooms for the Early Childhood Program. While the exterior envelope was sound, the roof, flooring, etc., were in poor condition.

The group then toured the interior of the Main Street School. NPS representatives pointed out the inefficient layout of rooms, which were only on one side of the hallway and therefore limited the growth of the Early Childhood Program even if the building were renovated, the lack of modern HVAC equipment, etc.

The group completed the tour and met in the Main Street School conference room. On behalf of the residents present, NPS personnel reviewed part of the presentation they had made to the School Board on February 21, 2017, which explained how they came up with the recommendation to renovate Old Village School and sell the Main Street School. The February 21 presentation can be found here: <http://www.northvilleschools.org/apps/news/article/671684>

Questions from the audience focused on process, specifically how the demolition of Main Street School and potential redevelopment of that property would be reviewed by the HDC and Planning Commission.

Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher noted that they hoped to appear before the HDC with a full presentation at the April meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing that there was no further comment, Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl McGuire  
Recording Secretary

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