

Special Design Committee Meeting  
Minutes –May 5, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Hansen Financial Planners, 124 State Street



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**Present:** Jeff Hansen-Chair, Terry Lyons (6:15 p.m.), Jeannette Ambrose, Gary Kackstetter, Jeri McKeon-Andersen, Brian Shorkey, Jeanette Marsh, Bruce McCullen, Eric Conn, and Mindy Arnold, MSM. **Absent:** Gudrun Patton, Christy Conn, Ron Gari, Pam Lewis, Bernadette James, and Terry Wilson.

1. **Call to Order;** Meeting called to order by J. Hansen at 6:06 pm.

2. **Historic Preservation and Design Award Nominations**

The committee raised a question for discussion on whether to split the Preservation Stewardship award category into two awards, one for public institutions and one for private business. The committee agreed to revisit this discussion when planning the 2009 awards program, because all of nomination forms have been sent out and returned for this year's award.

The committee reviewed and discussed the following award nominations:

*Preservation Stewardship:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank
- The Howell Opera House
- 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church
- The Howell Library
- The Court House
- Donald Jewelers
- Cobb Hall

*Exterior Restoration / Rehabilitation:*

- Down Home Interiors
- 111 / 113 Michigan Ave. (Landlords Building)
- 104 & 106 Grand River

*Building Interior:*

- The Howell Winery
- Edward Jones
- Monica Copeland Law Office
- Hanson Financial
- The Howell Opera House
- Simplicity Spa
- Howell Western Wear
- Down Home Interiors

*Sympathetic Addition*  
First Baptist Church

*Compatible New Construction:*  
Runyan Brothers Building

Committee members were asked to visit the nominated properties on their own prior to the meeting. After discussion about nominated projects in each category, each member voted for one winner in each category.

G. Patton, R. Gari, and C. Conn were not able to attend the meeting and emailed M. Arnold their votes for each award. M. Arnold brought their opinions to the meeting to share with the committee.

The following awards were decided upon.

1. Preservation Stewardship: The Opera House
2. Building Interior: Howell's Main Street Winery
3. Exterior Restoration or Rehabilitation: Down Home Interiors
4. Sympathetic Addition: No award will be given this year
5. New Construction or Property Improvement: No award will be given this year

### **3. Adjourn**

**Motion made by T. Lyons to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. and it was supported by E. Conn  
Motion carried unanimously.**

The next meeting will be May 8, 2008 6:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room of City Hall.